

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMISSION STAFF CONFERENCE

April 8, 2024

The Regular Commission Staff Conference of the North Carolina Utilities Commission was held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., with Commissioner Duffley presiding.

The following were present:

COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Hughes
Commissioner McKissick
Commissioner Kemerait
Commissioner Brawley
Commissioner Tucker

COMMISSION STAFF: Ms. Duffy, Ms. Jarvis, Ms. Hicks, Ms. Walker, Ms. Grant, Ms. Ziegler, Mr. Barber, Mr. McCoy

PUBLIC STAFF: Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Holt, Mr. Creech, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Junis, Ms. Bhatta

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

COURT REPORTER: Ms. Clayton

ELECTRIC*ORDER APPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM***Dominion Energy North Carolina**

1. Docket No. E-22, Sub 693 – Application for approval of residential efficient products marketplace program (*T. Williamson/Freeman*)

This Item was withdrawn.

WATER AND WASTEWATER*ORDER GRANTING FRANCHISE AND APPROVING RATES***Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina**

2. Docket No. W-354, Sub 428 – Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide sewer utility service to Kimeplex Park in Carteret County, North Carolina, and approval of rates (*Bhatta/Morgan/Bernier*)

On October 3, 2023, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina (CWSNC) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Application) to provide sewer service to Kimeplex Park at 788 Highway 24 in Newport, Carteret County, North Carolina, and for approval of rates. On February 12, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing and Establishing Discovery Guidelines (Scheduling Order).

On March 19, 2024, a Joint Motion to Cancel Evidentiary Hearing and Rescind the Requirement for Prefiled Testimony was filed by CWSNC and the Public Staff (collectively, the Parties).

On April 8, 2024, the Commission issued an order canceling the requirement for prefiled witness testimony and the expert witness hearing.

The Public Staff recommended that the Commission issue an order granting the franchise and approving the proposed rates.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendations be adopted.

ORDER SCHEDULING HEARINGS, ESTABLISHING DISCOVERY GUIDELINES, AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE

HH Water, LLC

3. Docket No. W-1318, Sub 1 – Application for authority to adjust and increase rates for water utility service in High Hampton Service Area in Jackson County, North Carolina (*Bhatta/Cofield/Bernier/Culpepper*)

On January 26, 2024, HH Water, LLC (Applicant), filed an application with the Commission seeking authority to increase its rates for providing water utility service in the High Hampton service area in Jackson County, North Carolina. The Applicant provides water utility service to 276 customers. On February 2, 2024, Applicant filed an amended application (Application).

The Public Staff recommends that the Proposed Order Scheduling Hearings, Establishing Discovery Guidelines, and Requiring Customer Notice be issued with the dates completed.

It was moved and passed that the Public Staff's recommendations be adopted.

The Minutes of the Regular Commission Staff Conference of April 1, 2024, were approved.

Minutes prepared by Le Anne Ackerman.