

1 STAFF CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 20, 2021

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: Good morning. Let's come
3 to order and go on the record, please. I'm Charlotte
4 Mitchell, Chair of the Utilities Commission, and with
5 me this morning are the following Commissioners:

6 Commissioner Brown-Bland, Commissioner Gray.

7 Commissioner Gray, are you present?

8 (No response)

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: All right. Commissioner
10 Clodfelter. Commissioner Clodfelter.

11 (No response)

12 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

13 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: I'm here.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes?

15 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'm here.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

17 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Here.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: And just for purposes of
19 the record, Commissioner Clodfelter and Commissioner
20 Gray are both present as well.

21 In compliance with the State Government
22 Ethics Act, I remind Members of the Commission of
23 their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and inquire,
24 at this time, as to whether any member of the

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1 Commission has a known conflict of interest with
2 respect to matters coming before us this morning.

3 (No response)

4 CHAIR MITCHELL: The record will reflect
5 that no conflicts have been identified, so we'll
6 proceed with Public Staff, Electric Item P1.

7 MR. SAILLOR: Scott Saillor with the Public
8 Staff Energy Division. Item P1 consists of
9 applications to renew Certificates of Public
10 Convenience and Necessity for Solar PV generating
11 facilities.

12 The agenda item summary includes the date
13 which construction is expected to begin for each
14 facility except for Homer Solar and SP-8056, Sub 0.
15 Public Staff was recently informed by the Applicant
16 that construction for Homer Solar is expected to begin
17 on October 15th, 2023. Public Staff recommends that
18 the Commission approve these applications and issue
19 the requested Certificates.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
21 the --

22 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Move approval.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: -- of the
24 recommendation.

1 CHAIR MITCHELL: We've got a motion from
2 Commissioner Gray with a second from Commissioner
3 Brown-Bland. Any questions, discussion on the motion?

4 (No response)

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: Motion is that the item be
6 approved as recommended by the Public Staff.
7 Questions or discussion?

8 (No response)

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, I'll call the
10 roll for a vote. Indicate your support with an aye
11 and your opposition with a no. Commissioner
12 Brown-Bland.

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

15 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

17 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

19 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

21 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

23 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record, I

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1 support the motion as well, and the motion carries.
2 Thank you, Mr. Saillor. We'll proceed now to Public
3 Staff, Water Item P1.

4 MR. JUNIS: Charles Junis of the Public
5 Staff, Water, Sewer and Telephone Division. Water
6 Item P1, Docket Number W-218, Sub 538, Aqua North
7 Carolina, Inc., filed a notification of intention to
8 begin operations in the area contiguous to present
9 service area to provide water utility service in The
10 Manors at Waterstone Reserve subdivision in Wake
11 County, North Carolina. The Public Staff recommends
12 that the Commission issue the proposed order
13 recognizing the contiguous extension.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
15 the recommendation.

16 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

17 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and
18 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by
19 the Public Staff. Are there questions or discussion
20 on that motion?

21 (No response)

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, I'll call the
23 roll for a vote. Indicate your support for the motion
24 with an aye and your opposition with a no.

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1 Commissioner Brown-Bland.

2 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

3 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

4 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

5 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

6 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

7 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

8 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

9 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

10 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

12 COMMISSIONER MCKISSICK: Aye.

13 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record, I
14 support the motion as well, and the motion carries.
15 Thank you, Mr. Junis. We'll proceed now to Public
16 Staff, Water Item P2.

17 MS. DARDEN: Good morning. Lindsey Darden,
18 Engineer out of Public Staff Water, Sewer and
19 Telephone Division. Water Item P2, Docket Number
20 W-1250, Sub 8, Saxapahaw Utility Company filed a
21 General Rate Case application on October 18th, 2021.

22 The Commission issued an order establishing
23 the General Rate Case and Suspending Rates on
24 November 15th. It's recommended that the Commission

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1 issue the Proposed Orders scheduling hearings and
2 requiring customer notice.

3 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
4 the recommendation.

5 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

6 CHAIR MITCHELL: It's been moved and
7 seconded that the item be approved as recommended by
8 the Public Staff. Are there any questions or
9 discussion on that motion?

10 (No response)

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, I'll call the
12 roll for a vote. Indicate your support for the motion
13 with an aye and your opposition of the motion with a
14 no. Commissioner Brown-Bland.

15 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Aye.

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Gray.

17 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Aye.

18 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Clodfelter.

19 COMMISSIONER CLODFELTER: Aye.

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Duffley.

21 COMMISSIONER DUFFLEY: Aye.

22 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner Hughes.

23 COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Aye.

24 CHAIR MITCHELL: Commissioner McKissick.

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1 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Aye.

2 CHAIR MITCHELL: And for the record, I
3 support the motion as well, and the motion carries.
4 Thank you, Ms. Darden. Commission has before us our
5 minutes of December 13th for approval, Staff
6 Conference for approval. Take a motion.

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN-BLAND: Move approval of
8 the minutes.

9 COMMISSIONER GRAY: Second.

10 COMMISSIONER McKISSICK: Second.

11 CHAIR MITCHELL: All in favor of approving
12 the minutes, indicate with an aye.

13 (All Commissioners say aye)

14 CHAIR MITCHELL: Is there anyone opposed?

15 (No response)

16 CHAIR MITCHELL: Minutes from December 13th
17 Staff Conference are approved. Any additional
18 business for the Commission this morning?

19 (No response)

20 CHAIR MITCHELL: Hearing none, we'll be
21 adjourned. Thank you very much. Let's go off the
22 record, please.

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2 WHEREUPON, this conference is adjourned.
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6 proceedings in the above-captioned matter were taken
7 before me, that I did report in stenographic shorthand
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10 of my ability.
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