

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMISSION STAFF CONFERENCE

November 2, 2020

The Regular Commission Staff Conference of the North Carolina Utilities Commission was held on Monday, November 2, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., with Chair Mitchell, presiding. The remote meeting was conducted by use of simultaneous communication (via Webex) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.24, streamed live online, and available to the public.

The following were present during the entirety of the remote meeting:

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Brown-Bland
Commissioner Gray
Commissioner Clodfelter
Commissioner Duffley
Commissioner Hughes
Commissioner McKissick

COMMISSION STAFF: Ms. Lowell, Mr. Watson, Mr. Buffkin, Ms. Jarvis, Mr. Mertz, Ms. Fennell, Ms. Cooper, Ms. Hicks, Ms. Condie, Ms. Barnes, Ms. Jones, Ms. Paschal, Ms. Hilburn, Ms. Zhang, Ms. Eastwood, Ms. Jayasheela, Ms. Burns

PUBLIC STAFF: Mr. Ayers, Ms. Downey, Ms. Culpepper, Ms. Holt, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Coxton, Ms. Perry, Mr. McLawhorn, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Gilbert, Ms. Naba, Ms. Patel, Mr. Furr, Ms. Proffitt

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

COURT REPORTER: Ms. Mitchell

D. ELECTRIC**P1. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT SOLAR FACILITY**

The following application seeks to renew a certificate of public convenience and necessity for construction of a solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating facility, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-64.

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC:

- Docket No. SP-6053, Sub 0 – Application of Washington Solar, LLC, to renew the certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 5-MW solar PV facility in Rockingham County, North Carolina (CPCN originally issued September 9, 2015; registration statement issued previously)

The Public Staff has reviewed the application and determined that it complies with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-64.

The applicant indicated that it does not plan for the project to be bid into current or future CPRE program tranches.

The Public Staff recommended that the Commission issue an order approving the application and issuing the requested renewal certificate for the facility.

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

E. WATER**P1. DOCKET NO. W-1327, SUB 0 – DILLSBORO WATER UTILITIES, INC. AND DOCKET NO. W-1303, SUB 4 – DILLSBORO WATER AND SEWER, INC. – APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF FRANCHISE AND APPROVAL OF RATES**

On July 24, 2020, Dillsboro Water Utilities, Inc. (Dillsboro or Applicant) filed an application seeking authority to acquire from Dillsboro Water and Sewer, Inc. (DWS) the franchise providing water and sewer utility service to four commercial customers in Dillsboro Township, Jackson County, North Carolina, and for approval of rates.

Dillsboro has entered into a Contract and Asset Agreement with DWS to acquire the assets for the water distribution system and the wastewater collection and treatment system that currently serves the BP/Subway, Microtel (formerly DRA Living Hotel),

Holiday Inn Express, and Dillsboro Crossing Apartments (sewer only), constituting three metered water and sewer commercial customers and one flat rate sewer commercial customer. The purchase price is \$225,000.

DWS purchases water service and sewer treatment from Tuckasegee Water and Sewer Authority of Sylva. DWS's rates have been in effect since November 21, 2016.

Dillsboro is requesting to continue to charge the current rates approved for DWS in Docket No. W-1303, Sub 3, as shown below:

<u>Monthly Metered Water Utility Service</u>	DWS Present Rates
Base charge, zero usage	
5/8" or 3/4" meter	\$ 54.20
1" meter	\$ 135.50
1 1/2" meter	\$ 271.00
2" meter	\$ 433.60
3" meter	\$ 813.00
4" meter	\$1,355.00
6" meter	\$2,710.00
Usage charge, per 1,000 gallons	\$ 4.03
<u>Monthly Sewer Utility Service</u>	
Base charge per REU ¹	\$ 31.30
BP/Subway (4 REUs)	\$ 125.20
Holiday Inn Express (71 REUs)	\$2,222.30
Microtel (formerly DRA Living Hotel, 61 REUs)	\$1,909.30
Usage charge per 1,000 gallons	\$ 3.55
<u>Monthly Flat Rate for Sewer Service</u>	
Dillsboro Crossing Apartments (26 REUs)	\$ 835.16
1 (1 REU = 120 gallons = 1 bathroom)	

The Public Staff recommended that an order be issued requiring customer notice, stating that the matter may be determined without public hearing, if no significant protests are received subsequent to customer notice.

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

Minutes of the Regular Commission Staff Conference for October 26, 2020, were approved.

Minutes prepared by Portia Barnes.