

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR COMMISSION STAFF CONFERENCE

August 10, 2020

The Regular Commission Staff Conference of the North Carolina Utilities Commission was held on Monday, August 10, 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, Ms. Lazo, Mr. Watson, Mr. Green, Mr. Buffkin, Ms. Fennell, Mr. Mertz, Ms. Cooper, Ms. Hicks, Ms. Condie, Ms. Swenson, Ms. Barnes, Ms. Paschal, Ms. Hilburn, Ms. Zhang, Mr. Jeffries, Ms. Jayasheela, Ms. Burns, Mr. Lazinski, Ms. Needham, Mr. Hardy, Mr. McCoy

PUBLIC STAFF: Ms. Downey, Ms. Cummings, Mr. Dodge, Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Luhr, Ms. Coxton, Ms. Perry, Mr. McLawhorn, Mr. Saillor, Ms. Proffitt

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

COURT REPORTER: Ms. Mitchell

C. COMMUNICATIONS**P1. FILING OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS BY AT&T NORTH CAROLINA**

The following interconnection agreement amendments were filed for Commission approval between June 3, 2020, and June 12, 2020:

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina

Docket Nos. P-55, Subs 1918 and 1919 – Amendment filed on June 3, 2020, as revised on July 2, 2020, and July 9, 2020, to an interconnection agreement with AT&T Corp. and Teleport Communications America, LLC, approved by the Commission on August 1, 2016. The amendment implements the changes mandated by the Federal Communications Division (FCC) in its August 2, 2019, release of Order FCC 19-72, a Memorandum Opinion and Order in WC Docket No. 18-141 (FCC UNE and Resale Forbearance Order).

Docket No. P-55, Sub 1721 – Amendment filed on June 3, 2020, to an interconnection agreement with GC Pivotal, LLC d/b/a Global Capacity, approved by the Commission on December 27, 2007. The amendment implements the changes mandated by the FCC UNE and Resale Forbearance Order.

Docket No. P-55, Sub 1573 – Amendment filed on June 3, 2020, to an existing interconnection agreement with BCN Telecom, Inc., approved by the Commission on May 6, 2009. The amendment implements the changes mandated by the FCC UNE and Resale Forbearance Order.

Docket No. P-55, Sub 1914 – Amendment filed on June 12, 2020, to an existing interconnection agreement with Wide Voice, LLC, approved by the Commission on April 18, 2016. The amendment implements the changes mandated by the FCC UNE and Resale Forbearance Order.

Docket No. P-55, Sub 1940 – Amendment filed on June 12, 2020, to an existing agreement with Spectrotel, Inc., approved by the Commission on May 29, 2018. The amendment implements the changes mandated by the FCC UNE and Resale Forbearance Order.

Docket No. P-55, Sub 1636 – Amendment filed on June 12, 2020, to an existing interconnection agreement with NOS Communications, Inc., approved by the Commission on June 6, 2006. The amendment implements the changes mandated by the FCC UNE and Resale Forbearance Order.

Docket No. P-55, Sub 1755 – Amendment filed on June 12, 2020, to an existing interconnection agreement with BalsamWest FiberNET, LLC, approved by the Commission on October 29, 2008. The amendment implements the changes mandated by the FCC UNE and Resale Forbearance Order.

These filings were made in compliance with Commission Rule R17-4(d) and Sections 252(e) and 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Act provides for the filing of such agreements and amendments with the state commission and approval or rejection by the state commission within 90 days after filing. On June 18, 1996, the Commission issued an Order in Docket No. P-100, Sub 133, allowing interim operation under negotiated agreements filed as public records prior to Commission approval of the agreements.

The Public Staff has reviewed these filings and recommended that the Commission issue orders approving the amendments effective on the date they were filed.

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

D. ELECTRIC

P1. APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT SOLAR FACILITIES

The following applications seek certificates of public convenience and necessity for construction solar photovoltaic electric generating facilities, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-64:

Duke Energy Progress, LLC:

- Docket No. SP-7012, Sub 0 – Application of Harrison Solar, LLC, for an amended certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 5-MW solar photovoltaic facility in Sampson County, North Carolina (registration statement issued previously)
- Docket No. SP-8174, Sub 0 – Application of Overhill Solar, LLC, for an amended certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 5-MW solar photovoltaic facility in Sampson County, North Carolina (registration statement issued previously)

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

The projects associated with the applications are not CPRE program participants.

The Public Staff recommended that the Commission issue orders approving the applications and issuing the requested amended certificates for these facilities.

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

Minutes of the Regular Commission Staff Conference for July 20, 2020, were approved.

Minutes prepared by Portia Barnes.