

## Commission Business Meeting Notes

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Today's business meeting started at 2:00 p.m. with item one on the utilities agenda: a request for approval of the interconnection agreement between Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Teleport Communications America, LLC. Commission Hamilton made the motion to grant this request; his motion carried.

Item two was a request in Docket No. 2020-104-C for the approval of a name change and corporate restructuring, as well as a request for a waiver of hearing and expedited review. Commissioner Howard noted the terms of the restructuring, including the company's statement that the restructuring will not result in any changes to service rates, terms, or conditions, and that customers will be served in the same manner as they are now. He also noted no objection has been raised to the matter and moved to grant the request. His motion carried.

Item three involved a request by Dominion Energy to Eliminate the 1974 Requirements included within its quarterly reports for earnings per share of common stock and its debt coverage ratio of earnings to fixed charges. Commissioner Whitfield presented a motion denying Dominion's request without a relevant substitute and moved for Dominion to be required to provide a relevant substitute to be determined at its upcoming rate case. This motion carried.

Item four was a request made by ORS for confidential treatment of attachments to its report. Commissioner Ervin moved to grant this request, which carried.

Item five involved three dockets pertaining to Dominion Energy, Duke Energy Carolinas, and Duke Energy Progress and the rescheduling of the hearings in these dockets. Commissioner Whitfield moved to instruct the Clerk's Office to schedule the rehearing for Docket No. 2019-184-E for August 17<sup>th</sup> and the other two dockets—Nos. 2019-185-E and 2019-186-E—for August 19<sup>th</sup>. This motion carried.

Finally, item six involved Docket No. 2014-346-WS and a utility company's motion for disposition of proceedings. Commissioner Howard moved to hold the motion in abeyance, noting that the Supreme Court's order remanding the case to the Commission instructs the PSC to hold another hearing. Commissioner Howard's motion also compelled PSC staff to confer with the parties to set a procedural schedule and hearing date. This motion carried.

In addition to these items, Commissioners were also briefed on twenty-three other issues related to utilities in South Carolina. The complete list of these items, as well as links to dockets and all materials, is available on the Docket Management System at [dms.psc.sc.gov](https://dms.psc.sc.gov).

Moving on to the transportation agenda: items one and two were new applications for class-c certifications, both of which were granted following a motion made by Commissioner Hamilton.

Item three was a request to suspend a certificate until November 18<sup>th</sup>, which was granted following a motion brought by Commissioner Ervin.

Item four was a request to amend a tariff and scope of authority for a provider, which was granted following a motion made by Commissioner Whitfield.

In addition to the items discussed in detail, Commissioners were advised on two other transportation-related issues. The complete list of these, as well as links to dockets and materials, can be found on the Docket Management System at [dms.psc.sc.gov](https://dms.psc.sc.gov).

The next regular Commission Business Meeting is set for Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. You can access the livestream broadcast of that meeting by visiting our site at [www.psc.sc.gov](https://www.psc.sc.gov) and clicking on “livestream.” If you have questions about today’s proceedings, please follow us on social media—on Twitter at @PSCofSC and at @UtilityConsumer or on Facebook at Public Service Commission of South Carolina or SC Utility Consumer—or call the offices of the PSC at 803.896.5100. Thank you.