

Commission Business Meeting Notes

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Post-Meeting Summary Notes, Drafted and Presented by Rob Bockman

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Today's business meeting started at 2:00 p.m. with item one on the supplemental agenda: a request in Docket No. 2020-147-E to hold all prefiled dates and the hearing date in abeyance pending Commission consideration of the Company's motion to dismiss. Commissioner Ervin moved to approve this, and his motion carried.

The Commission then moved on the utilities agenda, beginning with a request made in several dockets for confidential treatment of exhibits. Commissioners Hamilton and Belser made motions to grant this status, as the information contained within these exhibits is competitively sensitive.

Item four involved petitions to intervene filed on behalf of the City of Greenville; Commissioner Whitfield moved to grant this request, which carried.

Item five involved non-docketed item 2020-20-E and featured a request from Commissioner John "Butch" Howard for the PSC to schedule an allowable ex parte briefing from Dominion Energy South Carolina on tree-trimming and the pros and cons of moving above-ground electric lines to underground wiring.

Item six involved the establishment of a procedural schedule in Docket No. 2019-182-E, with Commissioner Whitfield presenting a motion to set the schedule. He noted that comments on this schedule are due by July 27th, 2020.

Item seven involved the potential setting of an alternate hearing date, as Commissioner elections may disrupt the planned hearing schedule for Docket No. 2019-226-E. Commissioner Howard made the motion to have the hearing officer assigned to this docket consult with the parties involved, which carried.

Item eight involved Docket No. 2019-290-WS and the approval of a bond as surety for rates to be implemented on September 1st. Commissioner Belser, noting that Blue Granite is securing the bond from Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, which is authorized to transact business in SC, moved to approve, and her motion carried.

Item nine involved Docket No. 2019-290-WS and the late-filed contract between Blue Granite Water Company and ClearWater Solutions, LLC. Commissioner Ervin moved to approve this request, but noted that future contracts must be filed with the Commission in a timely manner.

Item ten dealt with Order No. 2005-226 and the Commission's confidential filing process. Commissioner Belser moved to amend the pertinent order to require hearing testimony and exhibits to conspicuously designate any portions of confidential testimony. Her motion carried.

Finally, item eleven involved Docket No. 2019-232-A and a request for an additional 45 days to file comments. Commissioner Whitfield made the motion to grant this request, which carried.

In addition to these items, Commissioners were also briefed on seventy-six 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.

On today's transportation agenda, item one was a request for a class c certificate, which was granted following a motion made by Commissioner Hamilton.

Item two was a request for an extension of time to comply with Commission rules and regulations, which was granted following a motion made by Commissioner Whitfield.

In addition to the items upon which action was taken, Commissioners were also advised on three other issues pertaining to transportation dockets. Those can be reviewed on the Docket Management System.

The next regular Commission Business Meeting will be held at the call of the Chairman. You can access the livestream broadcast of that meeting by visiting our site at 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.