

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DATE	<u>October 01, 2020</u>
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	DOCKET NO.	<u>2020-125-E</u>
UTILITIES MATTER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ORDER NO.	<u>2020-661</u>

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

Order Directing Scheduling of Virtual hearings and Directing Staff to Reserve Venues Capable of Hosting Hybrid Public Hearings

SUBJECT:

[DOCKET NO. 2020-125-E](#) - Application of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated for Adjustment of Rates and Charges (See Commission Order No. 2020-313) - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Scheduling Public Night Hearings.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Dominion Energy South Carolina has filed an application for adjustment in rates and charges. The South Carolina Public Service Commission will hear Dominion's request starting January 5, 2021.

In an effort to ensure that all parties interested in presenting their comments, concerns, and observations to the South Carolina Public Service Commission regarding Dominion's request to increase rates, I move that the Public Service Commission host a virtual public hearing on November 9th, November 10th, and November 12th.

I further move that the Public Service Commission reserve venues in the Aiken, Charleston, and Columbia areas that are conducive to hosting hybrid in-person public hearings in a manner that complies with Center for Disease Control and Department of Health and Environmental Control Covid-19 mitigation standards along with additional safety measures as deemed appropriate by the Public Service Commission to protect commission employees and hearing attendees. I further move that the Public Service Commission make a determination regarding holding in person public hearings at the reserved locations in the aforementioned areas after the October 30th deadline to request a public hearing.

I note that the Public Service Commission is fully capable of hosting virtual public hearings that allow participation by telephone and several internet meeting platforms. I further note that the Public Service Commission has successfully hosted several virtual hearings and the effectiveness and efficiency of the same continue to improve.

I note that no one has requested a public hearing, but I think it is a good idea to be proactive in this matter as opposed to reactive as it would be much more difficult to identify and reserve venues that offer the Covid-19 safety measures necessary to protect commission employees and hearing attendees. To that end, the Commission's staff will promote the awareness for this opportunity to request an in person hearing. I further note that conducting commission business during Covid-19 pandemic is a fluid matter and as Covid-19 risks increase the likelihood of in-person public hearing decrease.

PRESIDING: J. Williams

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voting via Telephone
CASTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Voting via Skype
POWERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room
THOMAS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room
C. WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room
J. WILLIAMS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Present in Hearing Room

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

