

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**CM #18-07**

**February 28, 2018**

**2:00 ~ 2:15 P.M.**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Swain E. WHITFIELD, *Chairman*; Comer H. ‘Randy’ RANDALL, *Vice Chairman*; and COMMISSIONERS John E. ‘Butch’ HOWARD, Elliott F. ELAM, Jr., Robert T. ‘Bob’ BOCKMAN, and G. O’Neal HAMILTON

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioner Elizabeth B. ‘Lib’ FLEMING

ADVISOR TO COMMISSION: Joseph Melchers, Esq.  
GENERAL COUNSEL

PRESENTING AGENDA: Douglas K. Pratt  
TECHNICAL ADVISOR

**STAFF PRESENT:** B. Randall Dong, Esq., Josh Minges, Esq., and David W. Stark, III, Esq., Legal Advisory Staff; Thomas Ellison and John Powers, Technical Advisory Staff; Janice Schmieding and Patricia Stephens, Clerk’s Staff; and Jo Elizabeth M. Wheat, CVR-CM/M-GNSC, Court Reporter.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2           **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Please be seated. I'll  
3 call this Commission Meeting to order and ask that  
4 we pause for a moment of silent meditation.

5                           [Brief pause]

6                           Amen.

7                           At this time, I'll turn it over to Mr. Doug  
8 Pratt.

9           **MR. PRATT:** Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, members  
10 of the Commission, the first order of business  
11 would be to set the time for our next Commission  
12 Meeting, and following normal precedent I would  
13 suggest Wednesday, March 7th, at 2 p.m.

14           **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Sounds good, Mr. Pratt.

15           **MR. PRATT:** Mr. Chairman, members of the  
16 Commission, moving into our Utilities Agenda, the  
17 first Item is Docket No. 2002-410-C, and it's the  
18 request of NobelTel, LLC, to cancel its Certificate  
19 and tariffs.

20           **COMMISSIONER HAMILTON:** Mr. Chairman.

21           **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Hamilton.

22           **COMMISSIONER HAMILTON:** Mr. Chairman, I would  
23 move that we approve the request of NobelTel, LLC,  
24 to cancel its Certificate and tariffs. They have  
25 no South Carolina customers. So moved, Mr. Chair.

26           **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you, Commissioner  
27 Hamilton.

28                           Commissioners, you've heard Commissioner  
29 Hamilton's motion. Is there any discussion?

30                           [No response]

31                           If not, all those in favor of Commissioner  
32 Hamilton's motion, please say "aye."

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**COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed?

[No response]

Motion carries.

Mr. Pratt.

**MR. PRATT:** Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Item 2 is Docket No. 1998-433-E, and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company has a request to revise its Electric Service and Meter Installations Manual.

**COMMISSIONER BOCKMAN:** Mr. Chairman?

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Bockman.

**COMMISSIONER BOCKMAN:** Thank you, sir. I have a motion with respect to this matter. Since the requested revisions update the manual and conform to the latest safety code, and ORS has no objection, I would move that we approve the revisions as filed. And I so move, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you, Commissioner Bockman.

Commissioners, you've heard Commissioner Bockman's motion in Item 2. Are there any questions of Commissioner Bockman regarding his motion?

[No response]

If not, all those in favor, please say "aye."

**COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed?

[No response]

Motion carries.

**MR. PRATT:** Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Item 3 is Docket No. 2018-24-E, and this is Christopher Lee Johnson's request for reconsideration of

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Commission Order No. 2018-981.

**COMMISSIONER HAMILTON:** Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Hamilton.

**COMMISSIONER HAMILTON:** Mr. Chairman, I would move that we, at this time, do not approve Mr. Johnson's complaint against Duke Energy. Mr. Johnson has no new information since the last time we rejected this request. So moved, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Okay. Commissioners, you've heard Commissioner Hamilton's motion denying Mr. Johnson's request for reconsideration. Are there any questions or is there any discussion?

[No response]

Hearing none, all those in favor of Commissioner Hamilton's motion, please signify by saying "aye."

**COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed?

[No response]

Motion carries.

**MR. PRATT:** Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Item 4 is Docket No. 2018-50-E, and it's a request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for approval of proposed revisions to the company's General Terms and Conditions for electric service.

**VICE CHAIRMAN RANDALL:** Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Randall.

**VICE CHAIRMAN RANDALL:** Mr. Chairman, I move that we grant the proposed revisions to the company's General Terms and Conditions. The company is proposing to change the General Terms and Conditions (Electric) in Section III.G in Areas

1 of Overhead Distribution from, "installing and  
2 maintaining an overhead service drop for loads up  
3 to 500 kVA," to, "installing and maintaining an  
4 overhead service drop for loads up to 300 kVA."  
5 SCE&G states that the company's customers have  
6 expressed a preference for pad-mounted transformers  
7 rather than platform banks, such that it no longer  
8 makes sense for the company to maintain the  
9 inventory of platform banks which are required for  
10 an overhead service drop for a 500 kVA load.

11 The revisions will not require a determination  
12 of the entire rate structure or result in a rate  
13 increase for customers. The Office of Regulatory  
14 Staff has filed a letter that states that they do  
15 not object to the changes.

16 So moved, Mr. Chairman.

17 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you, Commissioner  
18 Randall.

19 Commissioners, you've heard Commissioner  
20 Randall's motion in Item 4. Are there any  
21 questions regarding this item, or regarding  
22 Commissioner Randall's motion?

23 [No response]

24 Hearing none, all those in favor of  
25 Commissioner Randall's motion, please say "aye."

26 **COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

27 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed?

28 [No response]

29 Motion carries.

30 Mr. Pratt.

31 **MR. PRATT:** Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Item  
32 5 is Docket No. 2017-370-E. We have a Petition to

1 Intervene filed on behalf of the Honorable James H.  
2 'Jay' Lucas in his capacity as Speaker of the State  
3 House of Representative.

4 **COMMISSIONER ELAM:** Mr. Speaker. "Mr.  
5 Speaker"? Mr. Chairman?

6 [Laughter]  
7 Freudian slip.

8 **MR. PRATT:** Touché.

9 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** I think I know what you  
10 meant. Go ahead, Commissioner Elam.

11 **COMMISSIONER ELAM:** Mr. Chairman, I move that  
12 we approve the Petition to Intervene filed on  
13 behalf of the Honorable James H. 'Jay' Lucas, in  
14 his capacity as Speaker of the House of  
15 Representatives. So moved.

16 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you, Commissioner  
17 Elam.

18 Commissioners, you've heard Commissioner  
19 Elam's motion to approve the intervention of the  
20 Honorable Speaker Jay Lucas, Speaker of the South  
21 Carolina House of Representatives. Are there any  
22 questions or any discussion regarding Commissioner  
23 Elam's motion?

24 [No response]

25 If not, all those in favor, please say "aye"?

26 **COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

27 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed?

28 [No response]

29 Motion carries.

30 **MR. PRATT:** Mr. Chairman, Item 6 is Docket No.  
31 2017-370-E again, and in this one we have a  
32 Petition to Intervene filed on behalf of The

1 Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina,  
2 Incorporated, and the Central Electric Power  
3 Cooperative, Incorporated.

4 **VICE CHAIRMAN RANDALL:** Mr. Chairman.

5 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Randall.

6 **VICE CHAIRMAN RANDALL:** Mr. Chairman, I move  
7 we grant the Petition to Intervene filed on behalf  
8 of The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina,  
9 Incorporated, and Central Electric Power  
10 Cooperative, Incorporated. So moved.

11 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you, Commissioner  
12 Randall.

13 Commissioners, you've heard Commissioner  
14 Randall's motion regarding intervention by The  
15 Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina and Central  
16 Electric Power Co-op, Incorporated. Any questions  
17 regarding Commissioner Randall's motion?

18 [No response]

19 If not, all those in favor, please say "aye."

20 **COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

21 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed?

22 [No response]

23 Motion carries.

24 Mr. Pratt.

25 **MR. PRATT:** Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, in  
26 Item 7 we have Docket No. 2018-42-E, and we have a  
27 Petition to Intervene filed on behalf of Wal-Mart  
28 Stores East, LP, and Sam's East, Incorporated.

29 **COMMISSIONER HOWARD:** Mr. Chairman.

30 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Howard.

31 **COMMISSIONER HOWARD:** Mr. Chairman, I move we  
32 grant the Petition to Intervene in Docket No. 2017-



1 370<sub>[sic]</sub>-E filed on behalf of Wal-Mart Stores East,  
2 LP, and Sam's East, Inc. That's my motion, Mr.  
3 Chairman.

4 **MR. PRATT:** Mr. Chairman, I believe the docket  
5 number was 2018-42-E.

6 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** That's what I'm looking  
7 at, Mr. Pratt. One second [indicating]. One  
8 second, Mr. Pratt.

9 Commissioner Howard, I believe Mr. Pratt is  
10 correct. Do you want to amend your motion?

11 **COMMISSIONER HOWARD:** I'll amend my motion to  
12 read Docket No. 2017-42-E?

13 **MR. PRATT:** 2018, sir.

14 **MR. MELCHERS:** 2018.

15 **COMMISSIONER HOWARD:** 2018. I'm sorry, 2018.

16 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Yes. All right.  
17 Commissioners, you've heard Commissioner Howard's  
18 motion, with the amendment he made with the  
19 corrected docket number. Are there any questions  
20 regarding his motion, now that the docket number  
21 has been corrected?

22 [No response]

23 If not, all those in favor of Commissioner  
24 Howard's motion, please say "aye."

25 **COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

26 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed?

27 [No response]

28 Motion carries.

29 **MR. PRATT:** Mr. Chairman, Item 8 is Docket No.  
30 2018-45-G, and this is the Complaint of Linda D.  
31 Sinclair against South Carolina Electric & Gas  
32 Company, and we have a Motion to Dismiss filed by

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South Carolina Electric & Gas.

**COMMISSIONER HOWARD:** Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Howard.

**COMMISSIONER HOWARD:** I move we grant the Motion to Dismiss. In general, Ms. Sinclair complained that SCE&G's Weather Normalization Adjustment is making her gas bills go up. However, she fails to allege any violation in her Complaint. Commission Order No. 2005-619 applied the Weather Normalization Adjustment to certain residential rate schedules, affecting Ms. Sinclair. ORS has reviewed the Weather Normalization Adjustment on September 20, 2017, and recommended that SCE&G continue to apply the program. In conclusion of the review, ORS stated the program benefits both customers and the utility by reducing the impact of extreme weather on the customers' bills. That's my motion, Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you, Commissioner Howard.

Commissioners, you've heard Commissioner Howard's motion regarding Item 8. Are there any questions of Commissioner Howard or any discussion of his motion?

[No response]

If not, all those in favor of Commissioner Howard's motion, please say "aye."

**COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed?

[No response]

Motion carries.

**MR. PRATT:** Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,

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that concludes our Utilities Agenda.

Moving to Transportation, Item 1 is the Application of Danielle N. Leinbach for a Class C (Taxi) Certificate.

**COMMISSIONER ELAM:** Mr. Chairman?

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Elam.

**COMMISSIONER ELAM:** Mr. Chairman, I move we approve the request of Danielle Leinbach for a Class C (Taxi) Certificate. So moved.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you, Commissioner Elam.

You've heard Commissioner Elam's motion. Is there any discussion?

[No response]

If not, all those in favor of Commissioner Elam's motion, please say "aye."

**COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed?

[No response]

Motion carries.

**MR. PRATT:** Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, Item 2 on Transportation is Docket No. 2017-374-T, which is the Application of Salt Marsh Ventures, LLC, d/b/a Two Men and a Truck of Beaufort, for a Class E (Household Goods) Certificate.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Well, I'll entertain –

**COMMISSIONER BOCKMAN:** Mr. Chairman?

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Bockman.

**COMMISSIONER BOCKMAN:** Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the Application of Salt Marsh Ventures, LLC, doing business as Two Men and a Truck of Beaufort, for a Class E (Household Goods)

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Certificate. And I so move.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you. Thank you,  
Commissioner Bockman.

You've heard Commissioner Bockman's motion.  
Is there any discussion?

[No response]

If not, all those in favor, please say "aye"?

**COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed?

[No response]

Motion carries.

**MR. PRATT:** Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,  
our third and final item on Transportation is a  
request to rescind the Commission Order in Docket  
No. 2017-300-T.

**VICE CHAIRMAN RANDALL:** Mr. Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Randall.

**VICE CHAIRMAN RANDALL:** Mr. Chairman, I move  
that we grant the request of O.O.R. Enterprises,  
LLC, to withdraw Application for a Class C (Taxi)  
Certificate and rescind Commission Order No. 2017-  
613. So moved, sir.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you, Commissioner  
Randall.

You've heard Commissioner Randall's motion.  
Is there any discussion?

[No response]

Hearing none, all those in favor of  
Commissioner Randall's motion, please say "aye."

**COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed?

[No response]

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Motion carries.

Mr. Pratt.

**MR. PRATT:** Mr. Chairman, that concludes today's Agenda.

**CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you.

And meeting adjourned. We'll see you next Wednesday.

[WHEREUPON, at 2:15 p.m., the proceedings in the above-entitled matter were adjourned.]

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