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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: —

ADVISOR TO COMMISSION: Joseph Melchers, Esq.
GENERAL COUNSEL

PRESENTING AGENDA: James Spearman, Ph.D.
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO COMMISSIONERS

STAFF PRESENT: Jocelyn G. Boyd, Chief Clerk/Administrator; F. David Butler, Esq., Senior Counsel; B. Randall Dong, Esq., and Josh Minges, Esq., Legal Advisory Staff; Douglas K. Pratt, William O. Richardson, Thomas Ellison, and John Powers, Technical Advisory Staff; Janice Schmieding, Patricia Stephens, and Afton Ellison, 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 Dr. Spearman.

8 **DR. SPEARMAN:** Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,
9 the first order of business would be to set the
10 next Commission Meeting. If we stay on our regular
11 schedule, it will be at 2 in the afternoon on
12 Wednesday, June 27th.

13 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Two p.m., June 27th.

14 **DR. SPEARMAN:** Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,
15 turning to the Utility Agenda, Item 1, Docket No.
16 1999-179-C, Legacy Long Distance is requesting
17 reinstatement of Certificate.

18 **COMMISSIONER ELAM:** Mr. Chairman?

19 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Elam.

20 **COMMISSIONER ELAM:** Mr. Chairman, based on
21 verified testimony and the ORS letter, I move we
22 grant the request of Legacy Long Distance
23 International, Incorporated, for reinstatement of
24 its Certificate to provide telecommunications
25 services. So moved.

26 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you.

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

29 [No response]

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

31 **COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

32 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed.

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[No response]

Motion carries.

DR. SPEARMAN: Item 2, Docket No. 2018-188-C, Fort Mill Telephone Company and Lancaster Telephone Company, seeking changes in the boundary.

COMMISSIONER ELAM: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Commissioner Elam.

COMMISSIONER ELAM: Mr. Chairman, I move we grant the joint request of Fort Mill Telephone Company, doing business as Comporium, and Lancaster Telephone Company, doing business as Comporium, to change the boundary line within a subdivision.

It is in the best interest of the companies and in the public interest to define the service boundary between companies in such a manner as to provide local calling within planned and future subdivisions and to avoid confusion and possible future disputes. Furthermore, given the common ownership of the companies, it is in the public interest to define the boundary such that it will have the least possible impact on future customers.

ORS does not oppose the request, and supports the collaborative approach taken by the companies.

So moved.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Thank you.

You've heard Commissioner Elam's motion in Item 2. Is there any discussion?

[No response]

Hearing none, all those in favor, please, say "aye"?

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Any opposed.

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[No response]

Motion carries.

DR. SPEARMAN: Item 3, Docket No. 2018-180-C, Consolidated Telecom's Application, requesting appointment of a hearing examiner.

COMMISSIONER BOCKMAN: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Commissioner Bockman.

COMMISSIONER BOCKMAN: Mr. Chairman, I would move that we appoint David Stark, Esquire, as Hearing Examiner in Docket No. 2018-180-C. And I so move.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Thank you.

You've heard Commissioner Bockman's motion for a hearing examiner in Item 3. 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.

DR. SPEARMAN: Item 4, Docket No. 2017-354-C, this is the Complaint and Petition for Declaratory Order of Pay Tel against Lattice. This is ready for disposition.

COMMISSIONER FLEMING: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Commissioner Fleming.

COMMISSIONER FLEMING: For Docket No. 2017-354-C, I move that we order the following:

1) Lattice shall obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity before offering services as an inmate telephone service provider in

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South Carolina.

2) Pursuant to South Carolina Code Annotated 58-9-230(A) and South Carolina Code Annotated Regulations 103-603(B), Lattice shall file a tariff schedule that is approved by the Commission prior to charging any rate associated with inmate telephone services.

3) All telephone services that touch the Public Switched Telephone Network provided by an inmate services provider in the State of South Carolina are considered "telecommunications services" and regulated by this Commission, unless this Commission rules otherwise.

4) The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff shall notify all South Carolina confinement facilities, the South Carolina Sheriffs' Association, and the South Carolina Jail Administrators' Association, that inmate service providers in South Carolina are telephone utilities subject to regulation by the Commission and must possess a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to offer or provide services in South Carolina.

Lastly, ORS will maintain the list of all certificated inmate service providers authorized to operate in this State on its website.

Mr. Chairman, I so move.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER ELAM: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Commissioner Elam.

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COMMISSIONER ELAM: I was not present for this hearing, and will not be voting.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Let the record show Commissioner Elam is not voting.

Any other questions or discussion?

[No response]

If not, all those in favor of Commissioner Fleming's motion, please, say "aye" at this time.

COMMISSIONERS_[except Comm'r Elam]: Aye.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Any opposed.

[No response]

[Please note: Commissioner Elam cast no vote in this matter.]

Motion carries.

DR. SPEARMAN: Item 5, Docket No. 2018-163-E, is the SolAmerica and Edgefield County request for modifications of an Interconnection Agreement. We're seeking the appointment of a hearing officer.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chairman, I'd move that we appoint Josh Minges, Esquire, as hearing examiner in Docket No. 2018-163-E. So moved, sir.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Thank you.

You've heard Commissioner Hamilton'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.

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DR. SPEARMAN: Item 6, Docket No. 2018-3-E, this is the Duke Energy Carolinas fuel case. We have a Petition to Intervene.

COMMISSIONER FLEMING: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Commissioner Fleming.

COMMISSIONER FLEMING: For Docket No. 2018-3-E, I move to grant the Petition to Intervene filed on behalf of South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, Incorporated. I so move.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Thank you, Commissioner Fleming.

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

[No response]

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

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Any opposed.

[No response]

Motion carries.

DR. SPEARMAN: Item 7, Docket No. 2018-142-E, the Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, Duke Energy Progress, and South Carolina Electric & Gas for an executory transfer and sale of property.

VICE CHAIRMAN RANDALL: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Commissioner Randall.

VICE CHAIRMAN RANDALL: Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the executory transfer of electric transformers and other critical transmission-related equipment with a fair market value of greater than \$1 million. The transfer is a requirement for participation in the Regional

1 Equipment Sharing for Transmission Outage
2 Restoration – or RESTORE – Program. The companies
3 shall, upon transfer of any assets under the
4 agreement, immediately provide the proposed
5 bookkeeping entries to ORS for review and, after
6 such review, the bookkeeping entries shall then be
7 provided to the Commission for approval.

8 So moved, Mr. Chair.

9 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you.

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

12 [No response]

13 Hearing none, all those in favor, please, say
14 "aye"?

15 **COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

16 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed.

17 [No response]

18 Motion carries.

19 **DR. SPEARMAN:** Item 8, Docket No. 2018-149-E,
20 the Joint Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas
21 and numerous cooperatives seeking assignment and
22 reassignment of territory in Allendale, Bamberg,
23 Barnwell, and Colleton Counties, and approval of an
24 agreement to limit corridor rights.

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

26 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Randall.

27 **VICE CHAIRMAN RANDALL:** Mr. Chairman, I move
28 that we grant the Petition for assignment and
29 reassignment of territory and approve the
30 agreements to limit corridor rights, as listed by
31 Dr. Spearman. Updated maps shall be prepared and
32 filed with ORS. So moved, Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Thank you.

Commissioners, you've heard Commissioner Randall's motion in Item 8, and you have the accompanying documents and maps and so forth. Are there any questions regarding Commissioner Randall's motion?

[No response]

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

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Any opposed.

[No response]

Motion carries.

DR. SPEARMAN: Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, I'd recommend we take Items 9 and 10 together. These are in Docket No. 2018-9-E. The matters in each one are interrelated.

COMMISSIONER BOCKMAN: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Commissioner Bockman.

COMMISSIONER BOCKMAN: I have a motion, consistent with Dr. Spearman's recommendation, that would deal with both Items 9 and 10.

Mr. Chairman, my motion is as follows:

First, regarding Item 9, I move that we grant the request for clarification as sought in the April 17th filing made by the South Carolina Solar Business Alliance. Upon review of Commission Order No. 2012-95, I move that we find SCE&G's IRP meets both the Commission and statutory standards. That said, the brief summary of the cost-benefit analysis of options considered, quote, "if available," unquote, as required by our 1998 Order, was discernable within the 2018 IRP. However, in

1 an effort to improve transparency and in continuing
2 to recognize the significance of future IRPs, I
3 move that we require the company, in its 2019 IRP,
4 to provide a table that explicitly lists the
5 options reasonably considered and the related costs
6 of those options.

7 Next, Mr. Chairman, regarding Item 10, I move
8 that we grant SCE&G's request for a protective
9 order, and I would further request that proposed
10 orders for such protective order be filed with this
11 Commission within ten days. However, SCE&G should
12 not expect that it may – to apply the over-worn
13 phrase – quote, “have its cake and eat it too.” It
14 cannot fend off discovery in the IRP proceeding
15 without expecting a concomitant expansion of
16 allowable discovery in the next fuel proceeding.
17 The timing of the SCSBA's discovery requests at the
18 end of the comment period for the IRP process tends
19 to indicate that the next fuel case may be the true
20 target of such inquiry. I think that it may be
21 entirely appropriate to have such discovery, but
22 not for the inarguably limited uses it would serve
23 past the end of the IRP comment period. In
24 contrast, I would find such discovery sought in the
25 next fuel case to be a better context for such
26 inquiries. Because the IRP is simply a planning
27 document, discovery regarding its development is
28 best utilized during specific application of its
29 contents in an active case.

30 Mr. Chairman, my next comments apply to both
31 Items 9 and 10, and are intended to facilitate a
32 more thorough process of discovery and exchange of

1 information in these cases. Fuel cases and
2 integrated resource planning proceedings continue
3 to evolve due to statutory changes and changes in
4 the electric industry. These proceedings now
5 incorporate more complexity and have the potential
6 for far-reaching consequences. I think that these
7 proceedings need to be carried out on a different
8 schedule, going forward, that will ensure that all
9 parties are given more time to conduct a thorough
10 and robust discovery process. Further, the
11 company's integrated resource plan includes data
12 that is linked to the calculation of avoided costs
13 in the fuel cases. Upon consideration of these
14 changes, I move that we instruct Staff to schedule
15 future fuel proceedings such that there is more
16 time for thorough discovery of both the issues
17 raised in testimony by the company in the fuel case
18 and calculations that may be derived from the
19 underlying IRP process.

20 As I previously stated in my motion on this
21 year's SCE&G fuel case: Quote, "I have reflected
22 upon the greatly increased complexity of fuel
23 cases, going forward, and would request the
24 Commission Staff set an appropriate procedural
25 schedule in future fuel proceedings, affording the
26 parties ample opportunity to perform analyses and
27 make recommendations," unquote.

28 And I so move, Mr. Chairman.

29 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you.

30 Commissioners, you've heard Commissioner
31 Bockman's motion. Is there any discussion?
32 Commissioner Elam.

1 **COMMISSIONER ELAM:** Mr. Chairman, I first have
2 a question for Commissioner Bockman. To clarify,
3 your motion is, for transparency, that there will
4 be more discussion of alternatives in the 2019 IRP
5 filing, as opposed to amending the 2018?

6 **COMMISSIONER BOCKMAN:** That would be – yes,
7 the intent of this motion would be, as you say,
8 directed at the 2019 filing.

9 **COMMISSIONER ELAM:** Okay. Thank you. I guess
10 my comment would be: I don't know why we can't have
11 transparency now. The IRP proceeding, to me, does
12 seem a little more of an appropriate proceeding to
13 have these long-term kind of discussions regarding
14 what the generation mix is, in a proceeding that
15 doesn't have deadlines and we don't have to issue
16 an order, and that could allow for a little more
17 collaboration than we're likely to have in the fuel
18 proceeding. I think we could begin the process
19 now. I have no idea what will be appropriate, but
20 I know that the energy plan reports of past years
21 have talked about best practices for IRPs, and I
22 think a more collaborative approach where there
23 was, in essence, a little bit more transparency on
24 what's been filed, as a starting point, with the
25 ability of parties to ask questions after they see
26 that revision, would lend itself better to the kind
27 of long-term planning that it seems that we need in
28 South Carolina. And I agree that it is a good time
29 to be doing that, in the wake of the Summer plant
30 cancellation. So that's my comment. Thank you.

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

1 Commissioner Bockman, did you want to respond?
2 **COMMISSIONER BOCKMAN:** Well, I just might
3 respond. First of all, as always, Commissioner
4 Elam's remarks are thoughtful and well-expressed.
5 I think – and I agree that there may be a good
6 starting point for this, you know, slightly amended
7 view, and my suggestion would be, let the next IRP
8 be that starting point, the next IRP proceeding and
9 fuel proceeding, to incorporate the changes that
10 are suggested in my motion.
11 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Bockman,
12 I've got a little bit of a follow-up. I think you
13 kind of stated this in your – didn't you say in
14 your motion you kind of were cognizant of the fact
15 that statutory changes were evolving, I think was
16 the word you used just a minute ago, to the IRP
17 process here, and then we also are aware of ongoing
18 possible statutory changes. Is that not something
19 that you kind of mentioned?
20 **COMMISSIONER BOCKMAN:** Yes, that would be
21 incorporated in the language in my motion, Mr.
22 Chairman. Yes, that's the thought that is included
23 within that.
24 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Yes, sir.
25 Commissioner Fleming.
26 **COMMISSIONER FLEMING:** Yes, Mr. Chairman.
27 I would just – because of the increased
28 interest in integrated resource planning and the
29 discussions that are taking place about what should
30 be included, what people – the information that
31 people need, the transparency, I really think it
32 would be a good idea for this Commission to hold a

1 workshop of all the stakeholders, to really talk
2 about what best practices are and what needs to be
3 included, so that there is no – so that people are
4 aware of what is expected and the information that
5 is needed to be included.

6 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Well, thank you,
7 Commissioner Fleming. And I know you and I have
8 discussed, in the past, the IRP process, and we are
9 privy to that from other states from NARUC and how
10 the IRP process is handled very differently, as we
11 have learned at NARUC from our other NARUC member
12 states. And I certainly would so note, that you
13 would like a workshop, and I hope the next chairman
14 maybe is listening over there, but certainly you
15 and I have had that conversation, yes, ma'am.

16 **COMMISSIONER FLEMING:** And that would make it
17 specific to South Carolina –

18 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Yes.

19 **COMMISSIONER FLEMING:** – as in comparison to
20 other states.

21 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Yes. Thank you.
22 Any other questions or comments for
23 Commissioner Bockman, relating to his motion?

24 [No response]

25 Well, if not, all those in favor of
26 Commissioner Bockman's motion at this time, please,
27 say "aye."

28 **COMMISSIONERS**_[except Comm'r Elam]: Aye.

29 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed.

30 **COMMISSIONER ELAM:** No.

31 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Ayes have it, with one
32 no. Motion carries.

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DR. SPEARMAN: Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, Item 11, Docket No. 2016-384-S, the Application of Moore Sewer for an increase in sewer rates is ready for disposition.

COMMISSIONER FLEMING: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Commissioner Fleming.

COMMISSIONER FLEMING: For Docket No. 2016-384-S, the Application of Moore Sewer, on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, the Commission held a hearing on the Application of Moore Sewer, Incorporated, for adjustment of its rates and charges. Moore Sewer serves 469 customers in the Linville Hills and Madera Village subdivisions in Spartanburg County. The company's current flat rate for collection-only sewer service is \$20.88. The Commission approved this rate in 2003.

In its initial Application, the company requested that it be allowed to raise its flat-rate collection-only sewer rate to \$45 per month. The company further requested approval for certain nonrecurring charges and fees.

Following its audit of the company's records, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff recommended certain accounting adjustments resulting in an operating margin of 14.99 percent.

After hearing all of the evidence and reviewing the data presented by the parties, the Commission finds that the utility has demonstrated that it is entitled to rate relief. The Commission authorizes an operating margin of 14.99 percent after making accounting and pro forma adjustments. The resulting flat monthly rate for the utility's

1 sewer collection service, as calculated by the
2 Commission, is \$27.93. The Commission further
3 authorizes a \$20 fee for new customer setups, a \$35
4 fee for new customer connection, an \$18 fee for
5 disconnection, and a \$35 fee for reconnection. The
6 resulting revenue is \$186,287. The new monthly
7 sewer rate represents an increase of \$7.05, which
8 is less than one-third of the amount requested in
9 the original Application.

10 Also, I move that we direct Staff to prepare a
11 notice reflecting this decision, which the company
12 shall include in its next billing to its customers.

13 Mr. Chairman, I so move.

14 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you.

15 You've heard Commissioner Fleming's motion.
16 Is there any discussion?

17 [No response]

18 Well, if not, all those in favor, please, say
19 "aye"?

20 **COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

21 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed.

22 [No response]

23 Motion carries.

24 **DR. SPEARMAN:** Item 13, Docket No. – or, 12,
25 excuse me, Docket No. 2016-29-WS, Harbor Island
26 Utilities requesting a pass-through of an increase
27 in charges.

28 **COMMISSIONER HOWARD:** Mr. Chairman.

29 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Howard.

30 **COMMISSIONER HOWARD:** In Docket No. 2016-29-
31 WS, consistent with Commission Order No. 2017-80,
32 we acknowledge the pass-through of an 8 cents per

1 thousand gallons' increase in bulk water charged by
2 the Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority and
3 approve the 1 cent per thousand gallons' increase
4 in the transportation fee charged by the Fripp
5 Island Public Service District. Harbor Island
6 Utilities may include these increases in customer
7 bills, with 30 days' notice to its customers. So
8 moved, Mr. Chairman.

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

11 You've heard Commissioner Howard's motion. Is
12 there any discussion?

13 [No response]

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

15 **COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

16 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed.

17 [No response]

18 Motion carries.

19 **DR. SPEARMAN:** Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,
20 Items 13 through 20 are renewable purchased-power
21 agreements signed by South Carolina Electric & Gas
22 Company. Item 13 is the agreement with Trask East
23 Solar, LLC; 14 is an agreement with Denmark Solar,
24 LLC; 15 is an agreement with Yemassee Solar, LLC;
25 16 is an agreement with Blackville Solar Farm, LLC;
26 17 is an agreement with Beulah Solar, LLC; 18 is an
27 agreement with Kepler Solar, LLC; 19 is an
28 agreement with Whistletop Solar, LLC; and 20 is the
29 agreement with Sand Ridge Solar, LLC. We can take
30 these separately or together.

31 **COMMISSIONER HAMILTON:** Mr. Chairman.

32 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Hamilton.

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COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chairman, I'll take Items 13 through 20 together. And, Mr. Chairman, I would move that we accept for filing the Power Purchase Agreements between South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and the companies listed by Dr. Spearman. So moved, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton.

You've heard Commissioner Hamilton's motion in the items he listed. 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.

DR. SPEARMAN: Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, that completes the Utility Agenda for today.

On the Transportation Agenda, Items 1 through 7 are new Applications. Item 1 is the Application of Sergye Yermolayev for a Class C (Charter); Item 2 is the Application of Carolina Best for a Class C (Non-Emergency); Item 3 is the Application of Willie Robinson for a Class C (Charter); Item 4 is the Application of Let's Go Transportation Service for a Class C (Non-Emergency); Item 5 is the Application of AA Coastal Transportation for a Class C (Non-Emergency); Item 6 is the Application of Casper Rides, LLC, for a taxi Certificate; and Item 7 is the Application of Support-Life Ambulance Service for a non-emergency Certificate. We can take these separately or together.

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COMMISSIONER HOWARD: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Commissioner Howard.

COMMISSIONER HOWARD: I will take them together, and I move we approve the Applications in Items 1 through 7, as denoted by Dr. Spearman.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Thank you.

You've heard Commissioner Howard's motion. Is there any discussion regarding Items 1 through 7?

[No response]

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

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Any opposed?

[No response]

Motion carries.

DR. SPEARMAN: Item 8, Docket No. 2008-140-A, is the request of Jackson Transfer & Storage for an extension of time.

COMMISSIONER ELAM: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Commissioner Elam.

COMMISSIONER ELAM: Mr. Chairman, I move we grant the request of Jackson Transfer & Storage, LLC, for an extension of time until October 1, 2018, to file the 2017 Annual Report. So moved.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Thank you.

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

[No response]

Hearing none, all those in favor, please, say "aye"?

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Any opposed.

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[No response]

Motion carries.

DR. SPEARMAN: In Item 9, Docket No. 2017-231-T, Triple E Transportation is requesting an extension of time.

COMMISSIONER FLEMING: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Commissioner Fleming.

COMMISSIONER FLEMING: In Docket No. 2017-231-T, I move to grant the request of Triple E Transportation, LLC, for an additional extension of time until August 8, 2018, to comply with Commission Rules and Regulations. If the company fails to comply by August 8, 2018, and still desires to provide non-emergency transportation services, it must file a new application. I so move.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Thank you, Commissioner Fleming.

You've heard Commissioner Fleming'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.

DR. SPEARMAN: Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, Items 10 and 11 are requests for cancellations. Item 10 is J.R. Services requesting to cancel its non-emergency Certificate, and Item 11, United Taxi Cab is requesting to cancel its taxi Certificate. We can take these separately or together.

1 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** I'll entertainment them
2 together.

3 **COMMISSIONER HAMILTON:** Mr. Chairman.

4 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Yes, sir, Commissioner
5 Hamilton.

6 **COMMISSIONER HAMILTON:** Mr. Chairman, I will
7 take these Items 10 and 11 together, and would move
8 at this time that we grant the requests to cancel
9 the Certificates as listed by Dr. Spearman.

10 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you.

11 You've heard Commissioner Hamilton's motion to
12 grant the requests of cancellations. Are there any
13 questions?

14 [No response]

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

17 **COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

18 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed.

19 [No response]

20 Motion carries.

21 **DR. SPEARMAN:** Item 12, Docket No. 2018-139-T,
22 Office of Regulatory Staff has filed a Motion for
23 Default Judgment and Order Revoking Certificates
24 for Failure to Answer.

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

26 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Randall.

27 **VICE CHAIRMAN RANDALL:** Mr. Chairman, having
28 received no response from the companies to the ORS
29 Motion for Default Judgment and Order Revoking
30 Certificates, I move that the Class E (Household
31 Goods) Certificates of DeHaven's Transfer and
32 Storage of Charlotte, Inc., Midlands Specialty

1 Services, Inc., and The Blu Line Group, Inc. doing
2 business as Movers & Groovers, be revoked. The
3 hearing in this Docket scheduled for July 12, 2018,
4 shall be canceled. So moved, Mr. Chair.

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

7 You've heard Commissioner Randall's motion in
8 Item 12. Is there any discussion?

9 [No response]

10 Hearing none, all those in favor of
11 Commissioner Randall's motion, please, say "aye" at
12 this time.

13 **COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

14 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed.

15 [No response]

16 Motion carries.

17 **DR. SPEARMAN:** In Item 13, Docket No. 2018-76-
18 T, the Office of Regulatory Staff is requesting a
19 Motion to Amend Ruling. This was a rule to show
20 cause. Some of the companies have now come into
21 compliance.

22 **COMMISSIONER HOWARD:** Mr. Chairman.

23 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Howard.

24 **COMMISSIONER HOWARD:** I move we grant ORS's
25 Motion to Amend Ruling and revoke the Certificates
26 of carriers listed in the Updated Revised Exhibit
27 A. So moved, Mr. Chairman.

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

30 You've heard Commissioner Howard's motion. Is
31 there any discussion?

32 [No response]

1 If not, all those in favor, please, say "aye"?
2 **COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.
3 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Any opposed.
4 [No response]
5 Motion carries.
6 Dr. Spearman.
7 **DR. SPEARMAN:** Mr. Chairman and Commissioners,
8 this completes the business agenda for today. I
9 will call your attention to the fact that we have a
10 hearing following this meeting.
11 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Yes, sir, we do have a
12 hearing following this meeting, and we are going to
13 break. But before we break, I want to take this
14 opportunity to very regretfully say goodbye to two
15 of our Commissioners here on the bench today:
16 Commissioner Fleming and Commissioner Bockman.
17 Both of you, when I think of each of you, I
18 think of the word "dignified." It certainly fits
19 both of you. And we all know, going into this
20 position, that there is a certain amount of, for
21 lack of a better word, thick skin that we have to
22 have, operating in accordance with the laws that we
23 do, and as a judicial body we're in a position
24 where we can't respond and can't often really say
25 maybe what we'd like to say or even what we're
26 thinking. We really can't talk to anybody except
27 our staff. And sometimes we have to have that
28 thick skin and take some of the unfair things that
29 are often said.
30 And, Commissioner Bockman, you came to us at a
31 very difficult time, and we certainly were
32 fortunate to have you for these eight months, and

1 we've certainly been blessed to work with you. And
2 when I think of your public service to this
3 Commission, each of you have public service other
4 than this Commission. Commissioner Bockman, you
5 had public service way back on the Commission, way
6 back in the day, way back as general counsel. And
7 you've also served your State – served the State of
8 South Carolina as a law school professor at the
9 University of South Carolina for many, many years,
10 and we wish you well as you go back into that
11 position.

12 Commissioner Fleming, you've also – when I
13 think of you, I think of the word “dignified” as
14 well, and you've also served your State on the
15 Spartanburg City Council, and many, many other
16 causes. But you have carried yourself with grace
17 and dignity, and been very classy and dignified in
18 what you've done here. You come prepared, you ask
19 very detailed questions, very probing questions,
20 you take it seriously.

21 And I would say to each of you, it's just been
22 an absolute privilege and a pleasure to serve with
23 both of you: Commissioner Bockman, you for the last
24 eight months; Commissioner Fleming, my entire time
25 here has been with you. And I would say to each of
26 you – I don't know if my fellow Commissioners have
27 anything they would like to add, and they certainly
28 will have the chance, but I would say to each of
29 you that both of you have carried out the mission
30 of the State of South Carolina, the mission of the
31 Public Service Commission, which is to serve the
32 public of South Carolina by providing open and

1 effective regulation and adjudication of the
2 State's public utilities through consistent
3 administration of the law and the regulatory
4 process. You have both done that to the fullest
5 extent. And we're certainly going to miss you and
6 we're certainly proud of each of you, and wish you
7 the best in your future endeavors.

8 I do have a little something else to give to
9 each of you, but before I do, Vice Chairman
10 Randall, if you'd like to say something, or any of
11 my other fellow Commissioners, the mic is certainly
12 open.

13 **VICE CHAIRMAN RANDALL:** Well, I certainly said
14 – I think we got to say most of what we ought to
15 say at lunch a few minutes ago. So we certainly
16 appreciate your all's service and we're going to
17 miss both of you. So I wish you well in your next
18 endeavors and your next adventure in life.

19 **COMMISSIONER HAMILTON:** Mr. Chairman, I concur
20 with your remarks and also of Commissioner Randall.
21 At luncheon, we did have opportunity to express
22 ourselves, and this is going to be kind of a tough
23 thing to see Lib leave. We've been almost close
24 together door-to-door for 14 years and three years
25 in the basement at the Statehouse. So we've been
26 around for a long time, and it's all been good,
27 it's been my honor, it's been my pleasure. And I
28 hope you'll keep coming back to see us. We'll give
29 you a special key to the lock, if Jocelyn will let
30 us.

31 [Laughter]

32 But we respect you, we love you, and we thank

1 you.

2 And, Mr. Bockman, as I said earlier,
3 Commissioner, when you came on, it was a time that
4 we had lost a Commissioner that we highly
5 respected, and we were surprised when your name
6 came up and you were the one selected, because we
7 knew of your – we had worked with you as
8 Commissioners, on the other side. We also knew of
9 your past experience on the Commission, helping to
10 put in place a lot of the things that we still
11 follow today. They were strong and they were good,
12 and they're like you: They stood the test of time.
13 And you've done that. We appreciate it, we
14 appreciate what you've brought to this Commission.
15 We wish you could stay with us, but it's not going
16 to be that way, and we wish you well back at the
17 law school and we're sure you will send many more
18 people that are qualified to sit on this Commission
19 and well-qualified to be on the other side. Thank
20 both of you.

21 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Howard?

22 **COMMISSIONER HOWARD:** I'd like to echo the
23 thoughts of my fellow Commissioners. Lib, as
24 O'Neal said, we've been together for 14-plus, and
25 I'll miss you.

26 And, Bob, you've been an inspiration in
27 professional guidance, and I appreciate your
28 mentorship towards me. Thank you, much.

29 **COMMISSIONER HAMILTON:** I believe y'all got
30 the old man crying down here.

31 [Laughter]

32 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Commissioner Elam.

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COMMISSIONER ELAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I want – I also had the opportunity at lunch, and it will be a sad day to see both of you go from the Commission. I was reminding Bob at lunch that we were doing this out here 30 years ago, so we go back a long way and I've always respected him and his intellect and his judgment. And the same is true since I've been on the Commission and came to know Lib. The Commission is better for having you both here, and I wish you all the best going forward.

VICE CHAIRMAN RANDALL: And since we've said all these glowing things and everything, too, I did want to remind you we do have one more meeting that y'all are supposed to come to, so –

[Laughter]

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: I think you'll see them.
[Indicating.]

COMMISSIONER FLEMING: Do I want to say something?

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER FLEMING: Well, it's been quite a ride these 14 years. Really, it's – I think it's just the best job anybody could have, sitting on the Commission, sitting up here, and just observing the people coming before us and the way cases are presented and what comes before us, and really getting to know everyone and what professionals this group of people is. And the staff that works at the Commission are just top-notch. I have appreciated the work they do and have enjoyed working with them.

1 And my work on the national level has been
2 something that has – the opportunities of serving
3 on this Commission that allowed me to work on the
4 national level, in so many areas, with NARUC and
5 with the National Council on Electricity Policy,
6 and other groups. Getting involved in cyber-issues
7 and meeting all the heads of Homeland Security at
8 the time I was Chair of Critical Infrastructure.
9 Just incredible opportunities. And it just makes
10 me so proud to be a part of utility regulation.
11 It's a very noble thing to be a part of, and it's a
12 very important job to have.

13 And I also have to say I've just – I really
14 have enjoyed working with my fellow Commissioners.
15 I'm kind of sad that I'm going to leave and there
16 are going to be seven men up here. We need – too
17 bad that we first lost Nikki and now I'll be
18 leaving. So some of you women out there are going
19 to have to keep them straight, okay?

20 [Laughter]

21 But, really, they're a great group of people.
22 And I will have to say, when we came on the
23 Commission – I do want to say this – when we came
24 on the Commission, under Act 175, we were given the
25 charge and under very strict regulations given the
26 charge of really bringing a lot of credibility to
27 this group, and we've worked hard to do that. And
28 I can speak for myself, and I will say that I have
29 never seen any other Commissioner who didn't follow
30 Act 175 to the limit, and I'm just very proud and
31 honored to be a part of such a group of people with
32 the integrity that they have and their love of this

1 work, just as much as I have had.

2 As I said earlier, 14 years, you have a lot of
3 major life experiences with that, too, so I have
4 appreciated the support that I have gotten both in-
5 house and for those in the utility community who
6 sit out there, as well. So thank you all, very
7 much, for this experience. It has been the
8 experience of a lifetime, and I'll miss seeing all
9 of you. But I'm going to be back on occasion, so I
10 look forward to seeing you at that time. Thank
11 you.

12 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you, Commissioner
13 Fleming.

14 Commissioner Bockman.

15 **COMMISSIONER BOCKMAN:** Mr. Chairman, thank
16 you, so much, for your kind sentiments, and Butch,
17 O'Neal, Randy, Lib, and Elliott.

18 The word "honor" is one so frequently used,
19 but here what you have demonstrated to me in the
20 eight months I've been here is a true sense and a
21 true value of what the word "honor" means. You
22 have each served this State in the interest of the
23 public, in a way that has demonstrated your
24 prudence, your steadfast devotion to the law, and
25 your courage in making the decisions that you have.
26 And those are lessons that inspire, certainly, me,
27 to observe you all in my capacity; it has been, for
28 me, an honor to serve with you, and to be a part of
29 everyone here at this Commission. The people here
30 in this audience, I think, recognize what this
31 Commission does. Most of you, I hope, recognize
32 the value of the members of the Commission Staff

1 and how they support us in the responsibilities
2 that we have.

3 The eight months that I've spent with you will
4 remain with me, and some of the most pleasant
5 memories of my professional career, and I'm
6 grateful for it. And I certainly wish you all a
7 continuation of the fulfillment of your
8 responsibilities, as you have done in the past,
9 because you have proved yourselves worthy of the
10 trust that members of the General Assembly and the
11 people of South Carolina have placed in you, and
12 I'm proud to have been a part of this and to have
13 been associated with you, and I thank you for it.

14 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

15 **CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD:** Thank you, Commissioner
16 Bockman. And thanks to both of you for those kind
17 words, and just so well-put, and I would certainly
18 add just what Commissioner Fleming said. The two
19 of you have certainly added to the credibility of
20 this institution and of this Commission, and we
21 certainly appreciate both of you. As Commissioner
22 Hamilton said, we love you and we're going to miss
23 you.

24 And if you'll allow me, at this time I have a
25 plaque for each of you, and I'm going to give
26 Commissioner Fleming hers first. It says, "To
27 Commissioner Lib Fleming in recognition and
28 appreciation for your outstanding and dedicated
29 service – Public Service Commission of South
30 Carolina – 2004–2018." [Indicating.]

31 **COMMISSIONER FLEMING:** [Indicating.] Thank
32 you.

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CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: And Commissioner Bob Bockman, same thing, “In recognition and appreciation for your outstanding and dedicated service – Public Service Commission of South Carolina – 2017–2018.” Thank you, Commissioner [indicating].

COMMISSIONER BOCKMAN: [Indicating.] Thank you, so much.

CHAIRMAN WHITFIELD: And with that, this meeting is adjourned, and I would remind the Commissioners we do have a transportation hearing just shortly.

[WHEREUPON, at 2:48 p.m., the proceedings in the above-entitled matter were adjourned.]



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