

# PSC News

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## Commissioner Randall Appointed to Co-Vice Chair of NARUC Committee on Water



In January, Vice Chairman H. “Randy” Randall was appointed as a Co-Vice Chairman of the National Association

of Regulatory Utility Commissioners’ (NARUC) Committee on Water. The Committee on Water aims to increase awareness and understanding about the issues surrounding uses and reuses of water and wastewater. Through policy resolutions, panel discussions, and

participation in high-level events, the Committee works closely with several agency and stakeholder groups, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Association of Water Companies, and the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators. Commissioner Randall is sharing the Vice Chairmanship with Missouri Commissioner Daniel Y. Hall. Mary-Anna Holden of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is the Chairman.

In addition to Commissioner Randall’s service on the Committee on Water, he actively serves on the NARUC Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal, and previously served on the Committee on Gas. Commissioner Randall is also an active member of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC). Commissioner Randall assumed his Commissionership with the Public Service Commission on July 1, 2013.

## Public Night Hearing

*The Commission recently held a public night hearing in Kiawah Island, South Carolina. Night hearings give the Commission a chance to hear public testimony from individuals who are unable to attend a hearing in Columbia.*

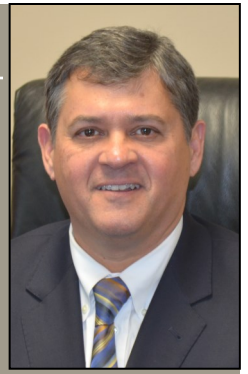


PSC Attorney, David Stark, opens the proceeding in Docket Number 2016-222-WS during the public night hearing held in Kiawah Island, SC.



A public witness delivers her testimony during the hearing.

# Reflections of Chairman Swain E. Whitfield



As we approach the latter half of 2017, fortunately our State has not experienced any more massive scale weather events. Thanks to the tireless efforts of many great people, most of our State has recovered well from the events that occurred last year. Several large cases have come before the Commission so far this year, with many to come in the remainder of the year.

The Commission recently held an Allowable Ex Parte briefing concerning the disposal of low level nuclear waste; and another one concerning the challenges to solar Qualifying Facility development in South Carolina. One of the most impactful matters currently before the Commission concerns the construction of the two new nuclear units at V.C. Summer in Jenkinsville. The Commission held an additional Allowable Ex Parte briefing in which SCE&G briefed the Commission and members of the public about the status of the nuclear project.

The remainder of 2017 will likely see the Commission adjudicate some of the most impactful issues to South Carolinians in decades. As Chairman, I ask for your continued prayers for our Great State, and as Commissioners and Staff, we remain committed and dedicated to our mission statement: “To Serve the State of South Carolina by Providing Open and Effective Regulation and Adjudication of The State’s Public Utilities, Through Consistent Administration of the Law and Regulatory Process.”

## PSC Launches DMS E-Service Enhancement Project

*In April, the Commission began the planning and implementation process of enhancing its Docket Management System’s e-service process. The project is a collaborative effort between the PSC’s project team and a focus group of designated Advisory Committee Members.*

An ongoing goal of the Commission is to improve its operations through technological advances. In order to meet this goal, the PSC recently launched a Docket Management System (DMS) E-Service Enhancement Project. The purpose of the project is to redesign the Commission’s E-Service system so that all documents filed on the DMS E-File System will be automatically served to designated Parties of Record in a docket.

The project is a collaborative effort between the PSC’s newly hired Project Manager, Patricia Stephens, PSC Staff, and a focus group of the Commission’s Advisory Committee members. PSC staff and focus group members serve as sub-

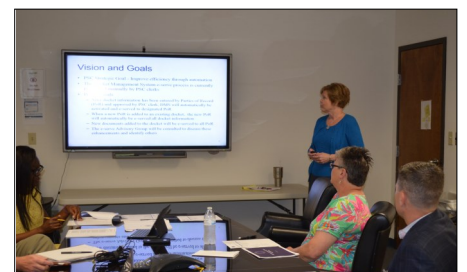
ject matter experts to the project. Their role is to participate in review sessions to identify process improvements, approve training materials, develop test scripts, participate in system testing, and participate in end user training. Feedback from these key stakeholders is critical to the success of the project. The PSC also held meetings with the US District Court and SC Judicial Department to learn more about their filing and service systems.

The project is to be completed in four phases. Phase I began in May, and focuses on priority enhancements to the DMS. Priority enhancements were identified by key stakeholders, and include increasing the number of PDF attach-

ments users are allowed to file at one time in the E-File System and adding a watermark along the margin of E-Filed documents, to name a few. Phase I is to be completed by June 30, 2017.



Focus group members discuss the project.



Patricia Stephens introduces the project.

# Allowable Ex Parte Briefings & Special Presentation

Since January, the Commission has held several Allowable Ex Parte Briefings and a Special Presentation at the request of parties. These briefings and presentation covered topics and issues pertinent to current matters being placed before the PSC.

Presenter/Requestor	Topic	Date
South Carolina Electric & Gas Company	ND 2017-12-E: New Nuclear Units at V.C. Summer Nuclear Station and Status of the Contractor, Westinghouse	April 12, 2017
EnergySolutions, LLC	ND 2017-11-E: NARUC Discussions About Use of Utility Decommissioning Trust Funds for Early Disposal of	April 13, 2017
Southern Current, LLC; Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC; Adger Solar, LLC; and SC Solar Development, LLC	ND 2017-13-E: Challenges of Solar QF Development in South Carolina	May 17, 2017
Office of Regulatory Staff Energy Office & Charlie Terreni, Esquire	Special Presentation on the State Energy Plan	May 17, 2017



(Left) Jeff Nelson, ORS General Counsel, discusses procedures prior to the SCE&G Briefing on April 12, 2017.



(Right) The ORS Energy Office and Charlie Terreni present on the State Energy Plan on May 17, 2017.

## Home Cooling

6%

The percentage of the average household's energy use that goes to space cooling.



2/3 of all U.S. homes have air conditioners.

\$29B

The amount it costs homeowners every year to power their air conditioners.

Source: Energy.gov

## PSC Releases Training Modules

In January, the Commission released Training Modules for its DMS EFile System and eTariff System. The training videos teach users how to effectively use the system through narration and simulations that illustrate how to execute certain functions of the EFile and eTariff Systems. The new modules are an expansion to the DMS modules released in June of 2016. The videos are an important and useful resource for new and current users of the system. The modules were made in partnership with SCETV, and are available on the Commission's homepage, DMS homepage, and eTariff homepage.

South Carolina Public Service Commission's  
**eTariff System Training**

**General User Functions**

**Subscribed User Functions**

Go to PSC Homepage

Go to eTariff Homepage

## PSC In the Community

In March, PSC Staff and Commissioners came together to help a local family in need. The Kelly family, of Lexington, was impacted by a deadly house fire. The surviving family was in urgent need of clothing, toiletries, and other items. The PSC stepped up to raise \$335 in order to purchase the items.



Items donated included clothing, shoes, shampoo, soap, tooth brushes and toothpaste, among other needed items.