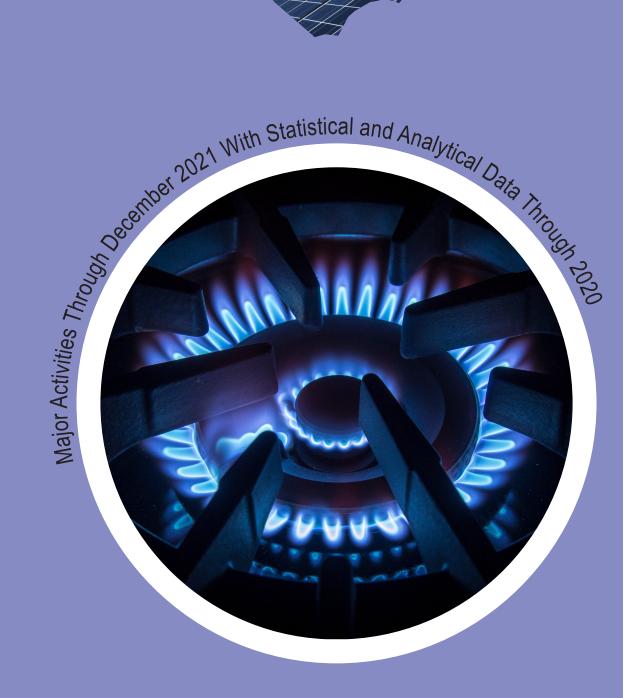
# North Carolina **Utilities Commission**







#### COMMISSIONERS

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#### LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

December 8, 2021

The Honorable Roy Cooper The Governor of North Carolina Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Governor Cooper:

We hereby present for your consideration the 2021 Report of the North Carolina Utilities Commission pursuant to Section 17 of the Public Utilities Act of 1963 as amended in 1977 (G.S. 62-17). The report covers the major activities of the Commission through December 2020 with statistical and analytical data for the operations of the utilities through 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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I. ORGANIZATION AND HISTORY

#### A. COMMISSION STAFF AND ORGANIZATION CHART

There were seven Commissioners and 62 Commission Staff positions as of December 14, 2020. Commissioners are appointed by the Governor subject to the confirmation by the General Assembly by joint resolution.

### NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION COMMISSION STAFF

Commissioners and Division Personnel as of December 14, 2020

### Commissioners Charlotte A. Mitchell, Chair

ToNola D. Brown-Bland Commissioner

Kimberly W. Duffley Commissioner

Lyons Gray Commissioner

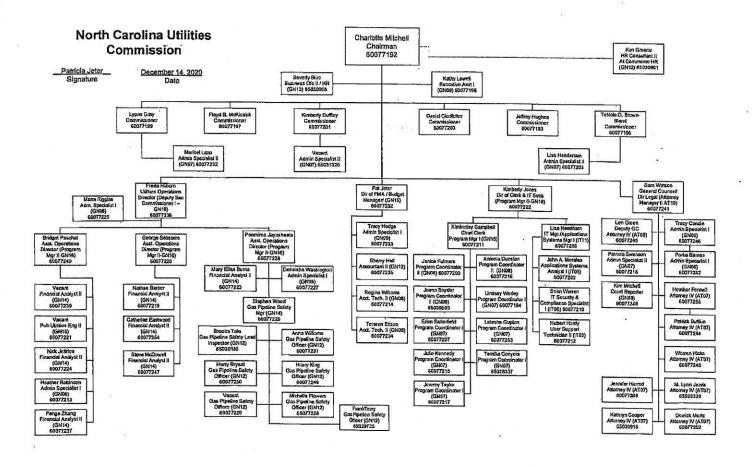
Jeffrey Hughes Commissioner

Daniel Clodfelter Commissioner

Floyd B. McKissick, Jr. Commissioner

### **Chief Clerk and Division Directors**

Chief Clerk	· · · · · · · Kimberley Campbell
Clerk's Office and IT Services	····· Kimberly Iones
Fiscal Management Division	· · · · · Patricia leter
Legal and Administration Division	Sam Watson
Operations Division	· · · · · Freda Hilburn



### FIGURE NO. 1-1A LEADERSHIP OF STATE REGULATORY ACTIVITIES 1891-1933

1.	James W. Wilson (1891-1896)**	Railroad Commission of N. C.
2.	Thomas W. Mason (1891-1894)	Railroad Commission of N. C.
3.*	E. C. Beddingfield (1891-1896)	Railroad Commission of N. C.
4.	S. Otho Wilson (1895-1896)	Railroad Commission of N. C.
5.	L. C. Caldwell (1897-1898)**	Railroad Commission of N. C.
6.	Jonathan H. Pearson (1897-1898)	Railroad Commission of N. C.
7.	D. H. Abbott (1897-1903)	Railroad Commission of N. C.
8.	Franklin McNeill (1899-1911)**	N. C. Corporation Commission
9.	Sam L. Rogers (1899-1910)	N. C. Corporation Commission
*	E. C. Beddingfield (1904-1908)	N. C. Corporation Commission
10.	Henry C. Brown (1910-1910)	N. C. Corporation Commission
11.	William T. Lee (1911-1932)**	N. C. Corporation Commission
12.	Edward L. Travis (1911-1916)**	N. C. Corporation Commission
13.	George P. Pell (1912-1932)	N. C. Corporation Commission
14.	A. J. Maxwell (1917-1928)	N. C. Corporation Commission
<b>15</b> .	Stanley Winborne (1929-1932)**	N. C. Corporation Commission
	(Mr. Winborne became Chairman of the N. C.	. Utilities Commission in 1933)

Note: The Utilities Commission was known as the Railroad Commission of North Carolina from 1891-1898, the North Carolina Corporation Commission from 1899-1932, becoming the North Carolina Utilities Commission in 1933. See Section E (Historical Sketch of Development) for additional information.

- \* Served at two separate times
- \*\* Served part of Commissionership as Chairman

#### FIGURE NO. 1-1B

# NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION COMMISSIONERS LISTED IN ORDER OF APPOINTMENT APPROXIMATE YEARS OF SERVICE GIVEN IN PARENTHESES (PLEASE SEE NOTE)

- \* 1. Stanley Winborne (1933-1958)\*\*
- \* 2. F. L. Seely (1933-1940)
- \* 3. Frank W. Hanft (1933-1940)
- \* 4. Fred C. Hunter (1941-1955)
- \* 5. Robert Grady Johnson (1941-1948)
- \* 6. Joshua S. James (1949-1953)
- \* 7. Edward R. McMahan (1949-1958)
- \* 8. Harry T. Westcott (1949-1972)\*\*
- \* 9. Sam O. Worthington (1952-1966)
- \* 10. Ralph Moody (1955-1957)
- \* 11. R. Lee Whitmire (1957-1958)

- \* 12. Clarence H. Noah (1958-1966)
- \* 13. Richard G. Long (1958-1960)
- \* 14. Thomas R. Eller, Jr. (1958-1968)
- \* 15. R. Brookes Peters (1960-1966)
- \* 16. John Worth McDevitt (1966-1973)
- \* 17. M. Alexander Biggs, Jr. (1967-1969)
- \* 18. Clawson L. Williams, Jr. (1967-1970)
- \* 19. Marvin R. Wooten (1968-1976)\*\*
- \* 20. Miles H. Rhyne (1970-1973)
- \* 21. Hugh A. Wells (1970-1974)
- \* 22. Ben E. Roney (1973-1979)
- \* 23. Tenney I. Deane, Jr. (1973-1977)\*\*
  - 24. George T. Clark, Jr. (1974-1976)
- 25. J. Ward Purrington (1975-1977)
- \* 26. W. Lester Teal, Jr. (1975-1977)
  - 27. Barbara A. Simpson (1975-1977)
- \* 28. W. Scott Harvey (1976-1977)
  - 29. Dr. Robert K. Koger (1977-1988)\*\*
  - 30. Dr. Leigh H. Hammond (1977-1984)
- \* 31. Sarah Lindsay Tate (1977-1993)
  - 32. Dr. Robert Fischbach (1977-1979)
- \* 33. John W. Winters (1977-1983)
- \* 34. Edward B. Hipp (1977-1989)
- \* 35. A. Hartwell Campbell (1979-1986)
  - 36. Douglas P. Leary (1980-1984)
- \* 37. Ruth E. Cook (1983-1991)
- \* 38. Charles E. Branford (1984-1985)
- \* 39. Hugh A. Crigler (1984-1985)
  - 40. Julius A. Wright (1985-1993)
  - 41. Robert O. Wells (1985-1993)\*\*
- \* 42. William W. Redman, Jr. (1987-1995)\*\*
  - 43. Charles H. Hughes (1989-1997)
  - 44. Laurence A. Cobb (1989-1997)
  - 45. Allyson K. Duncan (1991-1998)
  - 46. Judy F. Hunt (1993-2001)
  - 47. Ralph A. Hunt (1993-2001)\*\*
  - 48. Dr. John E. Thomas (1993-1994)\*\*
- \* 49. Hugh A. Wells (1994-1996)\*\*
- 50. Jo Anne Sanford (1995-2005)\*\*
- 51. William R. Pittman (1997-2001)
- 52. J. Richard Conder (1997-2005)
- 53. Robert V. Owens, Jr. (1997-2010)

# FIGURE NO. 1-1B CONTINUED NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION COMMISSIONERS LISTED IN ORDER OF APPOINTMENT APPROXIMATE YEARS OF SERVICE GIVEN IN PARENTHESES (PLEASE SEE NOTE)

- 54. Dr. Robert K. Koger (1999-1999)
- 55. Sam J. Ervin, IV (1999-2009)\*\*
- 56. Lorinzo L. Joyner (2001-2011)\*\*
- 57. James Y. Kerr, II (2001-2008)\*\*
- 58. Michael (Mike) S. Wilkins (2002-2005)
- 59. Howard N. Lee (2005-2009)
- 60. Dr. Robert K. Koger (2005-2005)
- 61. William T. Culpepper, III (2006-2013)
- 62. Edward S. Finley, Jr. (2007-2019)\*\*
- 63. Bryan E. Beatty (2009-2017)
- 64. Susan Warren Rabon (2009-2015)
- 65. ToNola D. Brown-Bland (2009- )
- 66. Lucy T. Allen (2010-2013)
- 67. Don M. Bailey (2013-2017)
- 68. Jerry C. Dockham (2013-2019)
- 69. James G. Patterson (2013-2019)
- 70. Lyons Gray (2016- )
- 71. Daniel Clodfelter (2017- )
- 72. Charlotte Mitchell (2018- )\*\*
- 73. Kimberly Duffley (2019-)
- 74. Jeffrey Hughes (2019- )
- 75. Floyd B. McKissick, Jr. (2019-)

#### \* Deceased

\*\* Served part of Commissionership as Chairman

NOTE: Appointments for Utilities Commissioners have never been on a calendar year basis; therefore, the years of service given in parentheses represent the (a) year in which the Commissioner was appointed, and (b) the year in which service ended.

### B. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF EACH COMMISSIONER

#### CHARLOTTE A. MITCHELL, CHAIR:

Chair Charlotte Mitchell was appointed to the North Carolina Utilities Commission by Governor Roy Cooper for a term that commenced on July 1, 2017 and ends on June 30, 2023. Born and raised in Houston, Texas, Mitchell moved to North Carolina to study at UNC-Chapel Hill as a Morehead Scholar. She earned a B.A. in Anthropology and Romance Languages at UNC-Chapel Hill, where she also lettered in Women's Soccer. She earned a Juris Doctor from UNC-Chapel Hill, serving as Publication Editor for the North Carolina Law Review, as well as a Master of Environmental Economics and Policy from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment.

Prior to joining the Commission, Mitchell engaged in the private practice of law, focusing on energy, environmental and land use regulatory matters. She is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association and she is a former member of both the NC Mining and Energy Commission and NC Sedimentation and Control Commission. She is active in civic and community affairs, having recently served on the Board of Directors of the Women's Center of Wake County and as a Wake County Guardian ad Litem. She resides in Raleigh, North Carolina.

### TONOLA D. BROWN-BLAND, COMMISSIONER:

Commissioner Brown-Bland was appointed to the North Carolina Utilities Commission by Governor Beverly Eaves Perdue in 2009. She is the Co-Chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Washington Action Committee, a member of both NARUC's Critical Infrastructure Committee and Gas

Committee. In addition, she also currently serves on the Board of Directors of the National Regulatory Research Institute and the Advisory Council for the Center for Public Utilities at New Mexico State University. She is Past President of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received her Juris Doctorate from Duke University School of Law.

Brown-Bland began her professional career as federal Law Clerk to the Honorable Alexander B. Denson, United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and thereafter entered private practice in Greensboro, NC. After several years engaging in general civil practice, she became in-house attorney for AT&T Corp. (subsequently Lucent Technologies), where she was promoted to Senior Attorney and primarily supported the company's federal contracting and related commercial technology licensing business lines in Greensboro.

She joined the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State in 2001, serving as Director of the Business License Information Office and of the Charitable Solicitations Licensing Section. Brown-Bland's experience in utility regulation began in 2002, when she accepted a position with the North Carolina Utilities Commission as an attorney in the Administrative Division. From 2005 until her appointment to the Commission, she served as Associate General Counsel with the City of Greensboro.

Commissioner Brown-Bland has a history of community and civic service, having served on several boards including the Greensboro Bar Association, the Alamance County Historical Museum, and Western Piedmont Residential Services, a

non-profit organization that provided residential service to autistic adults. She also presently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of her church. She and her husband, André, reside in her native Alamance County.

#### LYONS GRAY, COMMISSIONER:

Commissioner Lyons Gray was appointed to the North Carolina Utilities Commission by Governor Pat McCrory for a term that commenced on January 26, 2016 and expires on June 30, 2021.

Lyons Gray, a businessman from Winston-Salem, was sworn in as Secretary of Revenue on January 5, 2013 by Governor Pat McCrory. Prior to this appointment, he spent a year as the Senior Advisor to the President of the University of North Carolina system, which comprises 17 campuses across North Carolina.

From 2005-2009, Gray served as the Chief Financial Officer of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Nominated by President George W. Bush, and confirmed unanimously by the US Senate, he served as the principal agency representative to Congress, the Office of Management and Budget, and to the various states. His experience in Washington gave him an insider's look at the way in which Washington works (or doesn't work). Prior to his service in the Bush administration, he served as the President and CEO of the Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership. He initiated a number of projects that have revitalized the downtown core.

From 1989 to 2002, Gray served six consecutive terms in the NC General Assembly, serving as Chairman of the House Finance Committee from 1995 to 1999. He was also Vice Chairman of the House Ethics Committee. Gray was President and Owner of Salem Systems, Inc. and Triangle Campers, Inc. both of Winston-Salem, and served as

Vice President of Intercontinental Consultants Corporation. Gray spent approximately 12 years working in Sales and Marketing for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

He currently serves on the board of the Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation, Inc., has previously served on the boards of UNC-Chapel Hill's General Alumni Association, Salem Academy and College, the UNC School of the Arts Foundation, and the Piedmont Triad Partnership. Gray has also served on the boards of visitors of the Winston-Salem State University Foundation and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University. Gray has held leadership roles in multiple civic and philanthropic organizations, including AIDS Care Service of Winston-Salem, the North Carolina Nature Conservancy, Leadership Winston-Salem, the American Red Cross, and the Salvation Army Boys Club.

He and his wife, Connie, live in Winston-Salem.

#### DANIEL CLODFELTER, COMMISSIONER:

Commissioner Clodfelter was appointed to the North Carolina Utilities Commission by Governor Roy Cooper for a term that commenced on July 1, 2017 and ends on June 30, 2023.

A native of Thomasville, NC, Clodfelter earned bachelor's degrees from Davidson College and Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, and a law degree from Yale Law School. He served as law clerk for Judge James B. McMillan, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of North Carolina from 1977-78.

Before joining the Commission, Clodfelter was in private practice with the law firm of Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein, LLP in its Charlotte office, where he was a member of its Bankruptcy, Reorganization and Creditors' Rights practice group. Prior to joining Parker Poe in 2014, he had been in private practice for many years with Moore & Van Allen, PLLC.

In 1987, Clodfelter was elected to the Charlotte City Council where he served three terms ending in 1993. In 1998, he was elected to the North Carolina Senate where he served until 2014, representing a portion of Mecklenburg County. During his service in the North Carolina Senate, he held numerous positions, including co-chair of the Committee on Finance, chairman of the Judiciary One Committee, chairman of the Environmental Review Commission, co-chairman of the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Committee, and co-chairman of the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee.

In April 2014, the Charlotte City Council appointed Clodfelter to serve as Mayor of Charlotte to complete the unexpired term of a former mayor. He served in that position until December 2015. Clodfelter has also been active over the years as an officer and board member of numerous local and statewide community and civic organizations. He has served as a Trustee of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation since 1982.

Clodfelter and his wife Elizabeth currently reside in Charlotte. They have two adult children.

#### KIMBERLY W. DUFFLEY, COMMISSIONER:

Commissioner Kimberly W. Duffley was appointed to the North Carolina Utilities Commission by Governor Roy Cooper for a term commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2025.

A native of North Carolina, Commissioner Duffley received a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She earned a Juris Doctor from Mercer School of Law.

Prior joining the Utilities Commission as Staff Attorney, Commissioner Duffley was an Assistant Attorney General in the Environmental Division of the North Carolina Attorney General's Office. Until her appointment as a Commissioner, Ms. Duffley was a Senior Staff Attorney with the Utilities Commission and held a leadership position on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' Staff Subcommittee on Electricity. She is a Board Certified Specialist in Utilities Law.

Commissioner Duffley's interests include art, travel and reading. She and her husband live in Raleigh and have two children.

#### JEFFREY A. HUGHES, COMMISSIONER:

Commissioner Jeffrey A. Hughes was appointed to the Utilities Commission by Governor Cooper for a term commencing July 1, 2019 and expiring June 20, 2025. Commissioner Hughes joins the Commission after having been with the UNC School of Government since 2002. He has more than 25 years of experience assisting communities in addressing finance and policy challenges related to the provision of environmental services and programs.

Hughes is the author of numerous reports, guides, and articles on environmental finance and environmental policy analysis subjects. He has worked with a range of state and national organizations that focus on utility and environmental issues. He is an active member of Council of Infrastructure Finance Authorities (CIFA) and the American Water Works Association (AWWA). Hughes was the director of the Environmental Finance Center at the School of Government.

His research and teaching interests include service pricing, economic regulation, and public finance. He was named Albert and

Gladys Hall Coates Distinguished Term Lecturer for 2012 - 2014. Prior to joining the university, Hughes worked as a finance specialist for RTI International where he managed utility finance and governance projects throughout Central Europe and Africa including a yearlong position as an infrastructure finance advisor to the Polish government. Hughes also worked briefly as a utility director for a small rural community in North Carolina. He earned a master's degree in environmental engineering from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a bachelor's degree in engineering from Duke University.

#### FLOYD B. MCKISSICK, JR., COMMISSIONER:

Floyd Bixler McKissick, Jr. was appointed to the North Carolina Utilities Commission by Governor Roy Cooper for a term commencing July 1, 2019, and expiring June 30, 2025. Commissioner McKissick was an attorney at the time of his appointment to the Utilities Commission. He had served as a member of the North Carolina Senate since 2007, where he served as the Senior Deputy Democratic Leader.

Commissioner McKissick is the son of the late civil rights activist and attorney, Floyd B. McKissick. He received an A.B. Degree in Geography from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts. He received a Master's degree in Regional Planning from UNC-Chapel Hill, a Master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University and a Juris Doctor Degree from the Duke University School of Law in Durham, North Carolina, Commissioner McKissick has practiced law since 1983 with a number of law firms, including Dickstein Shapiro in Washington, D.C., and Faison, Brown & Brough in Durham, North Carolina. He has practiced with McKissick & McKissick since 1990.

During the course of his career, Commissioner McKissick has represented Fortune 500 corporations, as well as small businesses and numerous individuals.

### C. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PUBLIC STAFF

#### **CHRISTOPHER J. AYERS**

Christopher J. Ayers was appointed by Governor Pat McCrory as Executive Director of the North Carolina Utilities Commission Public Staff on July 1, 2013 and was reappointed by Governor Roy Cooper on July 1, 2019.

Mr. Ayers is a native of Rutherford County, North Carolina. He graduated magna cum laude from Duke University in 1999 and received his Juris Doctor with Honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2002. Mr. Ayers served as a law clerk to the Honorable Linda McGee with the North Carolina Court of Appeals from August 2002 to August 2003. From August 2003 to June 2009, he practiced law in Raleigh, North Carolina with the law firm of Hunton & Williams LLP. Mr. Ayers joined the law firm of Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh as a partner in June 2009 where he practiced law until July 2013. His primary areas of practice were utilities regulation, environmental, zoning and land use and administrative law. He served a two-year term on the Environmental Management Commission from July 2011 through June 2013.

Mr. Ayers currently serves on the Executive Committee for the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, the Advisory Committee for the Critical Consumer Issues Forum, the Consumer Advocates for the PJM States Board of Directors, and the DOE Electricity Advisory Committee.

Mr. Ayers is active in church, community and civic affairs and currently

serves on the Board of Directors of the State Employees Credit Union. Mr. Ayers has served previously as President of the North Carolina 4-H Alumni and Friends Association, President and Chairman of the Board of the North Carolina 4-H Honor Club, board member of the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund, Inc. and President of Global Hope India, Inc. He received Triangle Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Leadership Award in 2012 and the 4-H Young Alumni Award in 2005. Mr. Ayers is married to Rebecca Keel Ayers and they reside in Wake County.

#### D. PUBLIC STAFF AND ORGANIZATION CHART

As of December 31, 2020, there were 81 funded positions, including the Executive Director, comprising the Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

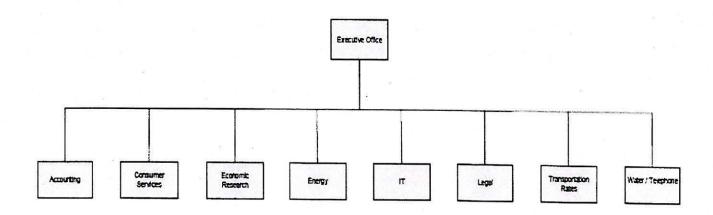
### PUBLIC STAFF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### December 31, 2020

Executive Director Christopher J. Ayers

Accounting Division	Mike I	Maness
Consumer Services Division .		ebnam
Economic Research Division .	John R.	Hinton
Electric Division		awhorn
IT Division	Lisa Ne	edham
Transportation Division	Krishna	Rajeev
Water & Telephone Division .	Da	vid Furr

### FIGURE NO. 1-2 PUBLIC STAFF - ORGANIZATION CHART



#### E. HISTORICAL SKETCH OF DEVELOPMENT

The present North Carolina Utilities Commission evolved from the Railroad Commission, which was created in 1891 by the General Assembly and was given authority to determine charges made for services rendered by railroads, steamboat, canal companies, and express and telegraph companies.

The major changes occurring in the North Carolina regulatory field since 1891 are in chronological order in all copies of this publication prior to the 1998 volume which began with major changes since 1979. This volume will begin with major changes from 2000 through 2016.

### 2000-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

House Bill 1493 (Session Law 2000-161). An Act to Provide Consumers With Control Over Telephone Solicitation Calls to Their Homes. Ratified July 10, 2000. Approved August 2, 2000.

### 2001-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

House Bill 232 (Session Law 2001-427).

Section 1.(a). The percentage rate to be used in calculating the public utility regulatory fee under G.S. 62-62-302(b)(2) is one-tenth percent (0.1%) for each public utility's North Carolina jurisdictional revenues earned during each quarter that begins on or after July 1, 2001.

Section 2.(b). The electric membership corporation regulatory fee imposed under G.S. 62-302(b1) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year is two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).

Section 2.(c). This section becomes effective July 1, 2001. Ratified September 20, 2001.

#### 2002-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

Senate Bill 641 (Session Law 2002-14). An Act Authorizing the North Carolina Utilities Commission to Adopt Rules to Expand the Definition of Universal Service to Include Statewide Internet Access and Other Technological Telecommunications Advances. Ratified July 8, 2002. Effective July 15, 2002.

Senate Bill 1078 (Session Law 2002-4). An Act to Improve Air Quality in the State by Imposing Limits on the Emission of Certain Pollutants From Certain Facilities That Burn Coal to Generate Electricity and to Provide for Recovery by Electric Utilities of the Costs of Achieving Compliance With Those Limits. Ratified June 19, 2002. Effective June 20, 2002.

### 2003-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

House Bill 913 (Session Law 2003-99). An Act Authorizing the North Carolina Utilities Commission to Determine a Time in Which Final Rules Concerning the Designation of a Universal Service Provider for Telephone Service Shall Be Adopted. Ratified May 22, 2003. Effective May 31, 2003.

Senate Bill 814 (Session Law 2003-91). An Act to Clarify the Law Regarding Competitive and Deregulated Offerings of Telecommunications Services. Ratified May 19, 2003. Effective May 30, 2003.

Senate Bill 939 An Act to Extend the Surcharge for the Telecommunications Relay Service to Include Wireless

Communications. Ratified July 10, 2003; Effective January 1, 2004.

House Bill 397 Regulatory Fee for Utilities Commission. Section 32.1(a). The percentage rate to be used in calculating the public utility regulatory fee under G.S. 62-302(b)(2) is twelve hundredths of a percent (0.12%) for each public utility's North Carolina jurisdictional revenues earned during each quarter that begins on or after July 1, 2003. Ratified June 30, 2003. Effectively July 1, 2003.

### 2004-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

House Bill 1430 (Section 1.4. Part 2).

Section 2.1. The percentage rate to be used in calculating the public utility regulatory fee under G.S. 62-302(b)(2) is twelve hundredths of one percent (0.12%) for each public utility's North Carolina jurisdictional revenues earned during each quarter that begins on or after July 1, 2004. Effective July 1, 2004.

Section 2.2. The electric membership corporation regulation fee imposed under G.S. 62-302(b1) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year is two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).

### 2005-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

Senate Bill 494 An Act to Encourage Deployment of Competitive Broadband Service by Public Utilities. Ratified June 13, 2005. Effective June 21, 2005.

Senate Joint Resolution 426 A Joint Resolution Providing for the Confirmation of the Appointment of Howard N. Lee to the Utilities Commission. Ratified and effective on March 24, 2005.

House Bill 1163 An Act to Provide That Provisions in Motor Carrier Freight Transportation Contracts That Hold Harmless the Shipper for the Shipper's Negligence or Intentional Acts are Void. Ratified July 5, 2005. Effective October 1, 2005.

Senate Bill 622 An Act to Make Base Budget Appropriations for Current Operations of State Departments, Institutions, and Agencies, and for Other Purposes.

Section 40.2.(a). The percentage rate to be used in calculating the public utility regulatory fee under G.S. 62-302(b)(2) is twelve-hundredths of one percent (0.12%) for each public utility's North Carolina jurisdictional revenues earned during each quarter that begins on or after July 1, 2005. Ratified August 11, 2005. Effective July 1, 2005.

Section 40.2.(b). The electric membership corporation regulatory fee imposed under G.S. 62-302(b1) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year is two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).

Section 40.2.(c). This section was ratified August 11, 2005, and effective July 1, 2005.

### 2006-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

Senate Bill 1741 Section 29.3. Set the annual salaries, payable monthly, for the 2006-2007 fiscal year for the certain executive branch officials including the Chairman of the Utilities Commission and Members of the Utilities Commission.

Section 26.1.(a). The percentage rate to be used in calculating the public utility regulatory fee under G.S. 62-302(b)(2) is

twelve-hundredths of one percent (0.12%) for each public utility's North Carolina jurisdictional revenues earned during each quarter that begins on or after July 1, 2006.

Section 26.1.(b). The electric membership corporation regulatory fee imposed under G.S. 62-302(b1) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year is two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000). Ratified July 6, 2006. Approved July 10, 2006. Effective July 1, 2006.

#### 2007-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

Senate Bill 680 (Session Law 2007-157).
Section 1. G.S. 62-133.5. An Act to Streamline Regulation of Telecommunications Promotions. Ratified June 25, 2007. Approved June 29, 2007.

House Bill 1473 (Session Law 2007-323). Set Regulatory Fee for Utilities Commission Section 31.13.(a) The percentage rate to be used in calculating the public utility regulatory fee under G.S. 62-302(b)(2) is twelve one-hundredths of one percent (0.12%) for each public utility's North Carolina jurisdictional revenues earned during each quarter that begins on or after July 1, 2007.

Section 31.13.(b). The electric membership corporation regulatory fee imposed under G.S. 62-302(b1) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year is two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000). Ratified July 30, 2007. Approved July 31, 2007. Effective July 1, 2007.

Senate Bill 3 (Session Law 2007-397). An Act to (1) Promote the Development of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency in the State Through Implementations of a

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS), (2) Allow Recovery of Certain Nonfuel Utility Costs Through the Fuel Charge Adjustment Procedure, (3) Provide for Ongoing Review of Construction Costs and for Recovery of Costs in Rates in a General Rate Case, (4) Adjust the Public Utility and Electric Membership Corporation Regulatory Fees, (5) Provide for the Phase out of the Tax on the Sale of Energy to North Carolina Farmers and Manufacturers, and (6) Allow a Tax Contributors to to 501(C)(3) Organizations for Renewable Energy Property. Ratified August 2, 2007. Approved August 20, 2007. Effective January 1, 2008.

### 2008-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

House Bill 2415 Set Regulatory Fees for 2008. Provides that the percentage rate to be used in calculating the public utility regulatory fee under G.S. 62-302(b)(2) is 0.12% for each public utility's North Carolina jurisdictional revenues earned during each quarter that begins on or after July 1, 2008. Provides that electric membership corporation regulatory fee under G.S. 62-302(b1) is \$200,000 for fiscal 2008-2009. Effective July 1, 2008.

### 2009-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

Senate Bill 661 (Session Law 2009-279). An Act Authorizing Lessors Of Contiguous Premises To Allocate The Cost For Water And Sewer Service To Each Tenant Using Equipment That Measures Hot Water Usage, Requiring Landlords To Improve The Habitability Of Dwelling Units By Repairing Certain Unsafe Conditions, Staying The Execution Of A Judgment For Summary Ejectment While A Motion For Modification

Of The Undertaking Is Pending, Establishing Fees For Administrative Services In Residential Tenancies, And Establishing The Circumstances Under Which A City May Order A Dwelling To Be Vacated And Closed. Ratified July 1, 2009. Effective October 1, 2009.

Senate Bill 889 (Session Law 2009-202). An Act Further Authorizing The Utilities Commission To Determine The Universal Service Provider In Certain Subdivisions And Areas. Ratified June 17, 2009. Approved June 26, 2009

House Bill 135 (Session Law 2009-80). An Act Permitting Certain Broadband Service Providers That Provide Voice Grade Communications Services Within A Defined Service Territory Or Franchise Area To Offer Such Voice Grade Service As An Incident To Broadband Service In Areas Contiguous To The Providers' Service Territory Or Franchise Area. Ratified June 2, 2009.

House Bill 1180 (Session Law 2009-238). An Act Establishing The Consumer Choice And Investment Act of 2009. Section 1. G.S. 62-133.5 is amended by adding a new subsection to read: "(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, a local exchange company that is subject to rate of return regulation or subject to another form of regulation authorized under this section and whose territory is open to competition from competing local providers may elect to have its rates, terms, and conditions for its services determined pursuant to the plan described in this subsection by filing notice of its intent to do so with the Commission. The election is effective immediately upon filing. A local exchange company shall not be permitted to make the election under this section unless it commits to provide standalone basic residential lines to rural customers at rates comparable to those rates charged to urban customers for the same service. Ratified June 22, 2009. Effective June 30, 2009.

House Bill 1330 (Session Law 2009-302). An Act Prohibiting Public Utilities, Electric Membership Corporations, Telephone Membership Corporations, And Cities And Counties That Operate Public Enterprises From Using Certain Debt Collection Practices That Result In A Customer Being Liable For The Past Due And Unpaid Debts Of Another Person. Ratified July 7, 2009. Approved and Effective July 17, 2009.

Senate Bill 202 (Session Law 2009-451). An Act To Make Base Budget Appropriations For Current Operations Of State Departments, Institutions, And Agencies, And For Other Purposes.

Section 9.14.(c). The North Carolina Utilities Commission is directed to facilitate and expedite wind energy pilot projects developed pursuant to this act that come within its jurisdiction to the extent allowed by law and consistent with State statute. Ratified August 5, 2009. Approved August 7, 2009.

Section 14.19.(e1). Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning in the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the cash balances remaining in the following Fund codes on June 30 of each fiscal year that is greater than twenty percent (20%) of the operating budget for each Fund shall revert to the General Fund:...(4) 54600-5211 Utilities—Commission Staff; (5) 54600-5217 Utilities—Gas Pipeline Safety; (6) 54600-5221 Utilities—Public Staff. Ratified August 5, 2009. Effective July 1, 2009

Section 14.26.(a). Set Regulatory Fee for Utilities Commission. The percentage rate to be used in calculating the public

utility regulatory fee under G.S. 62-302(b)(2) is twelve one-hundredths of one percent (0.12%) for each public utility's North Carolina jurisdictional revenues earned during each quarter that begins on or after July 1, 2009. Ratified August 5, 2009.

Section 14.26.(b). The electric membership corporation regulatory fee imposed under G.S. 62-302(b1) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year is two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000). Ratified August 5, 2009.

Senate Bill 1004 (Session Law 2009-390). An Act To Provide For Retention Of Fuel And Fuel-Related Cost Savings Associated With The Purchase Or Construction Of A Carbon Offset Facility, To Bring Certain Dams Used In Connection With Electric Generating Facilities Under The Dam Safety Act, And to Make Other Changes To Laws Governing The Generation Of Electricity. Ratified July 23, 2009. Approved July 31, 2009. Effective January 1, 2010.

House Bill 1481 (Session Law 2009-446). An Act To Transfer The State Energy Office From The Department Of Administration To The Department Of Commerce, To Transfer The Residential Energy Conservation Assistance Program From the Department Of Health And Human Services To the Energy Office Of The Department Of Commerce, And To Make Various Changes To The Energy Policy Act of 1975. Section 10. The Secretary of Commerce and the Chair of the Utilities Commission shall jointly prepare a report examining the respective duties and functions of the Utilities Commission and the Energy Policy Council and shall recommend changes to address any duplicative activities and responsibilities. This report shall be submitted to the Governor no later than January 31, 2010. Ratified on July 28, 2009. Approved August 7, 2009. Effective August 7, 2009.

### 2010-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

Senate Bill 897 (Session Law 2010-31). An Act to Modify the Current Operations and Capital Improvements Appropriations Act of 2009 and for Other Purposes.

Section 14.26.(a). The percentage rate to be used in calculating the public utility regulatory fee under G.S. 62-302(b)(2) is twelve one-hundredths of one percent (0.12%) for each public utility's North Carolina jurisdictional revenues earned during each quarter that begins on or after July 1, 2010.

Section 14.26.(b). The electric membership corporation regulatory fee imposed under G.S. 62-302(b1) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year is two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000). This section becomes effective July 1, 2010 out of the Accounts leaving -0-balances.

Senate Bill 1202 (Session Law 2010-123). An Act to Make Technical, Clarifying, and Other Modifications to the Current Operations and Capital Improvements Appropriations Acts.

Section 3.3. Section 9.14(c) of Session Law 2009-451, as rewritten by Section 9.9 of S.L. 2010-31, reads as rewritten: Section 9.14(c) The North Carolina Utilities Commission is directed to facilitate and expedite wind energy pilot projects developed pursuant to this act that come within its jurisdiction to the extent allowed by law and consistent with State statute. Ratified July 10, 2010.

House Bill 466 (Session Law 2010-173). An Act to Amend the Consumer Choice and Investment Act of 2010.

Section 1. G.S. 62-133.5(g) reads as rewritten: "(g) The following sections of Chapter 62 of the General Statutes shall not apply to local exchange companies subject to price regulation under the terms of subsection (a) of this section or electing companies subject to alternative regulation under the terms of subsection(h) of this section: G.S. 62-35(c),0 62-45, 62-51, 62-81, 62-111, 62-130, 62-131, 62-132, 62-133, 62-134, 62-135, 62-136, 62-137, 62-139, 62-142, and 62-153."

Section 2. G.S. 62-133.5(h) reads as rewritten: "(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, a local exchange company that is subject to rate of return regulation or subject to another form of regulation authorized under this section and whose territory is open to competition from competing local providers may elect to have its rates, terms, and conditions for its services determined pursuant to the plan described in this subsection by filing notice of its intent to do so with the Commission. The election is effective immediately upon filing. A local exchange company shall not be permitted to make the election under this section unless it commits to provide standalone basic residential lines to rural customers at rates that are less than or comparable to those rates charged to urban customers for the same service. Ratified July 8, 2010.

House Bill 1691 (Session Law 2010-158). An Act to Amend the Statutes Governing Emergency Telephone Service, as recommended by the House Select Committee on the Use of 911 Funds, and To Increase Funds for Supplemental Peg Channel Support. Ratified July 29, 2010.

Senate Bill 886 (Session Law 2010-195). An Act to Authorize the Establishment of Cleanfields Renewable Energy

Demonstration Parks in the State.

### 2011-Major legislation affecting the regulation of utilities:

**Senate Joint Resolution 2011-7** A joint Resolution providing for the Confirmation of the appointment of Edward S. Finley, Jr., to the Utilities Commission.

Senate Bill 343 (Session Law 2011-52). An Act Establishing The Communications Regulatory Reform and Investment Act of 2011. Ratified on April 18, 2011. Effective on April 26, 2011.

Senate Bill 75 (Session Law 2011-55). An Act to Promote the use of Electricity Demand Reduction to Satisfy Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards. Ratified on April 21, 2011. Effective April 28, 2011.

House Bill 311 (Session Law 2011-244). An Act Requiring that Motor Carriers of Household Goods Mark or Identify Their Vehicles and Making it Unlawful for a Person Not Certified by the Utilities Commission as a Motor Carrier of Household Goods to Advertise or Otherwise Represent that the Person is Authorized to Engage in the Transportation of Household Goods for Compensation in this State. Ratified on June 16, 2011. Effective on October 1, 2011.

Senate Bill 484 (Session Law 2011-279). An Act to Provide that the Additional Credits assigned to the First Ten Megawatts of Biomass Renewable Energy Facility Generation Capacity Pursuant to S.L. 2010-195 (Cleanfields Act of 2010) are Eligible to Satisfy the Poultry Waste Set-Aside. Ratified June 18, 2011. Effective June 23, 2011.

House Bill 595 (Session Law 2011-291). An Act Changing the Structure of Certain Legislative Committees and Commissions,

Transferring the Duties of Certain Committees And Commissions to Other Committees and Commissions, Changing the Composition of Various Legislative Committees and Commissions, and Making Conforming Changes.

PART I. REORGANIZATION AND
CONSOLIDATION OF LEGISLATIVE
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES Joint
Legislative Commission on Governmental
Operations

SECTION 1.2.(d) G.S. 120-76. Powers and duties of the Commission. The Commission shall have the following powers:

- (11) To evaluate the North Carolina Utilities Commission by doing the following:
  - a. Reviewing the actions of the North Carolina Utilities Commission including the review of its interim and final orders, to the end that the members of the General Assembly may better judge whether these actions serve the best interest of the citizens of North Carolina, individual and corporate.
  - b. Inquiring into the role of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the Public Staff, and the several utility companies in the development of alternate sources of energy.
  - c. Submitting evaluations to the General Assembly, from time to time, of the performance of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the Public Staff, and the various utilities operating in the State. A

proposed draft of such evaluations shall he submitted to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the Public Staff, and the affected public utilities prior to submission to the General Assembly and the affected entity shall be given an opportunity to be heard before the Commission prior to the completion of the evaluation and its submission to the General Assembly.

- (12) To make reports and recommendations to the General Assembly, from time to time, on matters relating to the powers and duties set out in this section.
- (13) To review and evaluate changes in federal law and regulations relevant court decisions, and changes in technology affecting any of the duties of the Commissions.
- (14)To review and evaluate changes in federal law and regulation or changes brought about by court actions, as well as changes in technology affecting any of the duties of the Commission, to determine whether the State's laws require modification as a result of those changes.

#### PART II. CONFORMING CHANGES

SECTION 2.11. G.S. 62-133.2(g). On July 1 of every odd-numbered year, the Utilities Commission shall provide a report to the Joint Legislative Utility Review Committee Commission on Governmental Operations summarizing the proceedings conducted pursuant to this section during the proceedings two years. Ratified on June 15, 2011. Approved and Effective on June 24, 2011.

### 2012-Major legislation affecting the regulation of utilities:

Senate Bill 141 (Session Law 2012-168). An Act to Create New First Degree Trespass Offenses, to Make Various Changes regarding the Procedures for a Motion for Appropriate Relief, to Amend the Procedure for Immediate License Revocations for Provisional Licensees Charged with Certain Criminal Moving Violations to Clarify that Certain Procedures for Creating those Contracts, to Establish a Research and Planning Section within the Department of Public Safety, to Require the Department of Public Safety to Designate Its Research and Planning Section as the Single State Agency Responsible for the Coordination and Implementation of Reentry Policy Initiatives, to Direct the Department of Public Safety to Continue its Efforts to Assist Offenders in Successfully Re-entering Society, and to Extend the Time for Local Forensic Science Labs to Obtain Accreditation and for Certain Forensic Scientists to Obtain Certification.

Section 1. § 14-159.12. First degree trespass. c. Any facility, including any liquefied natural gas storage facility or propane air facility, that is owned or operated by a natural gas local distribution company, natural gas pipeline carrier operating under a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Utilities Commission, municipal corporation operating a municipally owned gas distribution system, or regional natural gas district organized and operated pursuant to Article 28 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes used for transmission, distribution, measurement, regulating, testing, compression, control, or storage of natural gas.

**House Bill 261** (Session Law 2012-41). An Act to Require Intrastate Motor Carriers to Be Marked. Certain businesses to certain section.

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-101 reads as rewritten:

- (b) A motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds that is used in intrastate commerce shall have (i) the name of the owner and (ii) the motor carrier's identification number preceded by the letters "USDOT" and followed by the letters "NC" printed on each side of the vehicles in letters not less than three inches in height. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply if any of the following are true:
  - (1) The motor vehicle is subject to 49 C.F.R. Part 390.
  - (2) The motor vehicle is of a type listed in 49 C.F.R.390.3(f).

Ratified on June 13, 2012. Approved on June 20, 1012. Effective December 1, 2012.

House Bill 340 (Session Law 2012-9). An Act Authorizing the Utilities Commission to Obtain Criminal History Record Checks of Applicants for and Current Holders of a Certificate to Transport Household Goods.

### 2013-Major legislation affecting the regulation of utilities:

House Bill 74 (Session Law 2013-413). An Act To Improve And Streamline The Regulatory Process In Order To Stimulate Job Creation, To Eliminate Unnecessary Regulation, To Make Various Other Statutory Changes, And To Amend Certain Environmental And Natural Resources Laws.

House Bill 476 (Session Law 2013-407). An Act Rewriting The Laws Regulating Underground Utility Damage Prevention.

House Bill 112 (Session Law 2013-363). An

Act To Make Technical, Clarifying, And Other Modifications To The Current Operations And Capital Improvements Appropriations Act Of 2013 And To Related Legislation.

SECTION 11.1. If the State repeals any State funding mechanism for a reduction in the local telephone rates for low-income residential consumers, the Commission shall take appropriate action to eliminate any requirement for the reduced rate funded by the repealed State funding mechanism. For the purposes of this section, a State funding mechanism for a reduction in the local telephone rates includes a tax credit allowed for the public utility to recover the reduction in rates.

House Bill 119 (Session Law 2013-54). An Act Authorizing The Utilities Commission To Adopt, Implement, Modify, Or Eliminate A Rate Adjustment Mechanism For Natural Gas Local Distribution Company Rates.

House Bill 223 (Session Law 2013-187). An Act Exempting Electric Membership Corporations From Integrated Resource Planning And Service Regulations Requirements Established By The Utilities Commission, Returning Oversight Of The Corporations To Their Member Board Of Directors, And Clarifying The Authority Of The North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority To Receive And Investigate Complaints From Members Of Electric Membership Corporations.

House Bill 484 (Session Law 2013-51). An Act To Establish A Permitting Program For The Siting And Operation Of Wind Energy Facilities.

House Bill 710 (Session Law 2013-106). An Act To Permit Water Utilities To Adjust Rates For Changes In Costs Based On Third-Party Rates And To Authorize The Utilities

Commission To Approve A Rate Adjustment Mechanism For Water And Sewer Utilities To Recover Costs For Water And Sewer System Improvements.

House Bill 788 (Session Law 2013-107). An Act To Amend The Statute Governing The Powers Of Water And Sewer Authorities To Allow The Authority To Set Rates For Water Resources Storage Or Protection Programs.

House Bill 998 (Session Law 2013-316). An Act To Simplify The North Carolina Tax Structure And To Reduce Individual And Business Tax Rates.

Senate Bill 9 (Session Law 2013-142). An Act Requiring Utility Owners To Locate And Describe Underground Utilities Upon Written Or Oral Request From A Person Who Is Responsible For Designing Or Surveying Underground Facilities Or Requires A General Description And Location Of Existing Underground Facilities In An Area.

Senate Bill 430 (Session Law 2013-58). An Act To Exempt From Permitting Requirements Persons Installing Electric Load Control Switches Under The Laws Regulating Electrical Contractors And To Make Conforming Changes Under The Laws Pertaining To Building Inspection Permits For Counties And Cities.

Senate Bill 545 (Session Law 2013-168). An Act Providing For The Use Of A Master Meter For Electric And Natural Gas Service When The Tenant And Landlord Have Agreed In The Lease That The Cost Of The Services Shall Be Included In The Rental Payments And The Service Shall Be In The Landlord's Name.

Senate Bill 635 (Session Law 2013-232). An Act To Clarify That Only Incumbent Providers May Construct A New Electricity Transmission Line.

### 2014-Major legislation affecting the regulation of utilities:

Senate Bill 734 (Session Law 2014-120). An Act To Provide Further Regulatory Relief To The Citizens Of North Carolina By Providing For Various Administrative Reforms, By Eliminating Certain Unnecessary Or Outdated Statutes And Regulations And Modernizing Or Simplifying Cumbersome Or Outdated Regulations, And By Making Various Other Statutory Changes. REPEAL OUTDATED PUBLIC UTILITIES STATUTES OR REPORTS SECTION 10.(a) - SECTION 10.(g)

Senate Bill 729 (Session Law 2014-122). An Act To (1) Prohibit Recovery Of Costs Related Discharges From Coal Unlawful Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments; (2) Establish A Moratorium On Certain Rate Cases; (3) Create The Coal Ash Management Commission To Review And Approve Coal Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments Classifications And Closure Plans And Otherwise Study And Make Recommendations On Laws Governing Management Of Coal Combustion Residuals; (4) Require Expedited Review By The Department Of Environment And Natural Resources Of Any Permit Necessary To Conduct Activities Required By This Act; (5) Establish Various Reporting Requirements To The General Assembly, Including A Quarterly Report From The Department Of Environment And Natural Resources On Its Operations, Activities, Programs, Progress With Respect To Its Obligations Under This Act For Coal Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments; Prohibit Local Government Regulation Of Management Of Coal Combustion Residuals Or Coal Combustion Products; (7) Prohibit Construction Of New Or Expansion Of Existing Coal Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments Effective October 1, 2014; (8) Prohibit The Disposal Of Coal Combustion

Residuals Into Coal Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments At Coal-Fired Generating Units That Are No Longer Producing Coal Combustion Residuals Effective October 1, 2014; (9) Prohibit Disposal Of Stormwater To Coal Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments Effective December 31, 2018; (10) Require All Electric Generating Facilities To Convert Generation Of Dry Fly Ash On Or Before December 31, 2017, And Dry Bottom Ash On Or Before December 31, 2020, Or Retire; (11)Require The Assessment Groundwater At Coal Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments; (12)Corrective Action For The Restoration Of Groundwater Quality At Coal Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments: (13) Require A Survey Of Drinking Water Supply Wells And Replacement Of Contaminated Supplies; (14)Require Identification, Assessment, And Correction Of Unpermitted Discharges From Coal Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments: (15)Require The Department Of Environment And Natural Resources To, As Soon As Practicable, But No. Later Than December 31, 2015, Prioritize For The Purpose Of Closure And Remediation Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments, Including Active And Retired Sites, Based On These Sites' Risks To Public Health, Safety, And Welfare, Environment, And Natural Resources; (16) Require Owners Of Coal Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments To Submit A Proposed Plan For Closure Of All Impoundments To The Department Of Environment And Natural Resources; (17) Require Closure And Remediation Of Certain Coal Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments As Soon As Practicable, But No Later Than August 1, 2019; (18) Require The Department Of Environment And Natural Resources To Establish A Schedule And Process For Closure And Remediation Of

All Coal Combustion Residuals Surface Based Upon The **Impoundments** Department's Risk Assessment Of These Sites, Baseline Requirements Set By The General Assembly, Evaluation Of Proposed Closure Plans Submitted By Impoundment Owners, And Input From The Public And Other Stakeholders; (19) Establish Minimum Statutory Requirements For Structural Fill Projects Using Coal Combustion Products Department Require The And Environment And Natural Resources To Inventory And Inspect Certain Structural Fill Projects; (20) Place A Moratorium On Certain Projects Using Coal Combustion Products As Structural Fill Until August 1, 2015, And Direct The Department Of Environment And Natural Resources And The Environmental Management Commission To Study The Adequacy Of Current Law Governing Use Of Coal Combustion Products As Structural Fill And For Beneficial Use; (21) Place A Moratorium On The Expansion And Construction Of Coal Combustion Residuals Landfills Until August 1. 2015. And Direct The Department Of Environment And Natural Resources To Assess The Risks To Public Health, Safety, And Welfare, The Environment, And Natural Resources Of Coal Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments Located Beneath Landfills Determine The These To Advisability Of Continued Operation Of These Landfills; (22) Strengthen The Reporting And Notification Requirements Applicable To Discharges Of Wastewater To Waters Of The State; (23) Require Certain Emergency Calls To Be Recorded; (24) Require Development Of Emergency Action Plans For High And Intermediate Hazard Dams And Amend Other Dam Safety Law Requirements Applicable To Coal Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments; (25) Transfer Solid Waste Rule-Making Authority From Commission For Public Health To Environmental Management Commission; (26) Amend Compliance Boundary Provisions; (27) Provide For Various Studies; (28) Require The State Construction Office And The Department Of Transportation To Develop Technical Specifications For Use Of Coal Combustion Products; And (29) Provide Resources For Implementation Of This Act.

### 2015-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

House Bill 41 (Session Law 2015-6). An Act to Make Technical and Clarifying Changes to Various Revenue Laws, as Recommended by the Revenue Laws Study Committee.

Section 2.4.(a). The purpose of this section is to clarify the intent of the 2013 Session of the General Assembly that the Utilities Commission must adjust the rate for sales of electricity, piped natural gas, and water and wastewater services to reflect all of the tax changes as enacted in S.L. 2013-316.

House Bill 97 (Session Law 2015-241). An Act to Make Base Budget Appropriations for Current Operations of State Departments, Institutions, and Agencies, and for Other Purposes.

Section 15.16A. Utility Commission Fees and Charges. (a) The Utilities Commission and Public Staff shall jointly review all fees and charges provided for in G.S. 62-300 to determine (i) whether the fees and charges are sufficient to cover the costs of processing the applications and filings required by G.S. 62-300 and (ii) whether new categories should be established to impose fees or charges on persons or entities who make applications or filings to the Utilities Commission but are not expressly included in any of the current categories listed in G.S. 62-300. The review

may also include any other relevant matters related to fees and charges for applications and filings made to the Utilities Commission. (b) By April 1, 2016, the Utilities Commission and Public Staff shall report their findings, recommendations including any amending the fees and charges for applications and filings under G.S. 62-300, to the Joint Legislative Commission on Energy Policy, the chairs of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources and the Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources, and the Fiscal Research Division.

Section 29.18. Report/Use of Coal Combustion Residuals. Report. - By January 15, 2016, the Utilities Commission shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, Transportation the Joint Legislative Committee, and the Oversight Environmental Review Commission on the incremental cost incentives related to coal surface combustion residuals impoundments for investor-owned public utilities. The report shall include all of the following: (1) The Utilities Commission policy on allowed incremental cost recoupment. (2) The impact on utility customers' rates under the current policy on allowed incremental cost recoupment. (3) Possible revisions to the current policy on allowed incremental cost recoupment that would reprocessing and other promote technologies that allow the reuse of coal combustion residuals stored in surface impoundments for concrete and other beneficial end uses.

House Bill 356 (Session Law 2015-134). An Act to Clarify the Cap on the Utilities Regulatory Fee Reserve, to Set the Regulatory Fee in Statute, and to Allow the Commission to Raise or Lower the Fee.

Senate Bill 88 (Session Law 2015-119). An Act to Assign Pole Attachment Disputes to the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Senate Bill 305 (Session Law 2015-3). An Act to Provide Cost Recovery for Acquisition of Joint Municipal Power Agency Ownership Interest in Generating Facilities, to Authorize Municipalities that are Members of Joint Municipal Power Agencies to Enter into Support Contracts, and to Issue Bonds to Pay the Costs of Projects that are Sold.

Senate Bill 716 (Session Law 2015-110). An Act to: (1) Direct the North Carolina Utilities Commission to Render an Expedited Decision, Under Certain Conditions, on an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for an Applicant to Construct a Generating Facility that uses Natural Gas as the Primary Fuel and (2) Modify Certain Requirements under the Coal Ash Management Act of 2014 for Coal Ash Surface Impoundments Located on Sites at which all Coal-Fired Generating Units Present on those Sites will Permanently Cease Operations by January 31, 2020.

### 2016-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

House Bill 630 (Session Law 2016-95). An Act to (1) Require a Coal Combustion Residuals Impoundment Owner to Provide Permanent Alternative Water Suppliers for Residents in Areas Surrounding Coal Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments; (2) Repeal Statutory Provisions Related to the Coal Ash Management Commission; (3) Modify the Closure Requirements for Coal Combustion Residuals Surface Impoundments under the Coal Ash Management Act of 2014; and (4) Modify Appointments to the Mining Commission and the Oil and Gas Commission.

Senate Bill 673 (Session Law 2016-118). An Act to Provide Recovery of Capital-Related Costs Incurred by a Natural Gas Utility for Constructing Natural Gas Infrastructure for a Large Manufacturing Employer.

### 2017-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

House Bill 589 (Session Law 2017-192). An Act to reform North Carolina's approach to integration of renewable electricity generation through amendment of laws related to energy policy and to enact the Distributed Resources Access Act.

House Bill 799 (Session Law 2017-172). An Act to allow for landlords to charge individual tenants for shared cost of natural gas service provided to leased premises.

Senate Bill 131 (Session Law 2017-10). An Act to provide further regulatory relieve to the citizens of North Carolina.

Section 2.1(c). Personally identifiable information of public utility customers.

Section 2.2. Water and Sewer billing by Lessors.

Senate Bill 257 (Session Law 2017-57). An Act to make base budget appropriations for current operations of state departments, institutions, and agencies, and for other purposes.

Section 14. Department of Commerce Report Changes.

**Senate Bill 391** (Session Law 2017-391). An Act to authorize the creation of a ferry transportation authority.

### 2018-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

House Bill 351 (Session Law 2018-51). An Act authorizing water and wastewater utilities to elect to use a fair value determination for rate-making purposes when acquiring utilities owned by counties, municipalities, or other governmental entities.

House Bill 374 (Session Law 2018-114). An Act to Provide Further Regulatory Relief to the Citizens of North Carolina.

Section 23.(a). Amend Process for Vacancy Appointments to the Utilities Commission and the Industrial Commission.

This Act limits the appointment of a commissioner on an interim basis to exclude any such person who was subject to but not confirmed by the General Assembly within the preceding four years, including by unfavorable action on a joint resolution for confirmation and/or failure to ratify a joint resolution for confirmation prior to adjournment of the then-current session of the General Assembly.

#### 2019-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

House Bill 329 (Session Law 2019-132). An Act to exempt electric vehicle charging stations from regulation as public utilities; to require the Environmental Management Commission to adopt rules to establish a regulatory program to govern the management of end-of-life photovoltaic modules and energy storage system batteries, and decommissioning of utility-scale solar projects and wind facilities and require the Department of Environmental Quality to establish a stakeholder process to support development of the rules; and to provide small hydroelectric power facilities

certain treatment similar to that given to small power producers that produce energy from swine and poultry waste.

House Bill 432 (Session Law 2019-56). An Act providing that if the Utilities Commission approves a flat rate to be charged by a water or sewer utility for water or sewer services to contiguous dwelling units, the lessor of the units may pass through and charge the tenants that same flat rate.

**Senate Bill 559** (Session Law 2019-244). An act to permit financing for certain storm recovery costs.

### 2020-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

Senate Bill 315 (Session Law 2020-20). Allows the owner of land encumbered by an easement acquired by a public utility to file a complaint at the Commission requesting termination of an easement, where the utility has not commenced construction on the easement within 20 years of acquisition.

### 2021-Major Legislation Affecting the Regulation of Utilities

House Bill 217 (Session Law 2021-23). An Act to make technical, clarifying, conforming, and administrative changes to the laws related to public utilities and to increase the nonutility filing fee for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

House Bill 812 (Session Law 2021-35). An Act to amend the statute authorizing the use of remote meetings during certain states of emergency.

House Bill 344 (Session Law 2021-76). An act to clarify the process with which a local governmental unit may impose and collect system development fees and to provide

that a water or wastewater public utility is solely responsible for income taxes due on taxable contributions in aid of construction.

Senate Bill 211 (Session Law 2021-149). An act to encourage investment in regulated water and sewer systems by authorizing the use of a water and sewer investment plan rate-making mechanism for establishing rates of regulated water and sewer utilities and to otherwise amend rate adjustment mechanisms for water and sewer improvements.

House Bill 951 (Session Law 2021-165). An act to authorize the Utilities Commission to (I) take all reasonable steps to achieve a seventy percent reduction in emissions of carbon dioxide from electric public utilities from 2005 levels by the year 2030 and carbon neutrality by the year 2050, (II) authorize performance-based regulation of electric public utilities, (III) proceed with rulemaking on securitization of certain costs and other matters, and (IV) allow potential modification of certain existing power purchase agreements with eligible small power producers.

Senate Bill 105 (Session Law 2021-180). An act to making base budget appropriations for current 3 operations of state agencies, departments, and institutions and 4 for other purposes.

# FIGURE NO. 1-3 NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020

Source	Commission Staff	Public Staff	<u>Total</u>
Fees Collected by the Commission:			
Regulatory Fee	\$15,169,414	\$0	\$15,169,414
Interest	178,910	0	178,910
Fines and Penalties	0	0	170,910
Office of Chief Clerk:		0	Ü
Duplicating Services	651	0	651
Filing Fees	354,871	0	354,871
Publication Sales	144	Ō	144
Miscellaneous Revenues	1,758	15	1,773
Sell of Surplus Property	1,662	0	1,662
Reimbursement of Contractual Expenses	326,622	Ö	326,622
Federal Funds:			
US Gas Safety Program		0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$16,034,029	\$15	\$16,034,044
Expenditures:			
Salaries and Wages	\$4,684,476	\$6,172,836	\$10,857,312
Fringe Benefits	1,830,317	2,138,152	3,968,469
Legal & Consulting Fees	283,899	2, 130, 132	283,899
Contractual Services	215,088	26,326	241,414
Repairs of Building & Equipment	103,686	15,697	119,383
Service & Maintenance Contracts	12,569	35,052	47,620
Rent - Building, Offices & Equipment	365,515	285,084	650,600
Travel	156,467	24,331	180,798
Registration Fees	26,490	17,240	43,730
Telephone, Postage, Printing & Copying	90,608	73,646	164,254
Data Processing Service	140	0	140
Insurance	0	0	0
Employee Educational Expenses	0	0	0
Materials and Supplies	39,678	5,005	44,683
Office Furniture, Equipment	70,481	620	71,101
Data Processing Equipment & Software	109,511	154,439	263,950
Library Resources	69,671	13,604	83,275
Dues & Subscriptions	64,002	17,392	81,394
Other Services and Expenses	2,639	1,696	4,334
Indirect Cost/Agency Administration Fees	113,992	145,299	259,291
Intragovernmental Transfer - Legislative Mandat	e 0	0	0
Intragovernmental Transfer of Fines Collected	0	0	Ó
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$8,239,229	\$9,126,419	\$17,365,649
BUDGETED POSITIONS	62	80	142

# II. SELECTED COMMISSION ACTIVITIES THROUGH DECEMBER 2020

#### A. GENERAL

#### **Public Involvement**

The Commission continued to make all activities open for participation by the public and other interested parties. The table below shows the number of formal hearings held in Raleigh and in the service areas of the utilities involved; many of these hearings were held in the evening to accommodate those who could not attend daytime hearings.

	Year Ended December 31			
	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Total Formal</b>				
<b>Hearings Held</b>	121	114	121	119
Number of Hearings Held Away From Raleigh, in Utility Service				
Areas	20	11	14	6
Percent of Tota Hearings Held Away From	1			
Raleigh	17%	10%	12%	5%

The primary reason for holding hearings in the service areas of the utilities involved in the hearings is to make it easier for the local consumers and general public to attend and to offer testimony if they so choose. Attendance at such hearings provides a broader knowledge of the scope and complexities of issues which the Commission, the Public Staff, and all other participants must deal with.

Advance public notice is given for all hearings of general interest and especially rate case hearings. News releases are made of important Commission decisions and activities. All Commission weekly conferences (Monday mornings generally) are open to the public as a spectator or participant and events are now posted to the Commission's web site.

For a summary of Commission filings and orders for 2020 see Figure No. 2-1.

#### B. ELECTRIC

### The History of Integrated Resource Planning (IRP)

Integrated resource planning is an overall planning strategy which examines conservation, energy efficiency, load management, and other demand-side measures in addition to utility-owned generating plants, non-utility generation, renewable energy, and other supply-side resources in order to determine the least cost way of providing electric service. The primary purpose of integrated resource planning is to integrate both demand-side and supply-side resource planning into one comprehensive procedure that weighs the costs and benefits of all reasonably available options in order to identify those options which are most cost-effective for ratepayers consistent with the obligation to provide adequate, reliable service.

By Commission Order dated December 8, 1988, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 54, Commission Rules R8-56 through R8-61 were adopted to define the framework within which integrated resource planning takes place. Those rules incorporated the analysis of probable electric load growth with the development of a longrange plan for ensuring the availability of adequate electric generating capacity in North Carolina as required by G.S. 62-110.1(c).

The initial IRPs were filed with the Commission in April 1989. In May of 1990, the Commission issued an Order in which it found that the initial IRPs of Progress, Duke, and NC Power were reasonable for purposes of that proceeding and that NCEMC should be required to participate in all future IRP proceedings. By an Order issued in December 1992, Rule R8-62 was added. It covers the construction of electric transmission lines.

The Commission subsequently conducted a second and third full analysis and investigation of utility IRP matters, resulting in the issuance of Orders Adopting Least Cost Integrated Resource Plans on June 29, 1993, and February 20, 1996. A subsequent round of comments

included general endorsement of a proposal that the two/three year IRP filing cycle, plus annual updates and short-term action plans, be replaced by a single annual filing. There was also general support for a shorter planning horizon than the fifteen years required at that time.

In April 1998, the Commission issued an Order in which it repealed Rules R8-56 through R8-59 and revised Rules R8-60 through R8-62. The new rules shortened the reported planning horizon from 15 to 10 years and streamlined the IRP review process while retaining the requirement that each utility file an annual plan in sufficient detail to allow the Commission to continue to meet its statutory responsibilities under G.S. 62-110.1(c) and G.S. 62-2(a)(3a).

These revised rules allowed the Public Staff and any other intervenor to file a report, evaluation, or comments concerning any utility's annual report within 90 days after the utility filing. The new rules further allowed for the filing of reply comments 14 days after any initial comments had been filed and required that one or more public hearings be held. An evidentiary hearing to address issues raised by the Public Staff or other intervenors could be scheduled at the discretion of the Commission.

A Commission Order issued on October 19, 2006, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 111, opened a rulemaking proceeding to consider revisions to the IRP process as provided for in Commission Rule R8-60. On May 24, 2007, the Public Staff filed a Motion for Adoption of Proposed Revised Integrated Resource Planning Rules setting forth a proposed Rule R8-60 as agreed to by the various parties in that docket. The Public Staff asserted that the proposed rule addressed many of the concerns about the IRP process that were raised in the 2005 IRP proceeding and balanced the interests of the utilities, the environmental intervenors, the industrial intervenors, and the ratepayers. Without detailing all of the changes recommended in its filing, the Public Staff noted that the proposed rule expressly required the utilities to assess on an ongoing basis both the potential benefits of reasonably available supply-side energy resource options, as well as programs to promote demand-side management. The proposed rule also substantially increased both the level of detail and the amount of information required from utilities the regarding those assessments. Additionally, the proposed rule extended the planning horizon from 10 to 15 years, so the need for additional generation would be identified sooner. The information required by the proposed rule would also indicate the projected effects of demand response and energy efficiency programs and activities on forecasted annual energy and peak loads for the 15-year period. The Public Staff also noted that the proposed rule provided for a biennial, as opposed to annual or triennial, filing of IRP reports with an annual update of forecasts, revisions, and amendments to the biennial report. The Public Staff further noted that adoption of the proposed Rule R8-60 would necessitate revisions to Rule R8-61(b) to reflect the change in the frequency of the filing of the IRP reports.

With the addition of certain other provisions and understandings, the Commission ordered that revised Rules R8-60 and R8-61(b), attached to its Order as Appendix A, should become effective as of the date of its Order, which was entered on July 11, 2007. However, since the utilities might not have been able to comply with the new requirements set out in revised Rule R8-60 in their 2007 IRP filings, revised Rule R8-60 was ordered to be applied for the first time to the 2008 IRP proceedings in Docket No. E-100, Sub 118. These new rules were further refined in Docket No. E-100, Sub 113, to address the implementation of Senate Bill 3 requirements.

On December 28, 2009, after having considered and declined to adopt a federal smart grid standard in Docket No. E-100, Sub-123, the Commission issued an Order in Docket No. E-100, Sub-126 requesting comments on a proposed amendment to Commission Rule R8-60, Integrated Resource Planning and Filings, which would require investor-owned utilities to

include a description of their smart grid technology plans as part of their biennial integrated resource plan (IRP) filing. The Commission found merit in many of the recommendations proposed in the comments by the parties including the need to amend Rule R8-60 in order to emphasize the potential impacts of smart grid technology on resource planning and load forecasting as opposed to smart grid technology plans irrespective of impacts to the IRP. Further, the Commission agreed with the Public Staff's recommendation that an additional smart grid rule be implemented to provide periodic reporting on the details regarding a utility's smart grid technology plans. In its Order dated April 11, 2012, the Commission amended Rule R8-60 and adopted Rule R8-60.1 (Docket No. E-100, Sub Rule R8-60.1 126). Commission subsequently amended to establish the date of October 1, 2014 for each utility subject to Commission Rule R8-60 to file its initial smart grid technology plans (see Order dated May 6, 2013 in Docket No. E-100, Sub 126). The rule provides for updated plans to be filed every two years after the initial filing.

By Order dated July 20, 2015 (Docket No. E-100, Sub 111), the Commission once again amended Rule R8-60 to streamline the odd-year IRP update process. These updates were based on the input of a number of stakeholders and in particular, the results of an IRP working group (convened by the Public Staff) charged with the task of proposing specific revisions to Rule R8-60 in regards to the content of IRP updates.

By Order dated November 13, 2019 (Docket No. E-100, Sub 157), the Commission deleted Commission Rule R8-60.1 thus eliminating the requirement for utilities to file smart grid technology plans.

2019 Integrated Resource Plan Update Reports were filed by Duke Energy Progress, LLC; Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; and Dominion Energy North Carolina in Docket No. E-100, Sub 157. The Commission's April 2020 Order accepting filing of Integrated Resource Plans and REPS Compliance Plans, which includes the

procedural history of this proceeding, can be found as Appendix 1 in the back of the North Carolina Utilities Commission 2020 Annual Report Regarding Long Range Needs for Expansion of Electric Generation Facilities for Service in North Carolina.

2020 Biennial Integrated Resource Plans were filed in Docket No. E-100, Sub 165 by each of the investor owned utilities. The Commission conducted a Technical Conference in March 2021 to discuss integrated distribution planning. Pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(c), the Commission is in the process of conducting virtual hearings to receive the testimony of non-expert witnesses in this proceeding. The docket remains open.

#### C. CONSUMER POCKETBOOK ISSUES

#### 1. General Rate Case Decisions 2014 – 2020

A summary of the Commission decisions in general rate cases for the years 2014 through December 31, 2020, for the electric and gas groups can be found in Figure No. 2-2. The yearly totals and the progression of amounts requested and granted during this period are shown.

#### Duke Energy Progress Rate Case (Docket No. E-2, Sub 1142)

On June 1, 2017, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP or the Company) filed an application to adjust retail rates. The Commission issued an Order dated February 23, 2018, granting a partial rate increase which allows DEP to increase rates by less than half of that requested by the Company in its original application. With respect to DEP's handling of coal ash, the Commission imposed a \$30 million management penalty against the Company. The Commission imposed the management penalty based on its determination that DEP's handling of coal ash "placed its consumers at risk of inadequate or unreasonably expensive service." In addition, the Commission found that, "DEP admits to pervasive, system-wide shortcomings such as improper communication among those responsible for oversight of coal

management." The penalty will be paid for by the Company and not by the Company's customers. The Commission further found that DEP paid too much for coal ash removal at the Company's Asheville coal-burning plant and, therefore, denied recovery from customers of an additional \$9.5 million.

The Commission's order also denied DEP's request for the recovery in this rate case of the Company's ongoing coal ash remediation costs. Instead, DEP is authorized to record these coal ash remediation costs in a deferral account until its next general rate case, at which point these costs will be carefully scrutinized to determine the extent to which recovery is appropriate.

DEP initially sought to charge customers an additional \$477.5 million annually (an increase of 14.9%), including a rate of return on common equity of 10.75%. In September 2017, DEP revised its request, reducing it to \$419.5 million. DEP proposed that the basic monthly customer charge for residential customers be increased from \$11.13 to \$19.50. On November 20, 2017, DEP and the Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission jointly filed a settlement that resolved some, but not all, of the issues in the case. In the settlement, DEP agreed to an overall rate of return of 7.09%, which included a rate of return on common equity of 9.9% applied to a capital structure with 52% members' equity. Parties to that settlement agreement also agreed that the basic monthly customer charge for residential customers should be increased only to \$14.00.

The Commission's decision approved the return and capital structure that was agreed to by the Public Staff and DEP, finding it to be "just and reasonable." Consistent with the settlement, the Commission also approved an increase in the basic customer charge to \$14.00. The Commission's order cut DEP's revised \$419.5 million revenue request by more than 50%. The Commission's decision followed nine days of a hearing in which expert witness testimony was presented by many parties to the

proceeding, in addition to five hearings for public comment that were held throughout DEP's service area in which over 140 public witnesses testified.

### Duke Energy Carolinas Rate Case (Docket No. E-7, Sub 1146)

On August 25, 2017, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC or the Company) filed an application to adjust retail rates. The Commission issued an Order dated June 22, 2018 reducing DEC's revenue requirement and requiring the Company to refund, for four years, \$60 million annually of state excess deferred income taxes. DEC had initially requested a rate increase of approximately \$611 million in annual revenues, which increased to \$700 million during the case. One of the drivers for the order to reduce the revenue requirement was the passage of the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which reduced the corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%.

DEC and the Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) filed a settlement on February 28, 2018, that resolved some, but not all, of the issues in the case. In the settlement, DEC agreed to an overall rate of return of 7.35%, which included a rate of return on common equity of 9.9% applied to a capital structure with 52% members' equity. The Commission's decision approved the return and capital structure that were agreed to by the Public Staff and DEC, finding these to be "just and reasonable."

The Commission imposed a \$70-million management penalty against the Company in the form of a rate reduction based on the Commission's determination that DEC's handling of coal ash "placed its consumers at risk of inadequate or unreasonably expensive service." In addition, the Commission found that "DEC admits to pervasive, system-wide shortcomings such as improper communication among those responsible for oversight of coal ash management." The penalty will be paid for by the Company and not by the Company's customers. The Commission's order also denied DEC's request for the recovery in this rate case of the Company's ongoing coal ash remediation costs. Instead, DEC is authorized to record these costs in a deferral account until its next general rate case, at which point the costs will be carefully scrutinized to determine the extent to which recovery from customers is appropriate.

DEC had requested to recover \$52 million a year for 12 years for its cancelled Lee Cherokee, Nuclear Station in Carolina. The Company asked to earn a return on the unrecovered balance of these costs. The Commission found that DEC's Lee Nuclear Station development efforts were reasonable and prudent, as was the Company's decision to cancel the project. While the Commission's order allows DEC to recover its Lee Nuclear Station costs from customers, the Commission denied the Company's request to earn a return on the project costs.

The Commission denied DEC's request for special ratemaking treatment to recover the Company's projected Power Forward Carolinas grid modernization program costs. DEC had requested to establish a cost-tracking rider (initially set at \$35 million annually) to recover Power Forward spending or, alternatively, to allow deferral accounting of these costs. The Commission found that DEC "failed to show that exceptional circumstances exist to justify the establishment of the Grid Rider for recovery of its Power Forward costs." The order states that, with the limited exception of federallymandated reliability standards, "DEC has complete control over the proposed spending, the rate of spending, and the timing of spending on Power Forward programs; it also has full control over its test year and the timing and frequency of when its applications for a general rate increase are filed. ... Furthermore, there is no evidence in the record that without the Grid Rider DEC would not be able to remain a strong, financially viable company."

DEC had requested to increase the basic facilities charge for residential customers from \$11.80 to \$17.79. Instead, the Commission set this monthly charge at \$14.00 for residential customers. The Commission's decision followed

12 days of hearing in which expert witness testimony was presented by many parties to the proceeding. In addition, the Commission conducted three hearings for public witness testimony that were held throughout DEC's service area and at which 75 public witnesses testified.

## Duke Energy Carolinas Rate Case (Docket No. E-7, Sub 1214)

On September 30, 2019, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC or the Company) filed an application to adjust retail rates. The Commission issued an Order dated March 21, 2021, approving a partial rate increase for DEC, including approval of a settlement addressing coal ash costs.

DEC filed a request for a \$445.3 million, 9.2% rate increase.

DEC and the Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) filed a settlement on July 31, 2020, in which they agreed to an overall rate of return of 7.04%, which included a rate of return on common equity of 9.6% applied to a capital structure with 52% members' equity. The Commission's decision approved the return and capital structure that were agreed to by the Public Staff and DEC, finding them to be "just and reasonable."

DEC initially sought approval for deferral accounting treatment of \$1.3 billion for 16 Grid Improvement Plan (GIP) programs. DEC and the Public Staff reached a settlement on DEC's GIP proposal, agreeing to reduce the number of programs to eight for spending that is planned to occur from June 1, 2020, through December 31, 2022, and to report to the Commission periodically on the implementation and effectiveness of the programs. The Commission's Order accepted the settlement but imposed an \$800 million limit on the total amount approved for deferral treatment. The Commission's decision did not approve cost recovery; rather, the decision allows DEC to treat costs incurred in pursuing the settled GIP

programs as regulatory assets pending a determination of reasonableness and prudence in a future rate case proceeding. DEC remains fully at risk for the reasonableness and prudence determination of its GIP-related costs when DEC seeks to recover its costs in a future proceeding.

On January 25, 2021, DEC, the Public Staff, the Attorney General's Office, and the Sierra Club filed a settlement addressing costs related to coal ash. The Commission's Order approved the settlement. DEC had originally sought recovery in this case of \$341,658,176 for coal ash basin closure and compliance costs that it incurred from January 1, 2018, through January 31, 2020, and another \$36,806,227 for related financing costs incurred by the Company through July 2020. The settlement reduced the amount of coal ash costs and financing costs sought for recovery in this case by \$224 million. The settlement permits DEC to recover its financing costs at a reduced rate. In addition, the settlement reduced by \$108 million the amount of coal ash costs that DEC may recover during the period from February 1, 2020, through January 31, 2030, and established a reduced rate for financing costs incurred during that same time period. Also, the settlement obligates DEC to share with its customers proceeds from ongoing coal ash insurance litigation.

Finally, the Commission's Order directs DEC to conduct a collaborative proceeding to examine and address affordability for low-income residential customers. In addition, the Order approved a shareholder-funded contribution (made by DEC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC) to the Helping Home Fund of \$3 million per year for two years (for a total of \$6 million), as well as an annual \$2.5 million shareholder contribution by DEC to the Share the Warmth Fund in 2021 and 2022 (for a total of \$5 million).

The Commission's decision followed four

public witness hearings held throughout DEC's North Carolina service area during January 2020, at which 70 public witnesses testified, as well as an expert witness hearing, beginning on August 24, 2020, and conducted by remote means, at which 68 expert witnesses presented testimony.

#### Duke Energy Progress Rate Case (Docket No. E-2, Sub 1219)

On October 30, 2019, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP or the Company) filed an application to adjust retail rates. The Commission issued an Order dated April 16, 2021, approving a partial rate increase for DEP, including approval of a settlement addressing coal ash costs.

DEP filed a request for a \$463.6 million, 12.3% rate increase.

DEP and the Public Staff of the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff) filed a settlement on July 31, 2020, in which they agreed to an overall rate of return of 6.93%, which included a rate of return on common equity of 9.6% applied to a capital structure with 52% members' equity. The Commission's decision approved the return and capital structure that were agreed to by the Public Staff and DEP, finding them to be "just and reasonable."

DEP initially sought approval for deferral accounting treatment of \$987.8 million for 16 Grid Improvement Plan (GIP) programs. DEP and the Public Staff reached a settlement on DEP's GIP proposal, agreeing to reduce the number of programs to eight for spending that is planned to occur from June 1, 2020, through December 31, 2022, and to report to the Commission periodically on the implementation and effectiveness of the programs. The Commission's Order accepted the settlement but imposed a \$400 million limit on the total amount approved for deferral treatment. The Commission's decision did not approve cost recovery; rather, the decision allows DEP to treat costs incurred in pursuing the settled GIP

programs as regulatory assets pending a determination of reasonableness and prudence in a future rate case proceeding. DEP remains fully at risk for the reasonableness and prudence determination of its GIP-related costs when DEP seeks to recover its costs in a future proceeding.

On January 25, 2021, DEP, the Public Staff, the Attorney General's Office, and the Sierra Club filed a settlement addressing costs related to coal ash. The Commission's Order approved the settlement. DEP had originally sought recovery in this case of \$399,134,625 for coal ash basin closure and compliance costs that it incurred from September 1, 2017, through February 29, 2020, and another \$40,980,404 for related financing costs incurred by the Company through August 2020. The settlement reduced the amount of coal ash costs and financing costs sought for recovery in this case by \$261 million. The settlement permits DEP to recover its financing costs at a reduced rate. In addition, the settlement reduced by \$162 million the amount of coal ash costs that DEP may recover during the period from March 2020, through February 28, 2030, and established a reduced rate for financing costs incurred during that same time period. Also, the settlement obligates DEP to share with its customers proceeds from ongoing coal ash insurance litigation.

Finally, the Commission's Order directs DEP to participate in a collaborative proceeding to examine and address affordability for low-income residential customers. In addition, the Order approved a shareholder-funded contribution (made by DEP and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC) to the Helping Home Fund of \$3 million per year for two years (for a total of \$6 million), as well as an annual \$2.5 million shareholder contribution by DEP to the Energy Neighbor Fund in 2021 and 2022 (for a total of \$5 million).

The Commission's decision followed five

public witness hearings held throughout DEP's North Carolina service area during February and March of 2020, at which 58 public witnesses testified, as well as an expert witness hearing beginning August 24, 2020, and conducted by remote means, at which 60 expert witnesses presented testimony.

## 2. N. C. Utility Rates vs. Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) reflects the average change in the retail prices of a fairly broad but select "market basket" of consumer goods and services. It has been the most popular index because it is reported monthly as opposed to the quarterly publication of the Gross National Product Deflator, and it is not revised after its initial publication. The CPI-U rate was 257.0 for 2019 compared to 260.5 for 2020.

Figure No. 2-3 shows the electric and gas utility costs compared to the CPI-U for the years 2001 to 2020.

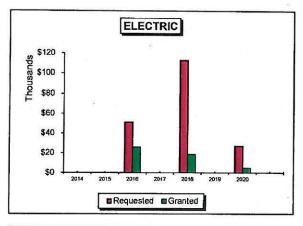
#### D. REGULATORY FEES

On August 12, 1989, the General Assembly ratified Senate Bill 1320 entitled "An Act to Establish Regulatory Fees for Public Utilities to Defray the Cost to the Utilities Commission and the Public Staff of Regulating Public Utilities in the Interest of the Public." Senate Bill 1320 amended Article 14 of Chapter 62 of the General Statutes by adding a new Section, G.S. 62-302, entitled "Regulatory Fee." This act became effective on July 1, 1989, and applies to North Carolina jurisdictional revenues earned by public utilities on and after that date. With the passage of House Bill 356, entitled NCUC Regulatory Fee changes June 30, 2015, the Commission Chair and Public Staff Executive Director are able to establish the Regulatory Fee percentage annually with parameters of the bill. The percentage rate may not exceed the amount necessary to generate funds sufficient to defray the estimated cost of the operations of the Commission and the Public Staff for a period of

FIGURE NO. 2-1	,				
FILINGS AND ORDERS BY INDUSTRY GROUP  Calendar Year 2020					
Industry	Orders	Filings			
Electric	852	4,041			
Electric Reseller	28	123			
Telephone	123	447			
Shared Tenant Service	0	0			
Natural Gas	99	671			
Water / Wastewater, including Resellers	1,432	3,626			
Household Goods Movers	126	752			
Payphone Service Providers	1	5			
Other (Bus/Broker, Electric Merchant Plant, EMC, Ferry, Small Power Producer, & Misc.)	366	11,238			
Total	3,027	20,903			

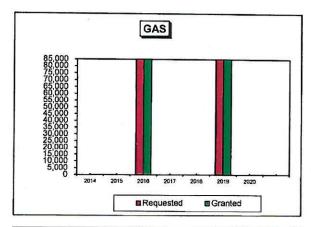
FIGURE NO. 2-2

ELECTRIC AND GAS GENERAL RATE CASE DATA
AMOUNTS REQUESTED AND GRANTED (000's) FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2014-2020



Electric Cases	\$ Amount Requested	\$ Amount Granted	% Granted
2014	0	0	0.0
2015	0	0	0.0
2016	51,073	25,790	50.5
2017	0	0	0.0
2018	112,800	18,316	16.2
2019	0	. 0	0.0
2020	26,958	5,039	18.7
Total	190,831	49,145	25.8

Total Cases	\$ Amount Requested	\$ Amount Granted	% Granted
2014	0	0	0.0
2015	0	0	0.0
2016	466,903	216,331	46.3
2017	0	0	0.0
2018	112,800	18,316	16.2
2019	143,635	108,796	75.7
2020	26,958	5,039	18.7
Total	750,296	348,482	46.4



		\$ Amount	\$ Amount	
Gas C	Cases	Requested	Granted	% Granted
	2014	0	0	0.0
	2015	0	0	0.0
	2016	415,830	190,541	45.8
	2017	0	0	0.0
	2018	0	0	0.0
	2019	143,635	108,796	75.7
	2020_	0	0	0.0
Total		559,465	299,337	53.5

FIGURE NO. 2-3

#### North Carolina Utility Rates vs. Consumer Price Index (CPI)

	Average Residential	Average Residential	Consumer
	Electric	Gas Rates	Price
Year	Rates	Per	Index
Ended	Per kWh	Dekatherm	All Urban
December 31	(Cents)	(\$)	Customers
2001	\$7.74	\$11.86	530.4
2002	\$7.77	\$8.93	538.8
2003	\$7.88	\$10.96	551.1
2004	\$7.98	\$12.21	565.8
2005	\$8.13	\$15.09	585.0
2006	\$8.42	\$16.06	603.9
2007	\$8.72	\$15.07	621.1
2008	\$8.79	\$15.96	629.7
2009	\$9.28	\$13.72	646.8
2010	\$9.56	\$12.14	656.6
2011	\$9.55	\$12.26	676.0
2012	\$10.31	\$11.92	687.8
2013	\$10.37	\$11.52	698.1
2014	\$10.55	\$11.44	703.3
2015	\$10.78	\$11.01	708.5
2016	\$10.57	\$11.49	723.2
2017*	\$10.29	\$12.67	246.5
2018	\$10.57	\$11.56	251.2
2019	\$10.99	\$9.46	257.0
2020	\$10.87	\$12.58	260.5
2019-2020			
% Change	-1.10%	24.80%	1.34%

<sup>\*2017</sup> CPI Methodology changed

# III. SUMMARY OF THE COMMISSION ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS 2020 AND PRIOR YEAR

## A. OVERVIEW OF SIZE, OPERATING RESULTS, AND NUMBER OF COMPANIES REGULATED

At December 31, 2020, there were 3,808 companies regulated by the North Carolina Utilities Commission. Many changes take place annually in various utility groups since new companies are being certified and others are being deleted because of sales, mergers, cancellations, deregulation, and abandonments. See Figure No. 3-2.

Figure No. 3-1 shows changes from 2019 to 2020 in the major regulated electric and gas company's plant investment, total capitalization, and total customers served or access lines in service.

## B. COMMISSION CASE LOAD: FORMAL AND INFORMAL HEARINGS

In addition to the multiplicity of decisions made informally by the Commission in conferences with its staff and interested parties, the Commission maintains a full docket of formal and semiformal hearings conferences. There are many small complaints and inquiries disposed of daily by individual Commissioners and individual staff heads (both Commission and Public Staff). These complaints are handled through discussions with utility customers, executives, representatives, organizations, and associations.

During 2020 there were 119 formal hearings. Of the 119 formal hearings, 6 were held out of town and 11 of these were held at night. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic that began in March 2020, 92 of the 119 formal hearings were held via Webex, and of the 19,802 combined total transcribed pages, 19,077 pages were transcribed from virtual hearings. The proceedings required extensive time and effort by personnel of both the Commission and Public Staff and even more time in actual public

hearings. The Commission received 20,903 filings and issued 3,027 orders in 2020. The number of pages transcribed by the court reporters for the years 1990 through 2020 are as follows:

No. of Pages Transcribed By: Commission Outside

	001111111111111111111111111111111111111	Outside
_Year	Reporters	Reporters
1990	18,803	1,216
1991	22,719	2,268
1992	15,589	198
1993	18,534	0
1994	17,317	0
1995	15,578	0
1996	12,222	6,555
1997	11,998	1,275
1998	13,566	2,855
1999	12,829	1,823
2000	11,858	0
2001	7,362	4,673
2002	7,214	370
2003	7,584	548
2004	7,020	922
2005	5,525	2,151
2006	3,658	1,870
2007	3,609	2,384
2008	4,662	3,265
2009	3,494	814
2010	6,529	588
2011	5,920	5,164
2012	2,621	1,744
2013	700	7,549
2014	4,550	2,882
2015	3,494	960
2016	4,673	2,616
2017	5,243	9,367
2018	3,628	9,480
2019	4,138	8,030
2020	3,607	16,195
		72

The Commission currently has one court reporter on its staff.

Commission hearings continued to

generate keen public interest in 2020. The Attorney General represented some segments of the public sector who wished to intervene, while others provided their own legal counsel. In addition, the Public Staff intervened in most cases and made their recommendations to the Commissioners.

#### **Complaint Activity**

Another important facet of the Commission and Public Staff workload involves the handling of customer complaints dealing with all aspects of utility operations and services. The vast majority of these complaints are settled without becoming a docketed item and going into formal hearing proceedings. The Public Staff's Consumer Services Division investigated and resolved a majority of these complaints. To illustrate the magnitude of this phase of the Utilities Commission workload, the number of complaints received and handled in 1997 was 8,505 complaints, and this volume increased consistently in the following years. The Consumer Services Division received 3,405 complaints in 2020.

## C. GENERAL IMPACT OF THE REGULATED UTILITIES ON THE ECONOMY OF NORTH CAROLINA IN 2020

In 2020, gross operating revenues increased for electric and gas utilities. Figure No. 3-1 depicts the increase with the three Class A electric companies showing an increase of 5.1% in 2020 compared to 2019. The gas company's gross operating revenues decreased by 5.2%.

Investment in gross plant allocated to North Carolina by the electric and gas companies increased over the previous year. There was an increase in the total gross plant allocated to North Carolina for 2020 compared to the previous year, making a total of over \$78 billion as of December 31, 2019

(\$78,483,179,000). The increased plant investment will serve the electric and gas customers which numbered 4,820,744 in 2019 compared to 4,918,448 in 2020. (Figure No. 3-3 Gross Plant Allocated to Serve North Carolina Customers).

## HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES ELECTRIC, GAS & TELEPHONE UTILITIES 2019 VS. 2020 (Dollars in Thousands)

	ELECTRIC	- MAJOR COM	PANIES	GAS - I	<b>MAJOR COMP</b>	ANIES	TELEPHO	NE - ALL CLA	ASSES
HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES	2019	2020	% Change		2020	% Change	2019	2020	% Change
Revenues and Expenses (N.C. Only):					SUCCESSION OF THE REAL PROPERTY.			40-100-22-0	70 Change
Operating Revenues	\$10,887,368	\$10,000,918	(8.1)	\$1,464,595	\$1,435,754	(2.0)	\$0	\$0	N/A
Operating Expenses	8,714,608	7,235,924	(17.0)		1,028,968	(10.0)	•		N/A
Net Operating Income Including Taxes	\$2,172,760	\$2,764,994	27.3	\$321,433		26.6	\$0	\$0	N/A
Other Income (Deductions) Net (A)	95,582	51,358	(46.3)	2-346-71L-20-14-6-11	33,035	309.5	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fixed Charges	634,470	620,166	(2.3)	Annual State of the State of th	8,480	(94.1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Net Income	\$1,633,872	\$2,196,186	34.4	\$185,768	\$431,341	132.2	\$0	\$0	N/A
Plant (N.C. Only):							<u>.</u>		
Gross Plant (B)	\$67,294,675	\$68,913,609	2.4	\$9,304,232	\$10,187,039	9.5			N/A
Accumulated Depreciation	24,492,400	25,461,097	4.0	2,499,977	2,629,039	5.2		and the later of	N/A
Net Plant	\$42,802,275	\$43,452,512		\$6,804,255	\$7,558,000	11.1	\$0	\$0	N/A
Capital Structure:				A TELEP			× 100		
Stockholders' Equity	\$15,030,478	\$13,400,230	(10.8)	\$2,654,515	\$3,051,916	15.0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Long-Term Debt	32,965,295	34,728,253		\$2,362,152	\$2,601,081	10.1	N/A	, N/A	N/A
Total Capitalization	\$47,995,773	\$48,128,483	0.3	\$3,346,451	\$3,885,389	16.1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Long-Term Debt % of Total Capitalization	68.7	72.2	5.1	70.6	66.9	(5.2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Statistics (N.C. Only):					SATURDA ARROS		Chief Carrier Company		
Total Customers Yearly Average	3,590,607	3,655,609	1.8	1,230,137	1,262,839	2.7			
Average Number of kWhs Per Residential Customer	12,942	12,435	(3.9)						
Average Number of Dekatherms Per Residential Cust.				81	50	(38.3)			
Average Revenue Per Residential Customer:	1								
Electric Residential Customer (Cents Per kWh)	\$10.99	\$10.87	(1.1)						
Gas Residential Customer (\$ Per Dekatherm)				\$9.46	\$12.58	33.0	ľ		
Total Access Lines in Service	3						1,006,886	N/A	(100.0)

<sup>(</sup>A) Includes all Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC) and all Extraordinary and Delayed Items.

#### N/A - Not Available

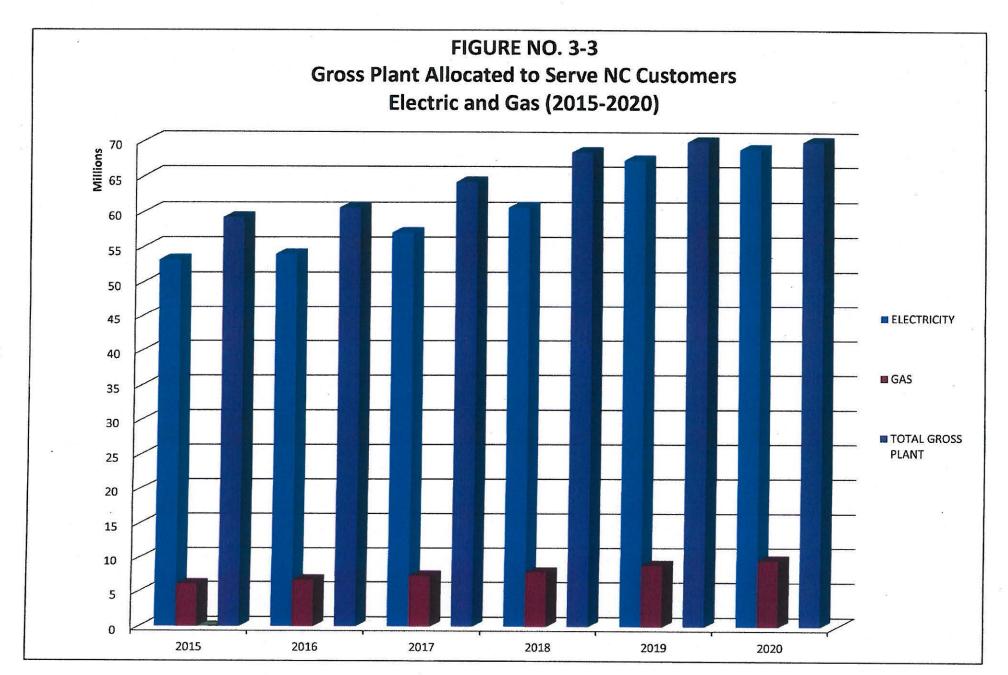
NOTE: Effective in 2011, telephone companies are no longer required to file financial information; thus, it is no longer available.

NOTE: Effective in 2020 Total Access Lines in Service is no longer reported, therefore, the information is no longer available.

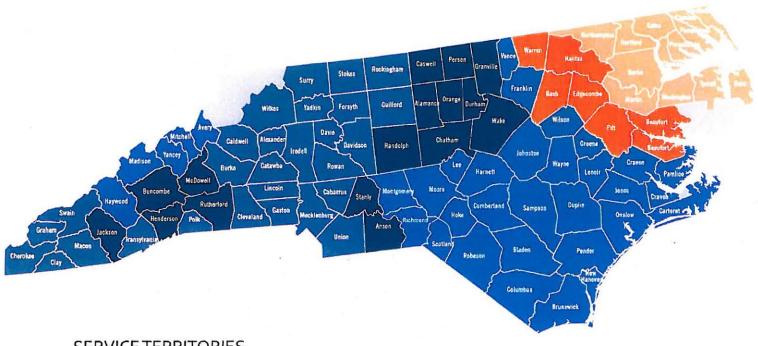
<sup>(</sup>B) Includes Plant in Service, Under Construction, Held for Future Use, and Leased to Others.

## MAJOR UTILITIES REGULATED AND REPORTING TO THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

UTILITY	QTY
BUS / BROKER	. 8
ELECTRIC	6
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES	32
ELECTRIC MERCHANT PLANTS	14
ELECTRIC RESELLER	63
FERRIES	8
NATURAL GAS:	**************************************
LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES	4
PROPANE DISTRIBUTION COMPANY	- 1
INTRASTATE PIPELINE	1
GAS RESELLER	1
MOTOR CARRIERS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS	342
SMALL POWER PRODUCERS	1,114
TELEPHONE:	.,
COMPETING LOCAL PROVIDERS	44
INCUMBENT LOCAL PROVIDERS	16
LONG DISTANCE CARRIERS	219
PAYPHONE SERVICE PROVIDERS	32
SHARED TENANT SERVICES	5
WATER / WASTEWATER	173
WATER RESELLER	1,725
TOTAL	3.808
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IV. ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY

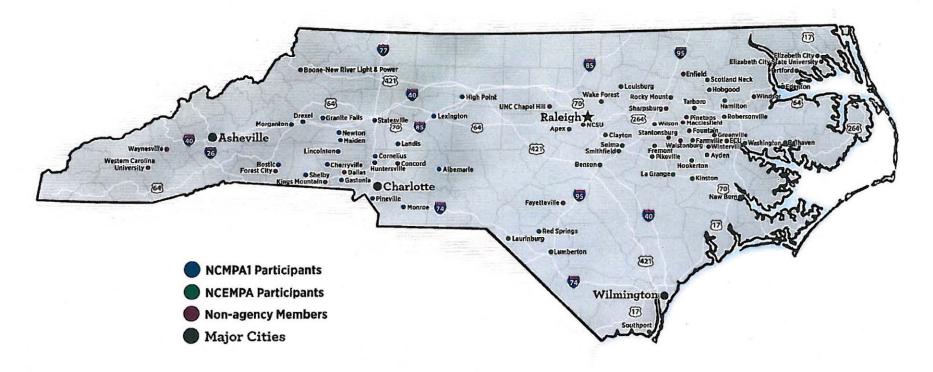


SERVICE TERRITORIES (counties served)

- Duke Energy Carolinas
- Duke Energy Progress
- Duke Energy Carolinas/
  Duke Energy Progress overlapping counties
- Dominion Energy North Carolina
  - Dominion Energy North Carolina/
  - Duke Energy Progress overlapping counties

## **ELECTRICITIES** of NC

## MEMBER MAP

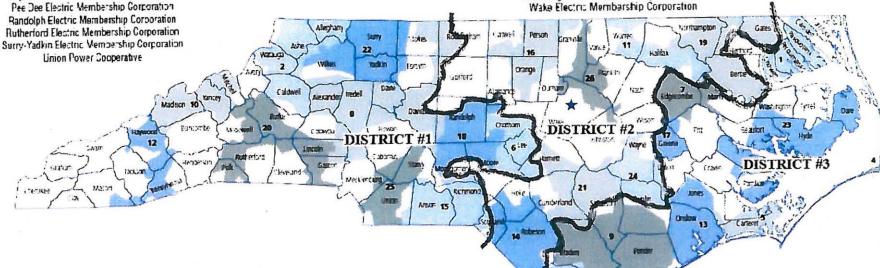


#### **OUR PURPOSE:**

Deliver value to public power communities through collective strength, wisdom and action while promoting a more successful future for our citizens.

#### **TEMA Directorate Districts**

District 2 Ha Ifax Electric Membership Corporation Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative Northern Neck Electric Cooperative Piedmont Electric Membership Corporation Prince George Electric Cooperative Roanoke Flectric Membership Corporation South River Hestric Membership Corporation Southside Electric Cooperative Tel County Electric Membership Corporation



- 1 Albemarle Hertford
- 2 Blue Ridge Lenoir
- 3 Brurswick Shallotte
- Cape Hatteras Buxton

District 1

BARC Electric Cooperative

Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation

Central Electric Membership Corporation

Energy United Electric Membership Corporation

French Broad Electric Membership Corporation

Haywood Electric Membership Corporation

- 5 Careret-Craven Morehead City 12 Haywood Waynesville
- 6 Central Sanford
- 7 Edgecombe-Martin County Tarboro
- 8 EnergyUnited Statesville

**Electric Cooperative Territories** 

- 9 Four County Burgaw
- 10 French Broad Marshall
- 11 Halifax Enfield

- 13 Jones-Onslow Jacksonville
- 14 Lumbee River Red Springs
- 15 Pee Dee Wadesboro

- 16 Piedmont Hillsborough
- 17 Pitt & Greene Farriville
- 18 Randelph Asheboro
- 19 Roancke Ahoskie
- 20 Rutherford Forest City
- 21 South River Dunn 22 Surry-Yackin - Dobson
- 23 Tideland Panlego

- 24 Tri-County Dudley
- 25 Union - Monroe
- 26 Wake Wake Forest
- NCEMC/NCAEC/TEMA Raleigh

A&N Electric Cooperative Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation Cape Hatteras Electric Membership Corporation Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation Edgecompe-Martin County Electric Membership Corporation Four County Electric Membership Curporation Jones-Unalaw Electric Membership Corporation Prt: & Greene Electric Membership Corporation Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative I deland He Jos. Member 4 m Gorpor don

District 3

#### FIGURE 4-3

#### MAJOR ELECTRIC COMPANIES

At December 31, 2020 (Fully Regulated)

Duke Energy Progress, Inc. D/B/A DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS 411 Fayetteville Street

Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1748

Organized: April 6, 1926; merged 7/2/2012 States Served: North Carolina and

South Carolina

Duke Energy Corporation
D/B/A DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC
526 S. South Church Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

Organized: May 1917

States Served: North Carolina and

South Carolina

Virginia Electric And Power Company D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY NORTH CAROLINA

One James River Plaza Richmond, Virginia 23219 Organized: June 29, 1909 States Served: North Carolina

and Virginia

SMALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES

At December 31, 2020

COMPANY

COUNTY \*\*\*

New River Power & Light Watauga Western Carolina University Jackson \*\*\*Entire County is not served by the companies listed.

## MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC SYSTEMS AND SOURCE OF POWER\*

(Not Regulated)

MUNICIPALITY SOURCE OF POWER Albemarle NCMPA No. 1 Apex **NCEMPA** Ayden **NCEMPA** Belhaven NCEMPA Benson **NCEMPA** Black Creek City of Wilson Bostic NCMPA No. 1 Cherryville NCMPA No. 1 Clayton **NCEMPA** Concord **Duke Energy** Cornelius NCMPA No. 1 Dallas **Duke Energy** Drexel NCMPA No. 1 Edenton NCEMPA Elizabeth City NCEMPA Enfield **VEPCO** Farmville **NCEMPA** 

Fayetteville Duke Energy Progress

Forest City Duke Energy

Fountain Town of Farmville

Fremont **NCEMPA** Gastonia NCMPA No. 1 Granite Falls NCMPA No. 1 Greenville NCEMPA Hamilton **NCEMPA** Hertford NCEMPA **High Point** NCMPA No. 1 Highlands NCMPA No. 1 Hobgood **NCEMPA** Hookerton **NCEMPA** Huntersville NCMPA No. 1 Kings Mountain **Duke Energy** Kinston **NCEMPA** LaGrange **NCEMPA** Landis NCMPA No. 1 Laurinburg **NCEMPA** Lexington NCMPA No. 1 Lincolnton NCMPA No. 1 Louisburg **NCEMPA** 

City of Wilson

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#### FIGURE 4-3 (continued)

#### MUNICIPALITY SOURCE OF POWER\*

Lumberton NCEMPA

MacClesfield Edgecombe County

Maiden NCMPA No. 1
Monroe NCMPA No. 1

Morganton NCMPA No. 1 Murphy NCMPA NO.1

New Bern NCEMPA Newton NCMPA No. 1

Oak City NCMPA No. 1
Pikeville NCEMPA

Pinetops Edgecombe County

Pineville NCMPA No. 1
Red Springs NCEMPA
Robersonville NCEMPA
Rocky Mount NCEMPA
Scotland Neck NCEMPA
Selma NCEMPA

Sharpsburg Nash/Edgecombe/Wilson

Shelby NCMPA No. 1
Smithfield NCEMPA
Southport NCEMPA
Stantonsburg Wilson County

Statesville NCMPA No. 1
Tarboro NCEMPA
Wake Forest NCEMPA

Walstonburg Greene County Washington NCEMPA

Waynesville Haywood County
Wilson NCEMPA

Windsor NC Power

Winterville Greenville Utilities

Total: 71

**Municipal Power Agency** 

NCMPA No. 1 = North Carolina Municipal

**Power Agency Number 1** 

#### N. C. ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION AND SOURCE OF POWER

December 31, 2020

(Regulated as to Quality of Service Only)

ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION	HEADQUARTERS	SOURCE OF POWER*
Albemarle	Hertford	NCEMC*, SEPA**
Blue Ridge	Lenoir	Duke Energy, NCEMC-IM***,
Side Mage		SEPA ,
Brunswick	Shallotte	NCEMC, SEPA
Cape Hatteras	Buxton	NCEMC
Carteret-Craven	Newport	NCEMC, SEPA
Central	Sanford	NCEMC, SEPA
Edgecombe-Martin County	Tarboro	NCEMC, SEPA
EnergyUnited	Statesville	NCEMC-IM, SEPA
		Southern Company
Four County	Burgaw	NCEMC, SEPA
French Broad	Marshall	Duke Energy, SEPA
Halifax	Enfield	NCEMC, SEPA
Haywood	Waynesville	NCEMC-IM, SEPA
		Duke Energy
Jones-Onslow	Jacksonville	NCEMC, SEPA
Lumbee River	<b>Red Springs</b>	NCEMC, SEPA
Pee Dee	Wadesboro	NCEMC, SEPA
Piedmont	Hillsborough	NCEMC-IM, SEPA,
		Duke Power
Pitt & Greene	Farmville	NCEMC, SEPA
Randolph	Asheboro	NCEMC, SEPA
Roanoke	Ahoskie	NCEMC, SEPA
Rutherford	Forest City	NCEMC-IM, Duke Energy,
		SEPA
South River	Dunn	NCEMC, SEPA
Surry-Yadkin	Dobson	NCEMC
Tideland	Pantego	NCEMC, SEPA
Tri-County	Dudley	NCEMC, SEPA
Union	Monroe	NCEMC, SEPA
Wake	Wake Forest	NCEMC, SEPA

<sup>\*</sup>NCEMC - North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation

<sup>\*\*</sup>SEPA - Southeastern Power Administration

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>IM – Independent Members of NCEMC; these members independently purchase capacity and energy requirements as needed, above those provided by NCEMC and SEPA.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Renewable energy is a growing source of power for electric cooperatives across the state as they interconnect member-owned renewable resources and install renewable energy systems owned by the cooperative to meet sustainability goals and state mandates.

### FIGURE NO. 4-4 (Continued)

## FOREIGN ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATIONS OPERATING IN NORTH CAROLINA

December 31, 2020

ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION	HEADQUARTERS SOURCE	CE OF POWER
Blue Ridge Mountain Serves Cherokee and Clay Counties	Young Harris, GA	TVA
Broad River Electric Cooperative, Inc. Serves Cleveland, Polk and Rutherford counties	Gaffney, SC	Central Electric Power Cooperative
Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative, Inc. Serves Granville, Vance, Warren, Person and Northampton Counties	Chase City, VA	SEPA, ODEC
Tri-State Serves Cherokee County	McCaysville, GA	TVA
Mountain Electric Cooperative, Inc. Serves Avery, Burke, McDowell, and Watauga Counties	Mountain City, TN	TVA

#### A. GENERAL COMMENTS

There are three regulated investorowned electric utilities (IOUs) operating under the laws of the State of North Carolina and subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. All three of the IOUs own generating facilities. They are Duke Energy Progress, LLC (Progress), whose corporate office is in Raleigh; Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke), whose corporate office is in Charlotte; and Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO), whose corporate office is in Richmond, Virginia, and which does business in North Carolina under the name Dominion Energy North Carolina (Dominion).

Energy Progress, Duke (Progress), an investor-owned utility, operates electric generation plants fueled by nuclear, coal, natural gas, oil, conventional hydroelectric and renewable energy. In 2020 Progress provided 1,448,000 North Carolina to customers. The North and South Carolina Commissions govern retail electric rates and the Energy Regulatory Commission governs wholesale electric rates. Progress is headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Duke and Progress, the two largest electric IOUs in North Carolina, together provide approximately 96% of the utility-supplied electricity consumed in the state. Approximately 22% of the IOUs' 2020 electric sales in North Carolina were to the wholesale market, consisting primarily of electric membership corporations and municipally-owned electric systems.

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Duke) is an energy company headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina. On July 2, 2012, Duke Energy merged with Progress Energy, with Duke Energy continuing as the surviving corporation. Duke, an investor-owned utility, provided electricity to 2,084,000 North Carolina customers in 2020. Duke operates electric generation plants fueled by nuclear, coal, natural gas, oil, conventional hydroelectric, pumped storage hydroelectric and renewable energy.

Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO) is the principal subsidiary of Dominion Resources, Inc., a publicly traded holding company. VEPCO provides service to northeastern North Carolina, where it operates

as Dominion North Carolina Power (NC Power). VEPCO's service territory includes the urban corridor stretching from the suburbs of Washington, D.C., through Richmond to the Hampton Roads and Norfolk area of Virginia to North Carolina. NC Power provided electricity to 122,000 North Carolina customers in 2020. VEPCO's existing generating resources, located primarily in Virginia, are at multiple sites distributed geographically around its service territory. VEPCO's electric generation plants are fueled by nuclear, coal, natural gas, oil, conventional hydroelectric, pumped storage hydroelectric, and renewable energy. Dominion Resources, Inc. is headquartered in Richmond. Virginia.

The Commission does not regulate the retail rates of municipally-owned electric systems or electric membership corporations; however, the Commission does have jurisdiction over the licensing of all new electric generating plants and large scale transmission facilities built in North Carolina.

Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) are independent. non-profit corporations. There are 32 EMCs serving 1.000.000 customers in North including 26 that are headquartered in the state. The other six are headquartered in adjacent states. These EMCs serve customers in 93 of the state's 100 counties. Twenty-five of the EMCs are members of the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC), an umbrella service organization. NCEMC is a generation and transmission services cooperative that provides wholesale power and other services to its 25 members.

Six EMCs operating in the state are not members of NCEMC. As noted above, five are incorporated in contiguous states and provide service in limited areas across the border into North Carolina. The sixth is French Broad EMC.

Two non-IOU electric utilities subject to the Commission's jurisdiction are very small distribution companies wholly located in North Carolina. Both are university-owned: New River Light and Power, located in Boone, and Western Carolina University, located in Cullowhee. New River Light and Power is an all-requirements customer of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, and Western Carolina

University is an all-requirements customer of Duke.

## B. RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY

#### Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (REPS)

In 2007, North Carolina became the first state in the Southeast to adopt a Renewable and Energy Efficiency Energy Standard. Under the REPS statute, codified at N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8, investor-owned electric utilities are required to increase their use of renewable energy resources and/or energy efficiency such that those sources meet 12.5% of their NC retail sales in 2021. EMCs and municipal electric suppliers are required to meet a similar requirement of 10% of their NC retail sales in 2018 and thereafter. The requirements under the law phase in over time, with the most recent increase in 2018, requiring investorowned utilities to meet 10% of their prior year's NC retail sales through renewable energy and EE sources. Within the overall percentage requirements, electric power suppliers must meet a specified portion of their total REPS requirements by producing or purchasing electricity produced from solar, swine-waste, and poultry-waste resources. As detailed in the following section, these specified source requirements also increase over time, however the Commission has modified and delayed the swine and poultry waste requirements several times.

The REPS statute requires Commission to monitor compliance with REPS and to develop procedures for tracking and accounting for renewable energy certificates (RECs), which represent units of electricity or energy produced or saved by a renewable energy facility or an implemented EE measure. In 2008 the Commission opened Docket No. E-100. Sub 121 and established a stakeholder process to propose requirements for a North Carolina Renewable Energy Tracking System (NC-RETS). On October 19, 2009, the Commission issued a request for proposals (RFP) via which it selected a vendor, APX, Inc., to design, build, and operate the tracking system. NC RETS began operating July 1, 2010, consistent with the requirements of Session Law 2009-475.

Members of the public can access the NC-RETS website at www.ncrets.org. The site's "resources" tab provides public reports regarding REPS compliance and NC RETS account holders. NC-RETS also provides an electronic bulletin board where RECs can be offered for purchase.

September On 28, 2020, the Commission submitted its Annual Report Regarding Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard in North Carolina, which is required pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8. The report details Commission implementation of the REPS statute since its enactment in 2007. The report concluded that all electric power suppliers have met the 2012-2019 general REPS requirements and appear on track to meet the 2020 general REPS requirements. All electric power suppliers have met the 2012-2019 solar set-aside requirements and appear to be on track to meet the 2020 solar set-aside requirement. The Commission granted a joint motion to delay implementation of the 2019 swine waste set-aside requirement for one year except for the electric public utilities – requiring them to meet a 0.04% swine waste set-aside for 2019. The electric public utilities met the 0.04% waste set-aside for 2019. Commission's modification order also reduced the poultry waste set-aside requirements for 2019 for all electric power suppliers to 500,000 MWh. Most electric power suppliers have indicated that they will have difficulty meeting the swine waste set-aside requirements for 2020 and that they will request a modification in these requirements for 2020, as well as a delay in future increases in these requirements. Electric power suppliers cite the lack of technological progress for power production from swine waste and failure of counter parties to deliver RECs as anticipated as impediments to meeting future swine waste set-aside requirements. The report is available on the Commission's web site at www.ncuc.net.

#### Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (CPRE)

On July 27, 2017, the Governor signed into law House Bill 589 (S.L. 2017-192). Part II of S.L. 2017-192 enacted N.C.G.S. § 62-110.8, which requires DEC and DEP to file for Commission approval on or before November 27, 2017, a program for the competitive procurement of energy and capacity from renewable energy facilities with the purpose of adding renewable energy to the State's generation portfolio in a manner that allows the State's electric public utilities to continue to reliably and cost-effectively serve customers' future energy needs (CPRE Program). Under the CPRE Program, DEC and DEP will issue requests for proposals to procure energy and capacity from renewable energy facilities in the aggregate amount of 2,660 MW, over the course of the 45-month program. This aggregate amount of capacity may be reduced based on certain provisions in the statute. Since House Bill 589 was signed into law, the Commission has adopted rules implementing the requirements of the CPRE Program and approved, with modifications, the CPRE Program proposed by DEC and DEP. In addition, the Commission approved Accion Group, LLC, as Independent Administrator (IA) of the CPRE Program.

On July 10, 2018, the IA opened the period for the submission of proposals for the first RFP Solicitation under the CPRE Program. seeking proposals for 600 MW in DEC's service territories and 80 MW in DEP's service territories. Proposals were received through October 9, 2018, when the Proposal submission period closed. Proposals included a balanced representation from North Carolina and South Carolina and ranged in size from seven to 80 MW. While market participants had the ability to provide renewable energy from a number of technologies, the IA received proposals for only solar photovoltaic generation. Four of the projects proposed storage integration. The IA evaluated the bids resulting in 465.50 MW procured in DEC and 85.72 MW procured in DEP.

The CPRE Tranche 2 RFP opened on October 15, 2019, and reflected modifications based on stakeholder input and lessons learned

in Tranche 1. For DEC, 37 proposals were submitted ranging from 15 to the maximum 80 MW AC generating capacity. A total of 1,853.7 MW AC of capacity was proposed, which is over three times the requested amount for CPRE Tranche 2 (600 MW AC). All proposals were for solar photovoltaic generation. Three proposals were submitted with energy storage systems integrated with PV systems. For DEP, six proposals were submitted ranging from 56 to the maximum 80 MW AC of generating capacity. A total of 440.9 MW was proposed, representing over five times the requested MW for Tranche 2 (80 MW AC). All Proposals were for solar photovoltaic generation. One proposal was submitted with an energy storage system integrated with the PV system.

On July 17, 2020, the IA completed the evaluation of proposals for Tranche 2 for both DEC and DEP. On that date the IA delivered to the Duke Evaluation Team the best ranked proposals ending the Tranche 2 RFP evaluation process. CPRE Tranche 2 successfully identified 689 MW of renewable resources at prices below the Tranche 2 Avoided Cost Cap (which cap included a reduction for Solar Integration Services Charge as directed by the Commission). The contracting period underway, and the IA will prepare a final report at the conclusion of the contracting period.

#### **Energy Efficiency**

Electric power suppliers in North Carolina required to implement demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) measures and use supply-side resources to establish the least cost mix of demand reduction and generation measures that meet the electricity needs of their customers. Energy reductions through the implementation of DSM and EE measures may also be used by the electric power suppliers to comply with REPS. Duke, Progress, Dominion, EnergyUnited, Halifax, and 24 NCEMC (which has assumed compliance responsibility from the dissolved GreenCo for REPS compliance for its member cooperatives) all administer EE and DSM programs.

#### **NC GreenPower**

NC GreenPower's mission is to expand public knowledge and acceptance of cleaner energy technologies to all North Carolinians through local, community-based initiatives. Founded in 2003 as a subsidiary of Advanced Energy Corporation, the nonprofit was launched by the NC Utilities Commission as a voluntary program to supplement the state's existing power supply with more green energy. NC GreenPower works to improve the state's environment by supporting renewable energy and carbon offset projects and by providing grants for solar installations at North Carolina K-12 schools.

Introduced on April 1, 2015, NC GreenPower Solar+ Schools uses donations to provide grants for educational solar PV packages at North Carolina schools. All K-12 schools are eligible, though preference may be given to those in economically distressed counties as defined by the NC Department of Commerce. Following a five-year pilot, the program was made official by the NC Utilities Commission in 2019 and offers top-of-pole mounted systems and roof-mounted systems. Each educational solar package includes a 5-kW solar PV array, a weather station, data monitoring equipment, a STEM curriculum and training for educators.

The NC GreenPower Solar+ Schools program gives teachers valuable tools to educate students about renewable energy. Selected schools are tasked with raising a small portion of the costs, between \$6,000 and \$12,000. Partnering with the State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) Foundation, selected public schools may receive a challenge grant worth \$10,000 - \$20,000, enabling them to increase their system from 3 kilowatts (kW) to 5 kW. NC GreenPower donations provide the remainder of funding needed, including \$14,000 in additional program benefits.

Contributions to NC GreenPower continue to help support the local generation of green energy and reduction of greenhouse gases but also help to install solar PV systems at schools across North Carolina. Statewide efforts of NC GreenPower also include community outreach and awareness. Voluntary donations to the program can be made by

individuals or businesses through their electric bill or directly to NC GreenPower on their website: www.ncgreenpower.org. NC GreenPower is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and all current projects are located within North Carolina.

This year was the first time that NC GreenPower is expanding its Solar+ Schools program to 10 schools — each of the previous five years awarded a maximum of five. NC GreenPower hopes to install at 15 schools in 2021 and up to 20 schools in 2022. By the end of 2020, the NC GreenPower Solar+ Schools program will have reached a total of 42 North Carolina schools in 33 counties, bringing solar and energy STEM education to nearly 31,600 students. To date the schools have collectively produced an estimated 391,560 kWh of green energy, a savings of about \$39,000.

## TRANSMISSION AND GENERATION INTERCONNECTION ISSUES

#### Transmission Planning

The North Carolina Transmission Collaborative Planning (NCTPC) established in 2005. Participants (transmissionowning utilities, such as Duke and Progress, and transmission-dependent utilities, such municipal electric systems and EMCs) identify the electric transmission projects that are needed to be built for reliability and estimate the costs of those upgrades. The NCTPC's January 22, 2020 report stated that 14 major (greater than \$10 million each) transmission projects are needed in North Carolina by the end of 2029 at an estimated cost of \$591 million. For more information, visit the NCTPC's website at www.nctpc.org.

On July 21, 2011, the FERC issued Order No. 1000, entitled "Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation by Transmission Owning and Operating Public Utilities." 1 This Order requires transmission owners to participate in regional and inter-regional transmission planning efforts. Duke and Progress have complied with Order No. 1000 by participating in the Southeastern Regional Transmission Planning (SERTP)2 process.

On July 3, 2013, Session Law 2013-232 was enacted. This law states that only a public

utility may obtain a certificate to build a new transmission line (except a line for the sole purpose of interconnecting an electric power plant). In this context, a public utility includes IOUs, EMCs, joint municipal power agencies, and cities and counties that operate electric utilities.

#### State Generator Interconnection Standards

On June 4, 2004, in Docket No. E-100, Sub 101, Progress, Duke, and Dominion jointly filed a proposed model small generator interconnection standard, application, and agreement to be applicable in North Carolina. In 2005, the Commission approved small generator interconnection standards for North Carolina.

In 2007 as part of REPS legislation codified at N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8(i), the General Assembly provided that the Commission shall "[e]stablish standards for interconnection of renewable energy facilities and other nonutility-owned generation with a generation capacity of 10 megawatts or less to an electric public utility's distribution system; provided, however, that the Commission shall adopt, if appropriate, federal interconnection standards."

In compliance, on June 9, 2008, the Commission issued an Order revising North Carolina's Interconnection Standard. The Commission used the federal standard as the starting point for all state-jurisdictional interconnections (regardless of the size of the generator) and made modifications to retain and improve upon the policy decisions made in 2005.

The Commission issued an Order Approving Revised Interconnection Standard on May 15, 2015. That Order made substantial changes to the procedures for requesting to interconnect a generator to the electric grid. Most of these changes were recommended by the stakeholders with the intent of addressing a back-log of interconnection requests. The more in the State's significant changes interconnection standards were: 1) a project's ability to be expedited is now based not only on the project's size, but also on the size of the line it would connect to, and its distance from a substation; 2) a new process for addressing "interdependent" projects was added, where one generator needs to decide whether it is going to move ahead in order for the utility to determine that capacity exists to interconnect a second generator; 3) developers must provide a deposit of at least \$20,000; 4) developers must demonstrate that they have site control; and 5) developers must pay for upgrades before the utility begins construction. The utilities are required to file a quarterly report to the Commission reporting on their progress in addressing the interconnection queue backlog.

On August 10, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing, Requesting Comments, and Extending Tranche 1 CPRE RFP Solicitation Response Deadline. The order established an evidentiary hearing to consider modifications to the NC Interconnection Standard. On October 5, 2018, the Commission issued an Order approving modifications to the NC Interconnection Standard in order to accommodate Tranche 1 of the CPRE program.

On June 14, 2019, the Commission issued an order further modifying the NC Interconnection Standard that made fairly minor changes while establishing deadlines for considering more substantial changes. These include:

- 1. The utilities were required to file additional information explaining their need for generators' production profiles. The Commission subsequently approved this new requirement on September 23, 2019.
- Duke was required to file a proposal for an expedited study process for battery storage being added to an existing solar generator. This issue remains pending.
- 3. Duke was required to consult with the Electric Power Research Institute as to ways to improve the fast track / supplemental review processes and file a report with the Commission. Duke filed that report October 23, 2019.
- 4. The utilities were required to host stakeholder meetings about the adoption of Interconnection Standard IEEE-1547 and file a report with the Commission. This report was filed April 1, 2020 and is still being reviewed by the Commission.
- 5. Duke was required to establish a stakeholder process to discuss transitioning the interconnection process from a first-come first-served process to a grouping study 27 process. Duke subsequently filed a queue reform proposal, which the Commission approved

October 15, 2020. Parallel changes must be approved by the South Carolina Public Service Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission before queue reform will take effect.

#### FEDERAL ENERGY INITIATIVES

#### Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT)

In April 1996, the FERC issued Order Nos. 888 and 889, which established rules governing open access to electric transmission systems for wholesale customers and required the construction and use of an Open Access Same-time Information System (OASIS) for reserving transmission service. In Order No. 888, the FERC also required utilities to file standard, non-discriminatory OATTs under which service is provided to wholesale customers such as electric cooperatives and municipal electric providers. As part of this decision, the FERC asserted federal jurisdiction over the rates, terms, and conditions of the transmission service provided to retail customers receiving unbundled service while leaving the transmission component of bundled retail service subject to state control. In Order No. 889. the FERC required utilities to separate their transmission and wholesale power marketing functions and to obtain information about their own transmission system for their own wholesale transactions through the use of an OASIS system on the Internet, just like their competitors. The purpose of this rule was to ensure that transmission owners do not have an unfair advantage in wholesale generation markets.

## Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs)

In December 1999, the FERC issued Order No. 2000 encouraging the formation of RTOs, independent entities created to operate the interconnected transmission assets of multiple electric utilities on a regional basis. In compliance with Order No. 2000, Duke, Progress, and SCE&G filed a proposal to form (GridSouth), a GridSouth Transco. LLC Carolinas-based RTO. The utilities put their GridSouth-related efforts on hold in June 2002. citing regulatory uncertainty at the federal level. The GridSouth organization was formally dissolved in April 2005.

Dominion filed an application with the Commission on April 2, 2004, in Docket No. E-22, Sub 418, seeking authority to transfer operational control of its transmission facilities located North in Carolina Interconnection, an RTO headquartered in Pennsylvania. The Commission approved the transfer subject to conditions on April 19, 2005. On March 31, 2016, Dominion filed a rate increase request with the Commission (Docket No. E-22, Sub 532) in which it requested relief from all of the conditions that had been imposed upon the Company (and that it had agreed to) pursuant to its joining PJM. The Commission relieved Dominion of compliance with most of the PJM conditions in the Commission's order dated December 22, 2016.

The Commission has continued to provide oversight over Dominion and PJM by using its own regulatory authority, through regional cooperation with other State commissions. and by participating proceedings before the FERC. Together with the other State commissions with jurisdiction over utilities in the PJM area, the Commission is involved in the activities of the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI).

#### Southeast Energy Exchange Market (SEEM)

On December 11, 2020, Duke Energy Carolinas and Duke Energy Progress filed an advance notice with the Commission stating their intention to file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission revisions to their Open Access Transmission Tariff in order to establish an energy-only electricity market in the Southeast. This market would have 19 utility participants and would facilitate short-term, bilateral, automated energy sales across the region. Benefits would flow to retail customers via the fuel rider, which the Commission adjusts annually.

#### **PURPA Reform**

In September, 2019, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) that constituted the FERC's first comprehensive review of its PURPA regulations. The proposed changes were intended to continue encouraging development of QFs while addressing concerns

regarding how the current regulations work in today's competitive wholesale power markets.

In July, 2020, FERC issued a final rule which is the first major change to regulations it issued in 1980. Among its key revisions the final rule grants additional flexibility to state regulatory authorities in establishing avoided cost rates for QF sales inside and outside of the organized electric markets. The rule also grants states the ability to require energy rates (but not capacity rates) to vary during the life of a QF contract.

FERC also modified the "one-mile rule" and reduced the rebuttable presumption for "nondiscriminatory access" to power markets - from 20 MW to 5 MW - for small power production but not cogeneration facilities. Finally, in order for a QF to establish a legally enforceable obligation, the final rule requires that the QFs must demonstrate commercial viability and financial commitment to build under objective and reasonable state-determined criteria.

The final rule does not change other elements of the existing PURPA regulations that encourage QF development. These include regulations "requiring electric utilities to provide backup electric energy to QFs on a non-discriminatory basis and at just and reasonable rates; requiring electric utilities to interconnect with QFs; and providing exemptions to QFs from many provisions of the Federal Power Act and state laws governing utility rates and financial organization."

#### Affordable Clean Energy Rule (ACE Rule)

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the final version of the Affordable Clean Energy Rule (ACE Rule) on June 19, 2019, which replaced and repealed the Clean Power Plan. The ACE Rule was published on July 8, 2019, and applies to existing coal-fired power plants greater than or equal to 25 MW.

Under the ACE Rule, the EPA set the best system of emissions reduction (BSER) for existing coal-fired steam electric generating units (EGUs) as heat rate efficiency improvements based on a range of "candidate technologies" and improved O&M practices that can be applied at the unit level. States are directed to determine which of the candidate technologies apply to each covered EGU and

establish standards of performance (expressed as an emissions rate in CO2 pounds per MWh) based on the degree of emission reduction achievable with the application of BSER. The EPA required that each state determine which of the candidate technologies apply to each coalfired unit based on consideration of remaining useful plant life and other factors such as reasonable cost of the candidate technologies. The ACE Rule requires compliance at the unit level; it does not allow averaging across units at the same facility or between facilities as a compliance option. In addition, it does not allow states to use alternative carbon mitigation programs, such as a cap-and-trade program, to demonstrate compliance as part of their state plans.

The ACE Rule requires states to develop plans by July 2022. The EPA must approve these state plans by January 2024. If states do not submit a plan or if their submitted plan is not acceptable, the EPA will have two years to develop a federal plan.

### C. RETAIL CUSTOMER GROWTH-COMMENTS

In 2020, the three major electric utilities experienced a customer growth rate between 0.91% and 1.92% for their North Carolina operations. The net customer increase from December 31, 2019, to December 31, 2020, for these companies was 65,002 bringing the total number of customers in 2020, to 3,655,609 as shown in Figure No. 4-5.

#### D. ANNUAL CUSTOMER USE

The annual consumption of kilowatt-hours per residential customer in 2020 for the three major companies was 12,492 kWhs as shown in Figure No. 4-6. This was a 3.52% decrease from 2020. The U.S. average annual residential consumption of kilowatt-hours for 2020 was 10,715. This is 14.23% higher than the North Carolina residential average usage. The average cost per kilowatt-hour for North Carolina residential customers is 11.38 cents versus the national average of 13.15 cents.

The average monthly electricity use by

North Carolina residential customers of major electric companies is 1,041 kilowatt-hours compared to the U.S. average of 893. Residential customers constitute about 82% of the total electric customers in the State.

Figure No. 4-7 illustrates the residential electric service for the three major companies, breaking down the average kWh usage per customer and cents per kWh and the N. C. average price per kWh in cents by each company for the years 2016-2020.

Figure No. 4-8 illustrates the General Rate Increases approved for Electric Companies in 2020.

## E. COMPARISON OF AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL MONTHLY BILLS

In Figure No. 4-9 a typical residential electric bill as of January 1, 2020, from North Carolina is compared to nine selected states from across the country. These states include Alabama, California, Florida, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, Ohio, South Carolina, and Virginia. For 2020 North Carolina, in comparison to the 10 selected states, is the lowest at the 500 kWh, the lowest at the 750 kWh, and the lowest at the 1,000 kWh level.

In a comparison with the United States average, North Carolina monthly bills are the 17th lowest 500 kWh, 15th lowest for 750 kWh and 13th lowest for the 1,000 kWh level. The electric utilities have service area-wide rates for respective residential, commercial, and industrial customer classes in North Carolina.

#### F. ADVANCED ENERGY CORPORATION

Located in Raleigh, North Carolina, Advanced Energy focuses on industrial process technologies, motors and drives testing, and applied building science, with state-of-the-art laboratories in which to do testing and applied research.

Advanced Energy is a non-profit corporation that helps utility, industrial and residential customers improve the return on their energy investment. Offering consulting, testing, and training, it develops innovative solutions to

unique problems. The primary mission of Advanced Energy is to increase efficiency and productivity in industries, businesses, and homes as they transform energy into goods, services, and environmental conditioning.

Advanced Energy was originally known as Alternative Energy Corporation, or AEC. It was founded by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in 1980--a time when electric rates had been rising due to increased power plant construction. The Utilities Commission saw AEC as a way to help the utilities avoid building new power plants by exploring alternative ways of producing electricity and by getting more work out of the electricity already available. On June 1, 1997, the North Carolina Alternative Energy Corporation or AEC, became Advanced Energy, a name change approved in Docket No. E-100, Sub 37.

With the cooperation of the state's major electric utilities, the Utilities Commission set up funding to come from the electric ratepayers of the state--an investment equivalent to about \$.39 per person per year. The money is collected by member utilities and then passed along to Advanced Energy. The members are Duke Energy Progress, Duke Energy Carolinas, North Carolina's electric cooperatives, and Dominion North Carolina.

The corporation is governed by a Board of Directors with eight members appointed by the Governor of North Carolina, four directors named by the member utilities, one legislative member and one appointed by the NC Utilities Commission.

In the years since 1980, Advanced Energy has carried out hundreds of projects for all sectors of the economy, including agriculture, industry, commercial, residential, governments and nonprofits, education, and utilities. The emphasis on innovation and efficiency has not changed as Advanced Energy continues to build on a foundation of expertise and achievement in applied building science, motors and drive testing, and industrial process technologies.

## G. SOURCE AND DISPOSITION OF THE ELECTRIC OPERATING REVENUE DOLLAR

Both the source and disposition of the

2020 electric operating revenue dollar are shown by the pie charts on Figure No. 4-10. In 2020, fuel costs (excluding purchased power) required 15% while the remaining operation and maintenance costs required 27%. Shown in Figure No. 4-11 is comparative data reflecting the components percentage-wise for both the source and disposition of the electric operating revenue dollar for 2020. The chart in Figure No. 4-12 shows the fuel costs as a percent of total operational and maintenance expenses for the period 2016-2020.

#### H. ENERGY SALES

The major companies' total energy sales in North Carolina reflected a decrease of 6.0% in 2020 with more than 121,409 million kilowatt-hours sold. Figure No. 4-13 shows energy sales by class of customer for the years 2016-2020.

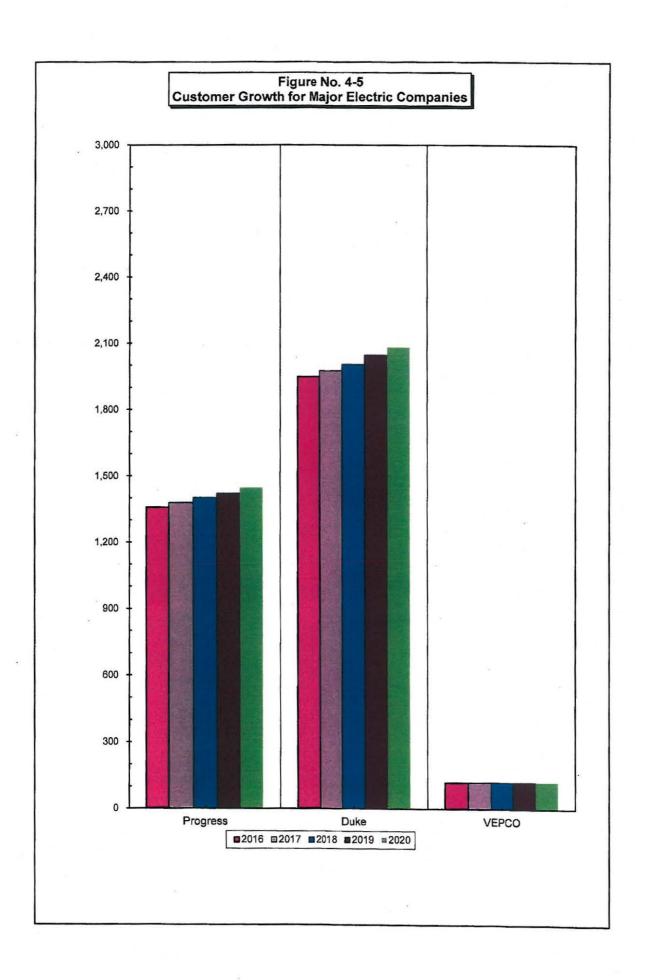
#### I. STATISTICAL SUMMARY DATA

As shown in Figure No. 4-14(a), (b), and (c), the total operating revenues for North Carolina operations for the major electric utilities decreased 8.1% in 2020 compared to 2019.

North Carolina net operating income for the major electric companies increased 27.3% in 2020 over 2019.

Total company net income available for common shareholders of the major companies was \$11,156,3119 for 2020 compared to \$11,948,409 for 2019. The number of common shares outstanding at year-end was 274,723,000 in 2020. The average earnings per share (year-end outstanding) at December 31, 2020, were \$40.61.

Total salaries and wages paid North Carolina employees by major companies for 2020 was \$1,828,430, a decrease of 0.1% from 2019. In 2020 the number of employees residing in North Carolina was 13,904 compared to 14,518 in 2019.



#### Average Annual Residential Consumption (kWh/Customer)

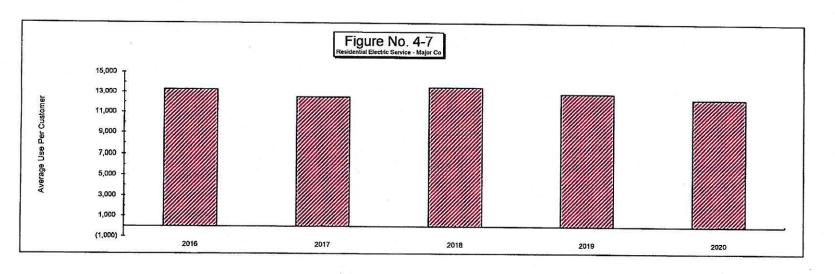
### 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 (Three Privately Owned Major Utilities Only)

UTILITIES	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
N.C. Statewide Average	13,212	12,504	13,548	12,948	12,492
N.C. (Charlotte & Raleigh)(a)	13,294	12,557	13,506	12,922	12,386
S.C. (Columbia & Charleston)(b)	13,430	12,652	13,481	13,080	13,086
U. S. Average	10,764	10,399	10,972	10,649	10,715
N.C. (Charlotte & Raleigh)					
Higher/Lower(-) than S.C.					
(Columbia & Charleston)	1.9%	-1.7%	-0.8%	-1.0%	-5.3%
Higher than U.S. Average	20.8%	24.7%	23.5%	22.7%	16.6%

- (a) Charlotte--Served by Duke Power Co. Raleigh--Served by Progress Simple average of the two used
- (b) Columbia & Charleston Served by S.C. Electric & Gas Co. Simple average of the two used

#### SOURCES:

- N.C. Statewide Average—Calculated From Table 5. U.S. Average Monthly Bill by Sector, Census Division and State, The Energy Information Administration web site.
- N.C. (Charlotte & Raleigh)--Computed from FERC Form No. 1: Annual Report of Major Electric Utilities Data
- S.C. (Columbia & Charleston)--S.C. Electric & Gas Co.
- U.S. Average—Calculated From Table 5. U.S. Average Monthly Bill by Sector, Census Division and State, The Energy Information Administration web site.



#### Average kWh Usage Per Customer and Cents Per kWh

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
13,299	12,553	13,550	12,942	12,435
10.57	10.29	10.57	10.99	10.87

#### Average Price of One kWh in Cents by Company

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Progress	10.78	10.37	11.12	11.83	11.53
Duke	10.43	10.18	10.14	10.37	10.37
VEPCO	10.47	10.86	10.94	11.20	11.05

FIGURE NO. 4-8

## General Rate Increases Approved for Electric Companies For the Year 2020

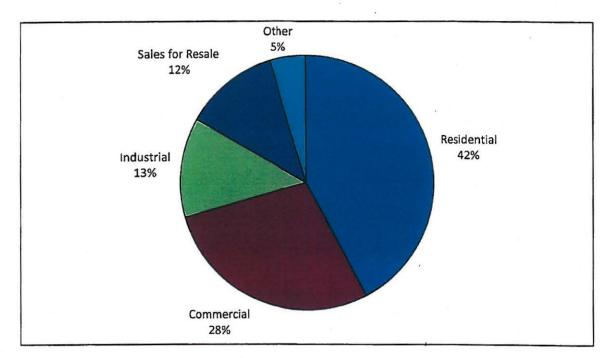
Company	Date Filed	Docket Number	Amount Requested (000s)			Amount Approved (000s)	% Approved of Amount Requested	Date of Final Order	
Western Carolina University	03/09/20	E-35 Sub 51	\$	637,500	\$	612,749	96.12%	10/29/20	
Dominion Energy North Carolina	03/29/19	E-22 Sub 562	\$	26,954,000	\$	5,039,000	18.69%	02/24/20	
Total			\$	27,591,500	\$	5,651,749	114.81%		

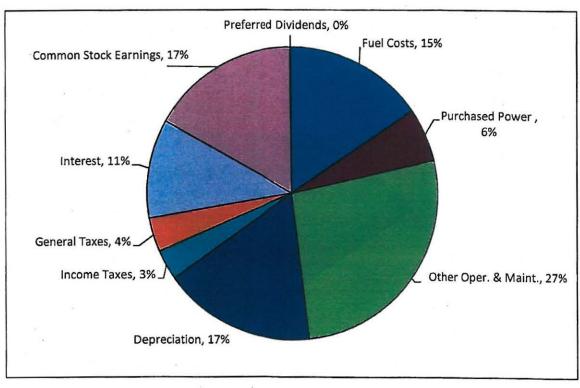
#### COMPARATIVE TYPICAL RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC BILLS NINE SELECTED STATES, NORTH CAROLINA, AND U.S. AVERAGE STATE AVERAGE MONTHLY BILLS-RESIDENTIAL SERVICE (Cities of 2,500 Population and Over) Data as of January 1 of each year

500 kWh Assumed Consumption				750 kWh Assumed Consumption					1000 kWh Assumed Consumption									
STATE:	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
North Carolina	\$58.56	\$ 57.17	\$ 58.28	\$ 58.28	\$ 63.14	\$ 60.65	\$81.86	\$ 79.59	\$ 81.45	\$ 87.95	\$ 87.15	\$ 84.09	\$105.17	\$102.00	\$104.63	\$112.73	\$111.15	\$ 107.53
Alabama	71.05	\$ 74.09	\$ 74.70	\$ 74.70	\$ 78.31	\$ 78.93	99.12	\$103.68	\$104.29	\$107.15	\$109.71	\$110.93	124.15	130.22	130.83	\$134.95	\$138.06	\$ 139.87
California	94.78	\$ 102.75	\$ 111.49	\$111.49	\$124.24	\$114.96	164.63	\$175.88	\$ 185.62	\$192.50	\$204.24	\$181.98	238.70	253.98	260.60	\$270.68	\$285.39	\$ 250.25
Florida	65.14	\$ 65.32	\$ 67.65	\$ 67.65	\$ 69.04	\$ 65.73	91.19	\$ 91.25	\$ 94.54	\$ 91.77	\$ 95.82	\$ 91.35	117.23	117.19	121.42	\$117.82	\$122.61	\$116.98
Indiana	66.74	\$ 72.92	\$ 73.62	\$ 73.62	\$ 74.00	\$ 78.82	92.83	\$101.30	\$ 102.32	\$102.63	\$102.71	\$109.15	118.91	129.68	131.01	\$131.36	\$131.41	\$ 139.35
Maine	79.61	\$ 78.97	\$ 80.35	\$ 80.35	\$ 78.19	\$ 80.59	119.41	\$118.45	\$ 120.52	\$131.23	\$117.28	\$120.89	159.20	157.93	A STATE OF THE STATE OF	\$174.97	\$156.38	\$ 161.19
Michigan	75.47	\$ 78.20	\$ 72.35	\$ 72.35	\$ 74.17	\$ 73.51	108.97	\$112.70	\$ 103.97	\$102.48	\$107.13	\$106.04	142.50	147.22		\$133.47	•	\$ 138.60
Ohio	69.34	\$ 64.49	\$ 66.12	\$ 66.12	\$ 60.97	\$ 62.77	100.12	\$ 92.73	\$ 95.40	\$ 92.35	\$ 87.16	\$ 89.14	130.44	120.57		\$120.07		\$ 115.41
South Carolina	60.87	\$ 66.99	\$ 68.91	\$ 68.91	\$ 67.99	\$ 65.84	86.74	\$ 95.69	\$ 98.47	\$ 94.10		\$ 92.92	111.38	123.37	127.01	\$121.25	\$123.33	\$119.02
Virginia	66.31	\$ 59.58	\$ 60.46	\$ 60.46	\$ 61.63		95.17		\$ 86.11	\$ 85.61		\$ 88.61	123.65	108.78		\$110.01		\$114.11
United States	70.68	\$ 71.25	\$ 73.64	\$ 73.64	\$ 73.19	\$ 73.89	101.68	\$102.30	\$ 105.88	\$106.54	\$105.02	\$105.86	132.12	132.87	137.62	\$ 138.58	\$136.46	\$ 137.37
N. C. Rank	1st	1st	1st	1st	3rd	. 1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st
(Low to High) (10 States Listed)	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest
N. C. Rank	15th	10th	21st	10th	21st	17th	15th	13th	8th	8th	18th	15th	14th	13th	8th	10th	16th	13th
(Low to High) (50 States & DC)	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest	lowest
% U.S. Average Higher/Lower(-) Than NC Average	20.70%	24.63%	26.36%	26.36%	15.92%	21.83%	24.21%	28.53%	29.99%	21.14%	20.50%	25.89%	25.63%	30.26%	31.53%	22.93%	22.77%	27.75%

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>Source:</u>
"Typical Electric Bills" for applicable years—Edison Electric Institute book

Source and Disposition of the Operating Revenue Dollar 2020 Electric Companies (N. C. Operations Only)





#### 2020

## SOURCE AND DISPOSITION OF THE OPERATING REVENUE DOLLAR MAJOR ELECTRIC COMPANIES

## NORTH CAROLINA OPERATIONS ONLY (DOLLARS IN 000's)

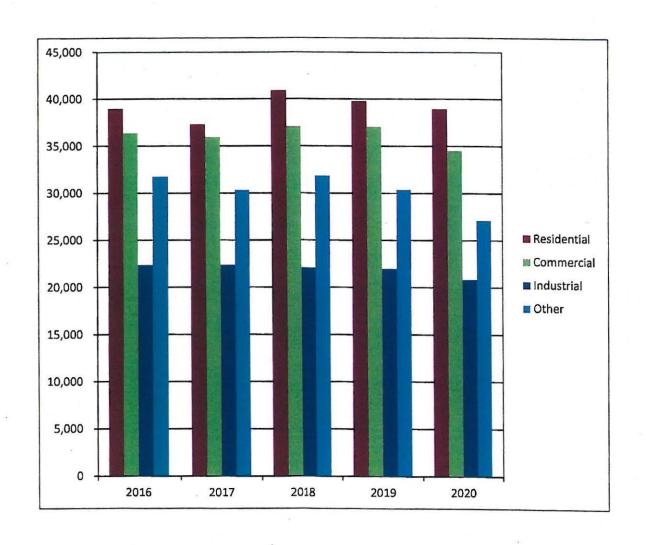
SOURCE:	REVENUE	% OF TOTAL
Residential	\$4,228,697	42.28%
Commercial	\$2,831,037	28.31%
Industrial	\$1,270,510	12.70%
Sales for Resale	\$1,213,136	12.13%
Other	\$457,538	4.57%
Total	\$10,000,918	100.00%
DISPOSITION:		
Fuel Costs	1,548,180	15.48%
Purchased Power	593,939	5.94%
Other Oper. & Maint.	2,680,913	26.81%
Depreciation	1,699,991	17.00%
Income Taxes	337,378	3.37%
General Taxes	375,524	3.75%
Interest	1,091,706	10.92%
Common Stock Earnings	1,673,287	16.73%
Preferred Dividends	0	0.10%
Total	10,000,918	100.00%

# FUEL COSTS (DOLLARS IN 000s)

ITEM	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Fuel Costs (1)	\$ 2,325,973	\$ 2,297,536	\$ 2,494,191	\$ 2,188,454	\$ 1,548,180
Purchased Power Costs (Fuel and Nonfuel)	\$ 704,426	\$ 763,332	\$ 1,015,775	\$ 882,543	\$ 593,939
Other Operating & Maintenance Expenses	\$ 2,985,841	\$ 2,785,770	\$ 2,902,501	\$ 2,733,718	\$ 2,680,913
Total Operating & Maintenance Expenses	\$ 6,016,240	\$ 5,846,638	\$ 6,412,467	\$ 5,804,715	\$ 4,823,032
Fuel Costs as a % of Total Operating & Maintenance Expenses (2)	38.66%	39.30%	38.90%	37.70%	32.10%

- (1) Source: FERC Form No. 1: Annual Report of Major Electric Utilities
- (2) Fuel Costs percentage does not include Purchased Power

	2020 Energy (expressed in	FIGURE NO. 4-13 2020 Energy Sales by Classes (expressed in thousands - 000) North Carolina Data Only										
Class	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020							
Residential	38,948	37,281	40,876	39,736	38,912							
Commercial	36,373	35,936	37,068	37,041	34,514							
Industrial	22,386	22,394	22,092	21,977	20,863							
Other	31,767	30,340	31,846	30,355	27,120							
Total	129,474	125,951	131,882	129,109	121,409							
% Change		-2.7%	4.7%	-2.1%	-6.0%							



### FIGURE NO. 4-14A

### MAJOR ELECTRIC COMPANIES--NORTH CAROLINA DATA AND SELECTED SYSTEMWIDE DATA

Income Statement, Balance Sheet, and Other Statistical Items (Dollars in 000s)

For the Years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020

Item	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 2019-2020
No. of Companies Regulated and Included in this Data	3	3			2020	5013-5050
INCOME STATEMENT (NC ONLY):					3	
Income Items:						
Residential Sales	\$4,116,453	\$3,834,702	\$4,322,421	\$4,368,956	\$4,228,697	(3.2
Commercial Sales	2,964,068	\$2,844,514	\$2,987,930	\$3,090,672	\$2,831,037	(8.4
Industrial Sales	1,367,953	\$1,325,813	\$1,347,330	\$1,344,582	\$1,270,510	(5.5
Sales for Resale	1,450,073	\$1,482,955	\$1,645,234	\$1,649,831	\$1,213,136	(26.5
All Other Operating Revenue	467,191	\$695,553	\$284,799	\$433,327	\$457,538	5.6
Total Operating Revenue	\$10,365,738	\$10,183,537	\$10,587,714	\$10,887,368	\$10,000,918	(8.1
Expense Items:						
Power Production Expense	\$4,754,172	\$4,644,301	\$4,616,304	\$4,647,845	\$3,515,944	0.8
Transmission Expense	88,027	74,434	91,225	77,866	\$69,753	(10.4
Distribution Expense	364,476	366,778	439,809	370,354	\$358,870	(3.1
Customer Accounts Expense	108,897	112,914	117,312	115,400	\$106,129	(8.0
Customer Service & Informational Expense	21,336	19,525	20,149	19,147	\$14,347	(25.1
Sales Expense	13,288	14,688	17,388	18,090	\$18,746	3.6
Administrative & General Expense	666,044	613,998	692,937	556,013	\$392,203	(29.5
Depreciation Expense	1,304,666	1,683,126	1,491,086	1,658,476	\$1,699,991	2.5
Total Expenses Before Taxes	\$7,320,906	\$7,529,764	\$7,486,210	\$7,463,191	\$6,175,983	(17.2)
State Taxes:						
Income Tax	\$12,708	\$18,594	\$4,075	\$8,702	\$93,000	968.7
Gross Receipts Tax	5,909	25,290	34,439	39,865	31,553	(20.9)
Property Tax	148,815	155,244	161,665	170,190	175,110	2.9
Other Operating Taxes	173,289	171,778	173,017	177,023	171,145	(3.3)
Total State Taxes	\$340,721	\$370,906	\$373,196	\$395,780	\$470,808	19.0
Federal Taxes:		-				
Income Tax	\$17,283	\$90,296	(\$61,353)	\$99,751	\$468,472	(6.8)
Provision for Deferred Income Tax	669,123	643,128	425,049	234,942	(224,094)	(195.4)
Income Tax Deferred in Prior Years	0	0	0	0	0	N/COMP
Investment Tax Credit	(6,686)	(6,950)	(6,983)	(4,806)	(5,569)	15.9
Payroll, Unemployment, & Other Federal Taxes	29,117	2,309	2,468	3,020	3,285	8.8
Total Federal Taxes	\$708,837	\$728,783	\$359,181	\$332,907	\$242,094	(27.3)
Total State & Federal Taxes	\$1,049,558	\$1,099,689	\$732,377	\$728,688	\$712,902	(2.2)
Other Operating Expenses	\$172,179	\$363,908	\$417,343	\$522,729	\$347,039	(33.6)
Total Operating Expenses	\$8,542,643	\$8,265,545	\$8,635,930	\$8,714,608	\$7,235,924	(17.0)
Net Operating Income Other Income & Expenses:	\$1,834,808	\$1,917,992	\$1,951,784	\$2,172,759	\$2,764,993	27.3
Other Income & Expenses:	4	A				
	\$72,538	\$54,748	\$39,094	\$71,325	\$88,913	24.7
Allowance for Funds Used During Construction	121,142	120,912	105,564	85,260	73,716	(13.5)
Deductions From Income	93,268	44,715	196,387	45,310	836,021	94.6
Taxes on Other Income	12,793	(8,108)	(9,694)	15,693	(159,812)	(1,118.4)
Net Other Income & Expense	\$87,619	\$139,053	(\$42,035)	\$95,582	(\$513,580)	(637.3)

N/COMP = Not Comparable

### FIGURE NO. 4-14B

### MAJOR ELECTRIC COMPANIES--NORTH CAROLINA DATA AND SELECTED SYSTEMWIDE DATA

Income Statement, Balance Sheet, and Other Statistical Items (Dollars in 000s)
For the Years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020

Item	2016	2017	2018	2010	2000	% Change
Fixed Charges:	2010	2017	2018	2019	2020	2019-2020
Interest on Funded Debt	\$563,382	\$589,687	\$636,820	CCCC CCA	Ac70 c70	
Other Fixed Charges	34,654			\$665,664	\$670,672	0.8
AFUDC	44,093		36,892	17,010	(\$17,708)	(204.1)
Total Fixed Charges	\$553,942	52,143 \$568,432	49,510 \$624,202	48,204 \$634,470	\$32,798	(32.0)
Extraordinary Income:	0		3024,202	\$654,470 N	\$620,166	(2.3)
Net Income	\$1,368,485	\$1,488,613	\$1,285,547	\$1,633,871	\$1,631,248	(0.2)
BALANCE SHEET:			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	+2,000,072	<b>\$2,002,240</b>	(0.2)
Assets:					=4/	
Utility Plant	\$53,979,275	\$57,001,140	\$60,633,373	\$67,294,675	\$68,913,609	2.4
Depreciation Reserve	21,026,996	22,149,024	23,188,063	24,492,400	\$25,461,097	4.0
Net Plant	\$32,952,279	\$34,852,116	\$37,445,310	\$42,802,275	\$43,452,512	1.5
Nonutility Property	85,702	80,414	76,380	82,360	89,188	8.3
Other Investments	7,199,820	8,301,888	5,409,000	6,649,490	7,610,254	14.4
Cash	19,722	26,737	22,406	10,316	28,045	1.7
Temporary Cash Investments	0	0	0	0	0	N/COMP
Customer Accounts Receivable	1,109,905	928,609	1,208,993	1,179,586	1,169,450	(0.9)
Plant Material & Operating Supplies	1,247,683	1,180,320	1,146,174	1,138,238	1,142,137	0.3
Prepayments	46,380	76,197	99,544	99,311	109,641	10.4
Interest & Dividends Receivable	398	14	17	18	573	96.9
Other Current & Accrued Assets	445,771	448,575	412,483	676,330	478,661	(29.2)
Unamortized Debt Expense	73,277	76,489	80,450	85,305	0	(100.0)
Miscellaneous Deferred Debits	1,287,783	1,259,948	1,311,456	1,413,077	1,429,655	1.2
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	3,963,807	3,458,836	3,735,606	4,542,017	4,682,064	3.1
Other Deferred Debits	58,420	51,928	45,976	40,356	36,920	(8.5)
Total Assets	\$48,490,947	\$57,744,609	\$59,647,646	\$67,220,361	\$68,391,021	1.7
Liabilities & Stockholder's Equity:						
Liabilities:		1				
Accounts Payable	\$1,479,906	1,296,773	\$1,809,841	\$1,669,806	\$1,537,254	(7.9)
Notes Payable	245,445	96,082	604,181	95,608	\$652,224	582.2
Total Long-Term Debt	12,752,160	14,184,291	15,659,343	16,985,899	\$17,433,735	2.6
Taxes Accrued	129,752	239,779	178,759	48,908	\$152,893	212.6
Miscellaneous Current & Accrued Liabilities	844,846	660,730	761,295	895,415	\$910,451	1.7
Current & Accrued Liabilities	2,878,028	2,485,928	3,538,088	2,897,686	\$3,433,125	18.5
Accumulated Deferred Investment Tax Credit	279,487	298,447	297,794	295,483	\$296,951	0.5
Accumulated Deferred Income Tax	11,667,145	7,708,221	8,432,436	9,654,081	\$9,653,237	(0.0)
Other Deferred Credits	2,363,802	6,793,704	6,576,278	7,389,253	\$8,107,548	9.7
Total Liabilities	\$32,640,570	\$39,180,861	\$43,041,610	\$48,688,917	\$49,880,588	2.4

### FIGURE NO. 4-14C

### MAJOR ELECTRIC COMPANIES--NORTH CAROLINA DATA AND SELECTED SYSTEMWIDE DATA

Income Statement, Balance Sheet, and Other Statistical Items (Dollars in 000s)
For the Years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020

Item	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 2019-2020
Stockholder's Equity:					LOLO	2013-2020
Preferred Stock	0	0	0	0	0	N/COMP
Common Stock	208,268	198,514	234,086	253,593	272,527	7.5
Other Paid in Capital	5,283,746	5,221,599	5,248,884	5,254,128	52,508	(99.0)
Retained Earnings	10,392,922	10,611,823	11,390,182	13,000,632	402,315	(96.9)
Other	(213,366)	S. C.	(277,868)	(282,092)	(35,663)	(87.4)
Total Stockholder's Equity	\$15,671,570	\$15,758,260	\$16,595,502	\$18,226,499	\$18,553,046	1.8
Total Liabilities & Stockholder's Equity	\$53,518,272	\$54,939,122	\$59,637,113	\$66,915,416	\$68,433,634	2.3
STATISTICAL INFORMATION (N.C. ONLY):						
Systems Sales to Ultimate Consumer (kWh in 000s)	99,597,329	97,473,790	101,919,746	100,632,622	96,141,574	(4.5)
System Sales for Resale (kWh in 000s)	29,877,232	28,479,379	29,963,135	28,478,974	25,267,677	(11.3)
Total Sales to Ultimate Customers & For Resale (000s)	129,474,561	125,953,169	131,882,881	129,111,596	121,409,251	(6.0)
Total CustomersYearly Average	3,426,756	3,475,779	3,528,376	3,590,607	3,655,609	1.8
Average Number kWhs Used per Residential Customer	13,299	12,553	13,550	12,942	12,435	(3.9)
Average Revenue per kWhResidential Customer (cents)	10.57	10.29	10.57	10.99	11	(1.1)
Number of Employees Residing in N. C.	13,974	14,192	15,155	14,518	13,904	(4.2)
Wages & Salaries Paid N. C. Employees	\$1,629,072	\$1,612,421	\$1,722,669	\$1,830,577	1,828,430	(0.1)
SYSTEMWIDE DATA:						(0.2)
Operating Revenues	\$20,174,328	\$19,975,512	\$20,589,983	\$21,430,105	\$19,996,392	(6.7)
Operating Expenses	9,045,720	8,432,725	9,422,590	9,642,419	\$8,288,746	(14.0)
Net Operating Income	\$11,128,608	\$11,542,787	\$11,167,393	\$11,787,696	\$11,707,646	(0.7)
Net Other Income (Expense)	129,925	313,210	(83,264)	(160,723)	(\$551,335)	243.0
Net Income	\$11,258,533	\$11,855,997	\$11,084,129	\$11,948,409	\$11,156,311	(6.6)
Preferred Dividends	0	О	0	0	0	0
Net Income for Common Shareholders	\$11,258,533	\$11,855,997	\$11,084,129	\$11,948,409	\$11,156,311	(6.6)
STATISTICAL INFORMATION (SYSTEMWIDE):				-		
Long-Term Debt	\$27,127,802	\$28,763,279	\$30,740,101	\$32,965,295	\$34,728,253	Ea
Total Capitalization	29,436,744	31,232,982	44,258,085	47,995,773	\$48,128,483	5.3
Long-Term Debt % of Total Capitalization	92.2%	92.1%	69.5%	68.7%	consistent apparent	0.3
Shares of Common Stock Outstanding	52.270	52.170	09.578	00.7%	72.2%	5.0
Year End (000s)	274,723	274,723	274,723	274,723	274 722	
Average Earnings Per ShareShares at Year	2, 1,,23	277,723	2/4,/23	2/4,/23	274,723	0.0
End (After Preferred Stock Dividends)	\$40.98	\$43.16	\$40.35	\$43.49	\$40.61	(6.6)

V. NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY

### THE NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY

### A. A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY

The North Carolina Utilities Commission regulated four natural gas local distribution companies (LDCs) in 2020. They were as follows: Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.; PSNC Energy; Frontier Natural Gas Company, LLC; and Toccoa Figure No. 5-1 is a map Natural Gas. illustration of natural gas service areas in North Carolina. Figure No. 5-2 is a list of the regulated companies and Figure No. 5-3 is a list of the North Carolina Municipal Gas Systems.

(PSNC) **PSNC** Energy was incorporated in PSNC serves 1938. 608,893 natural approximately gas customers in 28 counties in the piedmont and mountain areas of North Carolina in 2020. Public Service Company of North Carolina became a wholly owned subsidiary of SCANA Corporation to become PSNC Energy in 1999 as approved by Commission order in Docket No. G-5, Sub 400. PSNC remains a separate entity from SCANA with own Commission-approved capital structure. On November 19, 2018, the Commission approved the Application of Dominion Energy and SCANA to engage in a business combination transaction subject to the provisions of the Stipulation and of the revised Regulatory Conditions and Code of Conduct. Dominion Energy and PSNC will keep their accounting books and records in a manner that will allow all capital structure components and cost rates of the cost of capital to be identified on a separate basis, and PSNC will remain a direct, wholly-owned subsidiary of SCANA and will continue to exist as a separate legal entity. PSNC delivers natural gas products and services to commercial, industrial. residential, transportation, and electric power generation customers. Public Service is headquartered in Gastonia, North Carolina.

<u>Piedmont Natural Gas Company,</u> <u>Inc. (Piedmont)</u> was incorporated in 1950. On September 29, 2016 in Docket No. E-2, Sub 1095, in Docket No. E-7, Sub 1100, and in Docket No. G-9, Sub 682, the Commission approved the business combination of Duke Energy Corporation and Piedmont pursuant to G.S. 62-11(a). Piedmont is operated as a fully functional and separate natural gas subsidiary of Duke Energy and has its own Commission-approved capital structure. Piedmont is a diversified energy and services company primarily engaged in the purchase, distribution, and sale of natural gas to more than 1.1 million residential, commercial, and industrial customers in South Carolina. North Carolina. Tennessee. Of these, 775,370 are North Carolina customers. Piedmont and its subsidiaries are also engaged in the acquisition, marketing, transportation, and storage of natural gas. Piedmont's franchised service territory includes all of 60 counties and parts of six more. Piedmont is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Frontier Natural Gas Company, LLC, (Frontier) was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct, own, and operate an intrastate pipeline and local distribution system to serve Surry, Wilkes, Yadkin, and Watauga Counties in January 1996, in Docket No. G-38, Sub 0. Ashe and Alleghany Counties were added to Frontier's service territory in August 1996 in Docket No. G-100, Sub 69, which implemented G.S. 62-36A(b1). In March 2001, Frontier forfeited its exclusive right to serve Alleghany County pursuant to G.S. 62-36A(b).

In 1997, Frontier received certification to construct and operate a natural gas transmission and distribution system in Warren County (Docket No.G-38, Sub 1).

In September 2007, in Docket No, G-40, Sub 67, the Commission issued an order approving the purchase of all shares of stock of the parent company of Frontier Energy, by Energy West, Inc. In 2008, Frontier informed the Commission that its name was being changed from Frontier Energy, LLC to Frontier Natural Gas Company, LLC.

On August 1, 2017 in Docket No. G-40, Sub 136, the Commission approved the

business combination of FR Bison, Frontier, and BlackRock pursuant to G.S. 62-111(a) with the ultimate parent company of Frontier becoming BlackRock.

Frontier's North Carolina operations serve approximately 4,491 customers. Frontier is headquartered in Elkin, North Carolina.

Toccoa Natural Gas (Toccoa) is a municipal gas system serving the city of In December 1998, Toccoa, Georgia. Toccoa was granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to serve Macon Toccoa is County, North Carolina. comprised of approximately 90 miles of transmission main from Elbert County, Georgia, to Macon County, North Carolina. It has 438 miles of distribution main, 71 miles of which are in North Carolina. serves approximately 6,709 customers with most of them in Georgia. There are 767 customers in North Carolina; of which 493 are residential, 272 are commercial, and 2 are industrial.

Piedmont formed PSNC and Cardinal Pipeline Company, LLC, (Cardinal) and in March 1994 filed to construct an intrastate transmission pipeline. This 24-inch diameter natural gas pipeline was placed into service in December 1994, and extended 37.5 miles from a connection Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line with Company, LLC (Transco) near Reidsville to Burlington where it connected to PSNC and Piedmont. In Docket No. G-39, Sub 0, Cardinal filed to add a 65-mile extension and to merge Cardinal Pipeline Company, LLC into Cardinal Extension Company, LLC with Transco and North Carolina Natural Gas Company as equity partners and Transco as the operator.

Pine Needle LNG Company, LLC (Pine Needle), was formed by Transco, Piedmont, PSNC, Amerada Hess, and the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia to own and operate a liquefied natural gas storage facility with a capacity of four billion cubic feet. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an order granting a certificate in November 1996,

authorizing construction. The plant was put on line in May 1999.

### B. PLANT INVESTMENT AND EXPANSION

The LDCs continued expansion of services by investing in the plant facilities for the 2020 calendar year. As of December 2020, their combined North Carolina total gross investment was \$9,569,570 for the two major regulated gas utilities. This represents an increase of 8.1% from the preceding year. Figure No. 5-4 shows the gross plant investment for the natural gas companies for the period 1983-2020.

## C. GROWTH TRENDS--CUSTOMERS, REVENUES, VOLUME

In 2020, the annual average number of natural gas utility customers increased 2.5% from the previous year. Figure No. 5-5 shows numerically the customers by classification for the years 1985-2020. Figure No. 5-6 shows graphically the customer growth for the years 2016-2020 by major customer classification.

Figure No. 5-7 shows graphically the sales volume of natural gas to the classes of ultimate consumers in millions of dekatherms by the North Carolina regulated natural gas companies for the years 2016-2020 by major customer classification.

Figure No. 5-8 A and B are a summary of natural gas sales of dekatherms and revenues, by customer classification for the years 2015-2020.

In 2020 industrial sales totaled more than 9.0 million dekatherms. This reflects a 62.44% decrease from the 2019 sales. Total industrial sales of dekatherms accounted for 3.4% of total natural gas sales in North Carolina by the regulated natural gas companies. Residential sales accounted for 23.8% of the total dekatherm sales; an decrease of 52.17% from 2019.

Figure No. 5-9 shows total customer growth, total revenues from sales and transportation of gas, and total dekatherms of gas sold and transported by the LDCs and

the municipal gas systems for the years 2019 and 2020.

The municipals experienced a 1.15 % decrease in the number of customers in 2020 over 2019, and the two major regulated gas utilities increased by 2.47%, resulting in a combined increase of 2.20%. Revenues from the sales of gas in 2020 decreased at a rate of 2.0% for the two major regulated gas companies and decreased at a rate of 21.3% for the municipals, resulting in a combined decrease of 3.8%. The quantity of gas sold and transported in terms of dekatherms in 2020 decreased 29.4% for the regulated companies and decreased 4.2% for the municipals, for a combined decrease of 28.2%.

In addition to natural gas sold to customers, the LDCs also transport gas for large end users. This transported gas is neither bought nor sold by the LDCs, but is transported to the ultimate consumer at a rate that will not reduce margin to the LDC. Since 1983 when gas transported for others was about 1.4% of all gas delivered to ultimate consumers, this portion at 2020 constituted 149.7 million dekatherms or 56.8% of all gas delivered to ultimate consumers. See Figure No. 5-8A.

# D. COMPARISONS OF RESIDENTIAL BILLS, USAGE, AND COST PER DEKATHERM

The average annual residential usages and cost data for the North Carolina natural gas companies are shown in Figure No. 5-10.

### E. NATURAL GAS RATEMAKING: GENERAL RATE CASES, TRACKING MECHANISMS, HEDGING, DEFERRED ACCOUNTS

Merger: No mergers were approved in 2020.

Rate Cases: No rate cases were approved in 2020, see Figure No. 5-12.

Purchased Gas Adjustments
(PGAs): Pursuant to authority granted to the
Utilities Commission in G.S. 62-133(f) in

1971, in Docket No. G-100, Sub 14, the Commission established procedures under which LDCs in North Carolina could pass on to their customers the increases in the wholesale cost of natural gas between rate cases. This tracker reduced the amount and number of general rate cases filed with the Commission during the years since 1972. It has also reduced the lag time that the companies would have experienced in recouping the increased gas costs which has a direct impact on the companies' level of earnings.

G.S. 62-133(f) was repealed in 1991 and replaced with an amendment. G.S. 62-133.4(e) gave the Commission the discretion to include the transportation costs to the LDCs system in the "gas costs" considered in a PGA as well as the wholesale cost of natural gas. In April 1992, the Commission, in Docket No. G-100, Sub 58, allowed for the inclusion of transportation costs purchased gas adjustments. This was done to facilitate the addition of pipeline and storage capacity needed to support the extension of gas service to un-served areas. The General Assembly also added G.S. 62-133.4c which requires an annual review of each LDCs' gas costs by the Commission. Figure No. 5-11 shows the gas tracking changes approved by the Commission for the calendar year 2020.

Negotiated Rates: The Commission has recognized that it is necessary to allow LDCs to offer negotiated rates to those customers who might otherwise leave their systems. G.S. 62-133.4 was amended in 1991, which led to Commission Rule R1-17(k). Rule R1-17(k) (4)(e) allows for negotiated rates.

Margin Decoupling Trackers:

Margin decoupling trackers are meant to address a long-term trend of reduced percustomer consumption by heat-sensitive customers due to improvements in efficiency and to conservation. Much of an LDC's fixed costs are collected using volumetric rates, as consumption declines, the LDC will undercollect the amount of revenue authorized in its last general rate case. A margin decoupling tracker allows the LDC to adjust

its rates to reflect changes in the average volumes consumed as compared to the rate case consumption assumptions. It is meant to align the LDC's and the customers' interest in promoting efficiency and conservation. This sort of tracker subsumes both variations in volumes due to weather and variations due to increased appliance and building stock efficiency, and customer conservation efforts. The tracker reduces the pressure for LDCs to file more frequent rate cases.

Piedmont requested a margin decoupling tracker, called the "Customer Utilization Tracker" (CUT) in a general rate case, Docket No. G-9, Sub 499. Piedmont's use of a CUT was approved for three years on an experimental basis in November 2005, and its use of a Weather Normalization Adjustment (WNA) was suspended.

The Attorney General opposed the use of a margin decoupling tracker as being beyond the Commission's statutory ratemaking authority. In 2007, a law was passed making clear that the Commission has the authority to approve decoupling mechanisms (G.S. 62-133.7).

Piedmont's decoupling mechanism, now referred to as its "Margin Decoupling Tracker," was again approved in its 2008 general rate case, Docket No. G-9, Sub 550.

PSNC requested and was granted a margin decoupling tracker in October 2008, in Docket No. G-5, Sub 495. PSNC's WNA rider was also terminated.

Hedging: In 1992, after several gas commodity natural fluctuations, the Commission initiated Docket No.G-100, Sub 84, to consider commodity price hedging by LDCs. The LDCs, as parties to the docket, asked that the Commission treat hedging expenses as gas costs, pre-approve hedging programs, and allow the pass-through of cost incurred under those programs without further review in purchased gas adjustments. In February 2002, the Commission found that it would treat hedging costs as gas costs pursuant to G.S. 62-133.4(e), but due to the requirement to review gas costs in G.S. 62-133.4(c), it could not pre-approve hedging programs and automatically pass costs through. The Commission found that it would not mandate a single program for all LDCs, but that each LDC should consider the needs of its customers and explain its hedging decisions as part of its annual review of gas costs. The Commission stated that it would judge the prudency of hedging decisions on the basis of what was known at the time the hedging decisions were made and not on the basis of the outcome of the hedging decisions.

Deferred Accounts: Gas trackers can result in both increases and decreases The LDCs maintain in the cost of gas. "deferred accounts" in which the changes in cost of gas from the filed tariff rate are accounted for, and at an appropriate time applications to receive or refund the net effect are made with the Commission. The tracking proceedings under which these pass-throughs are allowed involve filing of data by the LDCs. This data is reviewed and analyzed by both the Commission and Public Staff's Engineering and Accounting Divisions.

### F. NATURAL GAS PIPELINE SAFETY

History and Overview: Public Law 90-481, the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968, was passed on August 12, 1968, by the United States Congress. This Act authorized the Secretary of Transportation to administer this law, develop standards, and regulate enforcement of such standards for the design, installation, inspection, testing, construction. extension. operation. replacement, and maintenance of pipeline facilities. Section 60105A of this Act authorized each state to regulate these minimum standards through certification by the Secretary of Transportation providing certain provisions are met. Section 62-50 (Safety Standards of Interstate and Intrastate Natural Gas Pipelines) was enacted as Chapter 1134 of the 1967 Session Laws and became effective on January 1, 1968. In the 1969 Legislature an amendment was added to Section 62-50 of the General Statutes which authorized the North Carolina Utilities Commission to administer a state program pertaining to the design, installation, inspection, testing, construction, extension, operation, replacement, and maintenance of pipeline facilities used to transport natural gas in North Carolina.

The procedures and standards adopted by the North Carolina Utilities Commission as authorized under Section 62-50 are known as the North Carolina Gas This code is a Pipeline Safety Code. mandatory requirement under state law and noncompliance by any persons engaged in the transportation of gas or persons who own or operate pipeline facilities are subject to a civil penalty for each violation for each day that such violations persist, except that the maximum civil penalty shall not exceed what would apply if the penalties had been imposed by the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation. The law also provides authority for Commission to file suit to restrain violations of the Code, including the restraint of transportation of gas for the operation of the pipeline facilities. The North Carolina Gas Pipeline Safety Code is comprised of five basic sections: Part 191 (Report of Leaks), Federal Safety 192 (Minimum Part Standards), Part 193 (Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities), Part 198 (Grants), and Part 199 (Drug Enforcement). In order to comply with the certification of the Secretary of Transportation, the Commission must adopt as part of its Code all minimum federal safety standards.

Pipeline Safety inspects four major gas utilities, eight municipal gas systems, two landfill gas systems, three intrastate transmission systems, four LNG facilities, and one city which has a Public Housing Authorities gas system in North Carolina. These systems comprise 97 inspection units which are inspected on an annual basis for compliance with the North Carolina Gas Pipeline Safety Code. These systems include 3,541 miles of transmission mains and 33,121 miles of distribution mains serving 1,554,887 individual service lines in North Carolina.

Enforcement Activity: Taking into consideration the fact that there were

multiple inspectors working on the same day on different inspections during 2020, the Gas Pipeline Safety Section of the Commission spent the equivalent of 966 days inspecting 11 natural gas operators. Of the 97 units inspected, 12 violations were detected. By the end of the year, all of the violations had been corrected. The cost of conducting the pipeline program for 2020 was \$959,023 of which \$682,506 was refunded to the State from the US Department of Transportation.

### G. SOURCE AND DISPOSITION OF THE GAS REVENUE DOLLAR

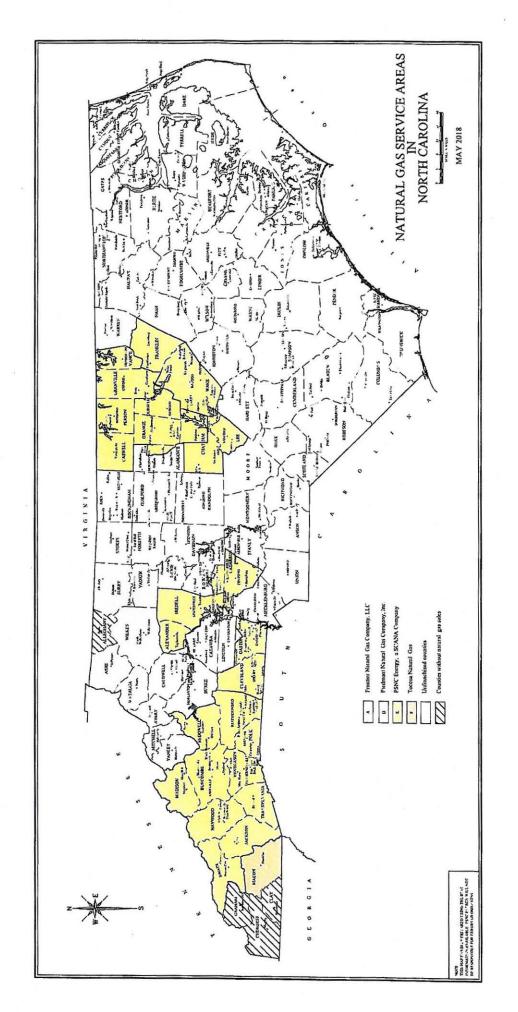
Shown in Figure No. 5-13 is a comparison chart reflecting both the source and disposition of the gas revenue dollar for the years 2010 through 2020. In Figure No. 5-14 this same information is illustrated in pie charts for both the source and disposition of the gas revenue dollar for 2020.

### H. STATISTICAL SUMMARY DATA

The total gross operating revenues for the Class A natural gas North Carolina companies was approximately \$1.4 billion in 2020. Operating expenses including taxes decreased 10.0% in 2020.

The average number of full-time employees in 2020 totaled 2,080 a decrease of 34 people or 1.6% from 2019. The total wages paid these employees equaled \$155 million; a 3.8% increase from the previous year.

Figure No. 5-15 A, B and C has additional financial and operating statistical data for the years 2016 through 2020.



### FIGURE NO. 5-2 NORTH CAROLINA GAS COMPANIES As of December 31, 2020

cardinal extension company, LLC c/o PUBLIC SERVICE GAS COMPANY OF NC, INC. P. O. BOX 1398 GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA 28053-1398

FRONTIER NATURAL GAS COMPANY, LLC 110 PGW Drive ELKIN, NORTH CAROLINA 28621-8921

MUNICIPAL GAS AUTHORITY OF GEORGIA/
CITY OF TOCCOA, GEORGIA
c/o CITY OF TOCCOA
P. O. Box 579
Toccoa, GA 30577-1409

P. O. BOX 33068 CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28233-3068

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF
NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
P. O. BOX 1398
GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA 28053-1398

# FIGURE NO. 5-3 NORTH CAROLINA MUNICIPAL GAS SYSTEMS As of December 31, 2020

City of Bessemer City
123 West Virginia Avenue
Bessemer City, North Carolina 28016-2373

Greenville Utilities Commission
P. O. Box 1847
Greenville, North Carolina 27834

City of Kings Mountain
P. O. Box 429
Kings Mountain, North Carolina 28086-0429

City of Lexington 28 West Center Street Lexington, North Carolina 27292-3316 City of Monroe P. O. Box 69 Monroe, North Carolina 28111-0069

City of Rocky Mount
P. O. Drawer 1180
Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27802-1180

City of Shelby
P. O. Box 207
Shelby, North Carolina 28151-0207

City of Wilson P. O. Box 10 Wilson, North Carolina 27894-0010

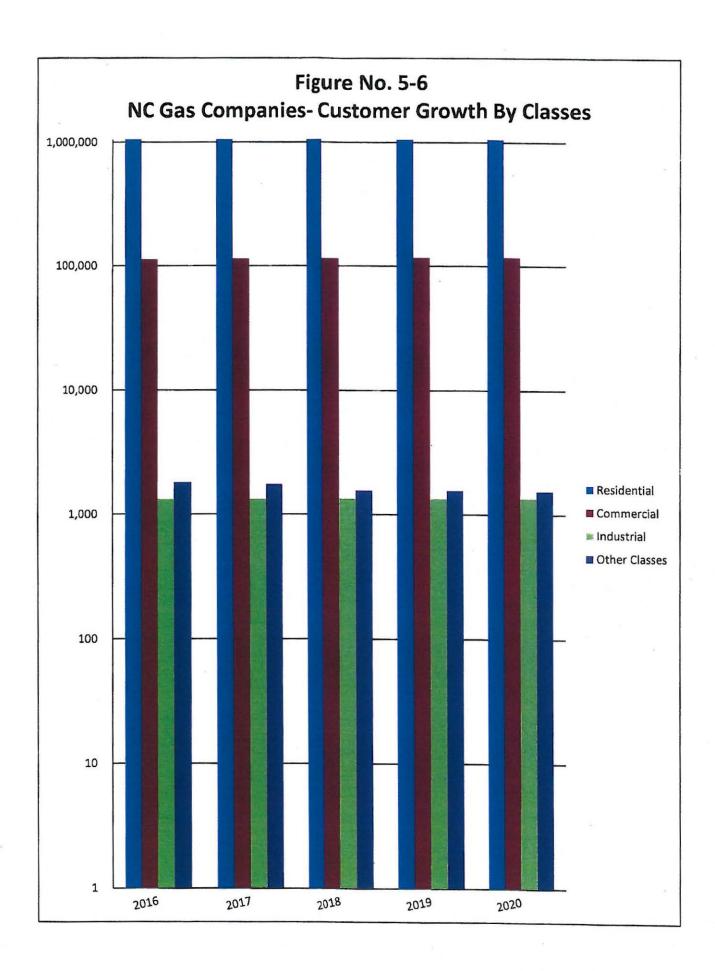
### NATURAL GAS COMPANIES--CLASS A GROSS PLANT INVESTMENTS--YEAR-END DATA (\$000s) (N.C. Data Only) 1983-2020

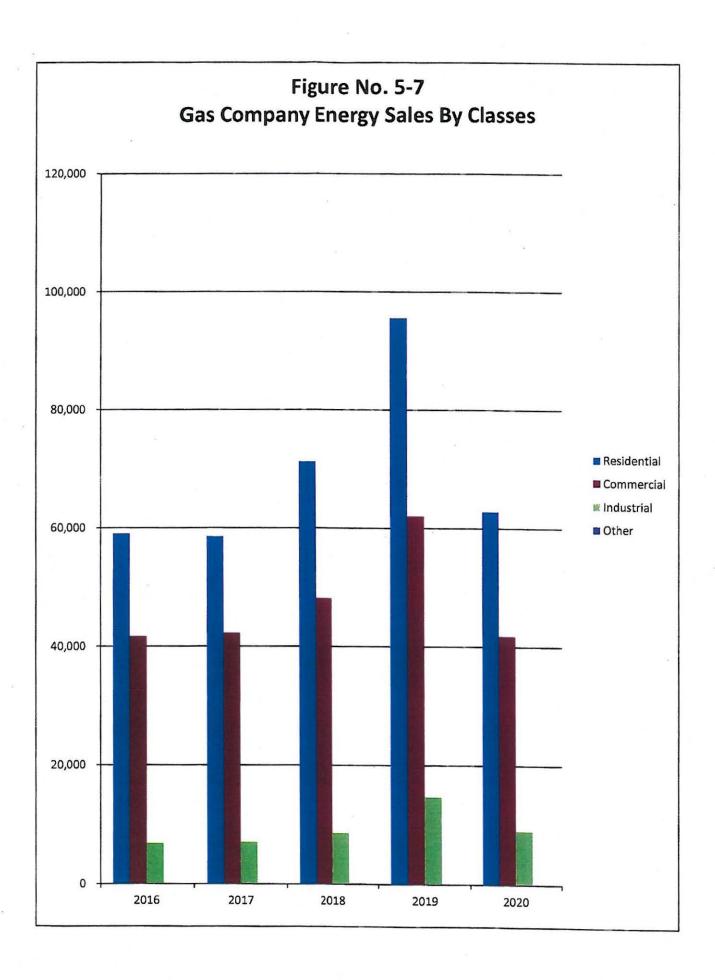
	North Carolina		Piedmont	Public		% Change
	Natural	<b>NUI North</b>	Natural	Service Co.	-	From
Year	Gas Company	Carolina Gas	Gas Company	of N. C.	Totals	Prior Year
				*		
1983	92,729	6,834	189,714	199,101	488,378	7.8 %
1984	98,956	7,061	206,014	219,625	531,656	8.9 %
1985	113,096	7,439	224,957	239,663	585,155	10.1 %
1986	128,428	7,828	245,324	257,193	638,773	9.2 %
1987	134,465	8,114	272,499	284,795	699,873	9.6 %
1988	144,351	8,697	315,292	319,834	788,174	12.6 %
1989	154,895	9,634	351,261	359,734	875,524	11.1 %
1990	170,993	11,218	390,001	394,597	966,809	10.4 %
1991	191,473	12,676	426,338	421,091	1,051,578	8.8 %
1992	215,178	13,586	466,994	448,345	1,144,103	8.8 %
1993	230,135	14,628	515,571	485,634	1,245,968	8.9 %
1994	251,709	19,451	578,395	516,390	1,365,945	9.6 %
1995	269,313	20,663	625,004	567,478	1,482,458	8.5 %
1996	287,838	22,380	682,364	624,195	1,616,777	9.1 %
1997	316,087	23,350	725,366	680,505	1,745,308	
1998	351,157	24,544	774,695	737,629	1,888,025	7.9 %
1999	388,398	27,075	836,974	768,285	2,020,732	8.2 %
2000	483,800	28,049	915,736	1,253,297		7.0 %
2001	552,897	28,590	964,298	1,319,641	2,680,882	32.7 %
2002	572,865	**	1,052,018	1,131,321	2,865,426	6.9 %
2003	565,314		1,053,101	1,153,381	2,756,204	(3.8) %
2004	585,512		1,085,849	1,178,486	2,771,796	0.6 %
2005	***	-	1,789,038	1,228,979	2,849,847	2.8 %
2006			1,868,977		3,018,017	5.9 %
2007		- 4	2,008,432	1,314,920	3,183,897	5.5 %
2008			2,165,606	1,389,014	3,397,446	6.7 %
2009				1,468,555	3,634,161	7.0 %
2010		Ì	2,210,478	1,496,708	3,707,186	2.0 %
2011			2,270,808	1,540,955	3,811,763	2.8 %
2012			2,412,413	1,613,656	4,026,069	5.6 %
2013			2,687,811	1,668,118	4,355,929	8.2 %
2014		8	3,288,329	1,722,822	5,011,151	15.0 %
2015			3,699,240	1,869,178	5,568,418	11.1 %
2016	_ ×		4,067,606	1,966,263	6,033,869	8.4 %
2017		İ	4,468,385	2,169,816	6,638,201	10.0 %
2017		- [	4,818,532	2,441,090	7,259,622	9.4 %
2018			5,226,029	2,608,354	7,834,383	7.9 %
			5,890,133	2,964,653	8,854,786	13.0 %
2020	<u> </u>		6,480,535	3,089,035	9,569,570	8.1 %
Percent	- 1	£		~~	Annual Control Statement	,
Change						
2020 over		8				
2019			10.0	4.2	8.1	

FIGURE NO. 5-5

CUSTOMERS BY CLASSIFICATION (YEARLY AVERAGE)
(N.C. Data Only)
1985-2020

			(1-7-1)			% Change
			8	Other		From
Year	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Classes	Totals	Prior Year
4005	240 224	45.770				
1985	348,331	45,770	2,535	15,222	411,858	3.7 %
1986	367,393	48,605	2,913	15,099	434,010	5.4 %
1987	399,056	52,465	2,938	15,098	469,557	8.2 %
1988	413,519	55,176	2,988	14,346	486,029	3.5 %
1989	448,928	59,453	2,724	14,210	525,315	8.1 %
1990	474,592	63,470	2,637	14,024	554,723	5.6 %
1991	501,729	66,201	2,679	13,534	584,143	5.3 %
1992	532,458	68,445	3,206	12,937	617,046	5.6 %
1993	561,391	70,839	3,317	12,076	647,623	5.0 %
1994	582,563	72,275	3,716	12,298	670,852	3.6 %
1995	614,539	75,036	4,609	11,018	705,202	5.1 %
1996	637,024	86,898	3,204	10,976	738,102	4.7 %
1997	700,643	92,956	4,684	10,654	808,937	9.6 %
1998	731,530	94,252	6,070	59,057	890,909	10.1 %
1999	770,320	98,402	4,361	59,953	933,036	4.7 %
2000	801,241	100,684	3,781	53,014	958,720	2.8 %
2001	818,992	92,968	1,902	58,996	972,858	1.5 %
2002	838,461	93,754	1,953	61,016	995,184	2.3 %
2003	882,829	97,257	2,000	1,797	983,883	(1.1) %
2004	910,642	99,434	1,966	1,734	1,013,776	3.0 %
2005	944,085	101,203	1,803	1,524	1,048,615	3.4 %
2006	977,768	102,317	1,969	1,548	1,083,602	3.3 %
2007	1,006,986	103,326	1,937	1,564	1,113,813	2.8 %
2008	1,024,439	104,554	1,361	1,432	1,131,786	1.6 %
2009	1,028,973	104,177	1,280	1,389	1,135,819	0.4 %
2010	1,044,244	104,829	1,276	1,594	1,151,943	1.4 %
2011	1,054,162	106,217	1,265	1,588	1,163,232	1.0 %
2012	1,071,973	107,346	1,247	584	1,181,150	1.5 %
2013	1,089,315	108,484	1,256	1,818	1,200,873	1.7 %
2014	1,111,016	110,217	1,293	1,812	1,224,338	2.0 %
2015	1,133,167	111,532	1,315	1,813	1,247,827	1.9 %
2016	1,157,454	112,649	1,330	1,804	1,273,237	2.0 %
2017	1,180,028	114,130	1,332	1,744	1,297,234	1.9 %
2018	1,204,753	115,676	1,342	1,557	1,323,328	2.0 %
2019	1,230,137	116,882	1,347	1,555	1,349,921	2.0 %
2020	1,262,839	117,533	1,356	1,549	1,383,277	
Percent	× ×	TO SERVICE OF MANAGEMENT	No. 400 ang kingga	-,5 .5	1,505,277	2.5 %
Change		20				
2020 over						
2019	2.7 %	0.6 %	0.7 %	(0.4) %	2.5 %	





### FIGURE NO. 5-8 A

### Summary of Natural Gas Deliveries of Dekatherms, Revenues and Customers by Classification With Percent of Totals Shown

Calendar Years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020

		% of		% of		% of
SalesDTs (000s)	2018	Total	2019	Total	2020	Total
Residential	71,231	28.4 %	95,575	25.6 %	62,810	23.8 %
Commercial	48,121	19.2	62,017	16.6	41,810	15.9
Industrial	8,570	3.4	14,670	3.9	9,031	3.4
Other	103	0.0	63	0.0	54	0.0
Total Sales	128,025	51.1 %	172,325	46.2 %	113,705	43.2 %
Gas Transported for Others	122,624	48.9	200,885	53.8	149,787	56.8
Total Throughput of Gas	250,649	100.0 %	373,210	100.0 %	263,492	100.0 %
Revenues: (\$000s)						
Residential	\$826,181	58.4 %	\$820,393	56.0 %	\$798,923	55.6 %
Commercial	383,587	27.1	420,318	28.7	401,419	28.0
Industrial	47,137	3.3	19,337	1.3	1,273	0.1
Other Sales	(29,506)	-2.1	9,329	0.6	8,120	0.6
Total Sales of Gas	1,227,399	86.8	1,269,377	86.7	1,209,735	84.3
Gas Transported for Others	35,854	2.5	205,907	14.1	226,159	15.8
Other Operating Revenues	151,200_	10.7	(10,689)	-0.7	(140)	0.0
Total Revenues	\$1,414,453	100.0 %	\$1,464,595	100.0 %	\$1,435,754	100.0 %
Customers: (Year End)					4 050 000	
Residential	1,204,753	91.0 %	1,230,137	91.1 %	1,262,839	91.3 %
Commercial	115,676	8.7	116,882	8.7	117,533	8.5
Industrial	1,342	0.1	1,347	0.1	1,356	0.1
Other	1,557	100.0 %	1,555	100.0 %	1,549	0.1
Total Customers	1,323,328	100.0 %	1,343,321	100.0 %	1,383,277	100.0 %
		% of		% of		% of
SalesDTs (000s)	2015	% of Total	2016	% of Total	2017	% of Total
<u>SalesDTs (000s)</u> Residential	2015 62,598	Total 27.9 %	<b>2016</b> 59,075		2017 58,591	30,70,220
	62,598 43,028	Total		Total		Total
Residential	62,598	Total 27.9 % 19.2 3.0	59,075 41,689 6,845	Total 27.1 % 19.1 3.1	58,591	Total 26.8 %
Residential Commercial	62,598 43,028 6,768 103	70tal 27.9 % 19.2 3.0 0.0	59,075 41,689 6,845 84	70tal 27.1 % 19.1 3.1 0.0	58,591 42,259 7,051 79	Total 26.8 % 19.4
Residential Commercial Industrial Other Total Sales	62,598 43,028 6,768 103 112,497	Total 27.9 % 19.2 3.0 0.0 50.2	59,075 41,689 6,845 84 107,693	70tal 27.1 % 19.1 3.1 0.0 49.4	58,591 42,259 7,051	Total 26.8 % 19.4 3.2
Residential Commercial Industrial Other	62,598 43,028 6,768 103 112,497 111,537	70tal 27.9 % 19.2 3.0 0.0 50.2 49.8	59,075 41,689 6,845 84 107,693 110,382	70tal 27.1 % 19.1 3.1 0.0 49.4 50.6	58,591 42,259 7,051 79 107,980 110,352	Total  26.8 % 19.4 3.2 0.0 49.5 50.5
Residential Commercial Industrial Other Total Sales	62,598 43,028 6,768 103 112,497	Total 27.9 % 19.2 3.0 0.0 50.2	59,075 41,689 6,845 84 107,693	70tal 27.1 % 19.1 3.1 0.0 49.4	58,591 42,259 7,051 79 107,980	Total  26.8 % 19.4 3.2 0.0 49.5
Residential Commercial Industrial Other Total Sales Gas Transported for Others Total Throughput of Gas Revenues: (\$000s)	62,598 43,028 6,768 103 112,497 111,537 224,034	70tal 27.9 % 19.2 3.0 0.0 50.2 49.8 100.0 %	59,075 41,689 6,845 84 107,693 110,382 218,075	70tal 27.1 % 19.1 3.1 0.0 49.4 50.6 100.0 %	58,591 42,259 7,051 79 107,980 110,352 218,332	Total  26.8 % 19.4 3.2 0.0 49.5 50.5 100.0 %
Residential Commercial Industrial Other Total Sales Gas Transported for Others Total Throughput of Gas  Revenues: (\$000s) Residential	62,598 43,028 6,768 103 112,497 111,537 224,034	70tal 27.9 % 19.2 3.0 0.0 50.2 49.8 100.0 %	59,075 41,689 6,845 84 107,693 110,382 218,075	70tal 27.1 % 19.1 3.1 0.0 49.4 50.6 100.0 %	58,591 42,259 7,051 79 107,980 110,352 218,332	Total  26.8 % 19.4 3.2 0.0 49.5 50.5 100.0 %
Residential Commercial Industrial Other Total Sales Gas Transported for Others Total Throughput of Gas  Revenues: (\$000s) Residential Commercial	62,598 43,028 6,768 103 112,497 111,537 224,034 \$689,287 335,136	70tal 27.9 % 19.2 3.0 0.0 50.2 49.8 100.0 %	59,075 41,689 6,845 84 107,693 110,382 218,075 \$684,188 326,300	70tal 27.1 % 19.1 3.1 0.0 49.4 50.6 100.0 %	58,591 42,259 7,051 79 107,980 110,352 218,332 \$748,278 372,937	Total  26.8 % 19.4 3.2 0.0 49.5 50.5 100.0 %
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Residential Commercial Industrial Other Total Sales Gas Transported for Others Total Throughput of Gas  Revenues: (\$000s) Residential Commercial Industrial Other Sales	\$689,287 335,136 38,992 1,177	70tal 27.9 % 19.2 3.0 0.0 50.2 49.8 100.0 % 55.3 % 26.9 3.1 0.1	59,075 41,689 6,845 84 107,693 110,382 218,075 \$684,188 326,300 28,200 1,040	Total  27.1 % 19.1 3.1 0.0 49.4 50.6 100.0 %  56.0 % 26.7 2.3 0.1	\$8,591 42,259 7,051 79 107,980 110,352 218,332 \$748,278 372,937 30,084 4,960	Total  26.8 % 19.4 3.2 0.0 49.5 50.5 100.0 %  55.7 % 27.7 2.2 0.4
Residential Commercial Industrial Other Total Sales Gas Transported for Others Total Throughput of Gas  Revenues: (\$000s) Residential Commercial Industrial Other Sales Total Sales of Gas	\$689,287 335,136 38,992 1,177 1,064,592	70tal 27.9 % 19.2 3.0 0.0 50.2 49.8 100.0 % 55.3 % 26.9 3.1 0.1 85.4	59,075 41,689 6,845 84 107,693 110,382 218,075 \$684,188 326,300 28,200 1,040 1,039,728	Total  27.1 % 19.1 3.1 0.0 49.4 50.6 100.0 %  56.0 % 26.7 2.3 0.1 85.2	\$8,591 42,259 7,051 79 107,980 110,352 218,332 \$748,278 372,937 30,084 4,960 1,156,259	Total  26.8 % 19.4 3.2 0.0 49.5 50.5 100.0 %  55.7 % 27.7 2.2 0.4 86.0
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### FIGURE NO. 5-8 B

### Percent Change in Deliveries of Gas: (Dekatherms)

		2017-2018		2018-2019			2019-2020
2017	2018	% Change	2019	% Change		2020	% Change
58,591	71,231	21.6 %	95,575	34.2	%	62,810	(34.3) %
42,259	48,121	13.9	62,017	28.9		41,810	(32.6)
7,051	8,570	21.5	14,670	71.2		9,031	(38.4)
79	103	30.4	63	(38.8)		54	(14.3)
107,980	128,025	18.6 %	172,325	34.6	%	113,705	(34.0) %
110,352	122,624	11.1	200,885	63.8		149,787	(25.4)
218,332	250,649	14.8 %	373,210	48.9	%	263,492	(29.4) %
	58,591 42,259 7,051 79 107,980 110,352	58,591     71,231       42,259     48,121       7,051     8,570       79     103       107,980     128,025       110,352     122,624	58,591     71,231     21.6 %       42,259     48,121     13.9       7,051     8,570     21.5       79     103     30.4       107,980     128,025     18.6 %       110,352     122,624     11.1	58,591         71,231         21.6 %         95,575           42,259         48,121         13.9         62,017           7,051         8,570         21.5         14,670           79         103         30.4         63           107,980         128,025         18.6 %         172,325           110,352         122,624         11.1         200,885	58,591         71,231         21.6 %         95,575         34.2           42,259         48,121         13.9         62,017         28.9           7,051         8,570         21.5         14,670         71.2           79         103         30.4         63         (38.8)           107,980         128,025         18.6 %         172,325         34.6           110,352         122,624         11.1         200,885         63.8	58,591     71,231     21.6 %     95,575     34.2 %       42,259     48,121     13.9     62,017     28.9       7,051     8,570     21.5     14,670     71.2       79     103     30.4     63     (38.8)       107,980     128,025     18.6 %     172,325     34.6 %       110,352     122,624     11.1     200,885     63.8	58,591         71,231         21.6 %         95,575         34.2 %         62,810           42,259         48,121         13.9         62,017         28.9         41,810           7,051         8,570         21.5         14,670         71.2         9,031           79         103         30.4         63         (38.8)         54           107,980         128,025         18.6 %         172,325         34.6 %         113,705           110,352         122,624         11.1         200,885         63.8         149,787

			2	015-2016		2016-2017	
SalesDTs (000s)	2015	2016	9	% Change	2016	% Change	
Residential	62,598	59,075	%	(5.6) %	59,075	0.0	%
Commercial	43,028	41,689		(3.1)	41,689	0.0	
Industrial	6,768	6,845		1.1	6,845	0.0	
Other	103	84		(18.4)	84	0.0	
Total Sales	112,497	107,693	%	(4.3) %	107,693	0.0	%
Gas Transported for Others	111,537	110,382		(1.0)	110,382	0.0	
<b>Total Throughput of Gas</b>	224,034	218,075	%	(2.7) %	218,075	0.0	%

# REGULATED AND MUNICIPAL GAS SYSTEMS Total Number of Customers, Total Revenue from Sales and Transportation of Gas, and Total Dekatherms Sold (\$, Dekatherms in 000s)

¥	Total N	umber of Custo	omers		Revenues From sportation of Ga			ekatherms of Transported (	
COMPANY	2019	2020	% Change 2019-2020	2019	2020	% Change 2019-2020	2019	2020	% Change 2019-2020
Class A:									
Piedmont Natural Gas	757,193	774,801	2.33 %	\$925,340	\$925,580	0.0 %	144,559	137,197	(5.1) 9
Public Service Co. of N.C.	592,728	608,476	2.66	539,255	510,174	(5.4)	228,651	126,294	(44.8)
TotalRegulated Utilities	1,349,921	1,383,277	2.47 %	\$1,464,595	\$1,435,754	(2.0) %	373,210	263,491	(29.4) 9
Municipals:									
Bessemer City	1,004	1,411	40.54 %	\$1,419	\$1,192	(16.0) %	86	75	(12.8) %
Greenville, City of	30,019	30,348	1.10	46,914	31,530	(32.8)	3,357	3,431	2.2
Kings Mountain, City of	3,784	3,798	0.37	5,010	3,910	(22.0)	643	583	(9.3)
Lexington, City of	14,242	14,376	0.94	17,808	14,365	(19.3)	3,296	2,791	(15.3)
Monroe, City of	14,146	11,769	(16.80)	20,974	14,322	(31.7)	3,839	3,238	(15.7)
Rocky Mount, City of	17,047	17,068	0.12	22,478	20,826	(7.3)	2,047	2,408	17.6
Shelby, City of	13,133	13,276	1.09	20,849	18,805	(9.8)	4,341	4,351	0.2
Wilson, City of	14,018	14,111	0.66	19,448	16,964	(12.8)	1,495	1,421	(4.9)
TotalMunicipals	107,393	106,157	(1.15) %	\$154,900	\$121,914	(21.3) %	19,104	18,298	(4.2) %
GRAND TOTALSALL GAS SYSTEMS	1,457,314	1,489,434	2.20 %	\$1,619,495	\$1,557,668	(3.8) %	392,314	281,789	(28.2) %

Municipal data for fiscal years ended June 30.

NA = Not Available N/COMP = Not Comparable

### RESIDENTIAL NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS' AVERAGE DEKATHERM USAGE AND COST DATA

For the Years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020

Company		Annu	al Dek	athern	Use*			R	ate per l	Dekather	m		Total Annual Cost					
N. C. Gas Companies:	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
(N.C. Data Only)												Little .				TO THE		
Piedmont Natural Gas Co., Inc.	55	48	44	53	54	50	11.41	12.95	13.53	11.87	13.23	13.85	627.69	621.78	595.23	629.31	714.67	692.34
Public Service Co. of N.C., Inc.	55	55	50	54	108	50	10.48	10.03	11.82	11.25	5.69	11.31	576.54	551.63	590.98	607.46	614.12	565.56
Average	55	52	47	54	81	50	\$10.95	\$11.49	\$12.67	\$11.56	\$9.46	\$12.58	\$602.12	\$586.70	\$593.11	\$618.39	\$664.39	\$628.95

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Dekatherm use figures have been rounded, therefore, the total annual cost is not exact.

# GAS TRACKING CHANGES APPROVED 2020

	Company	Date Filed	Docket No.	Increase/ (Decrease)	Increase/ (Decrease) Per Dekatherm
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None					
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	Total			\$0	

# GENERAL RATE INCREASES APPROVED GAS COMPANIES 2020

C	Company	Date Filed	Docket No.	Amount Requested (\$)	Amount Approved (\$)	% Approved Of Amount Requested	Date of Final Order
None							
	<i>i</i>						
	Total			\$0	\$0	757 - 177 -	

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### FIGURE NO. 5-13

### SOURCE AND DISPOSITION OF THE OPERATING REVENUE DOLLAR

(N.C. DATA ONLY)

For the Years 2010-2020

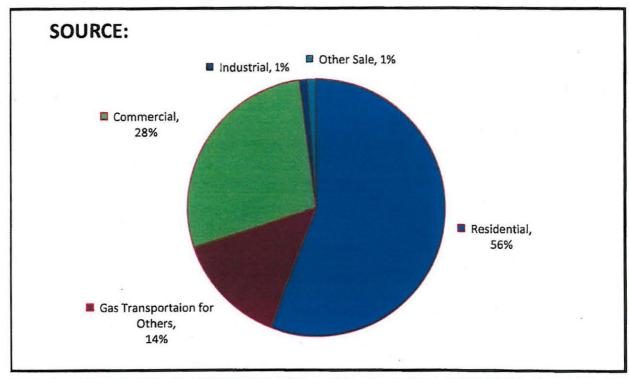
Source	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Residential	59%	58%	57%	57%	56%	55%	56%	56%	58%	56%	56%
Commercial	30%	29%	28%	29%	28%	27%	26%	28%	27%	29%	28%
Industrial	4%	3%	3%	1%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%
Other	7%	10%	12%	13%	13%	15%	15%	14%	12%	14%	15%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

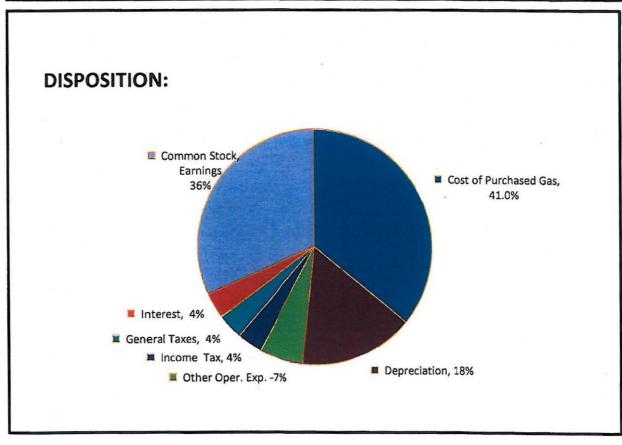
Disposition	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Cost of Purchased Gas	66%	59%	55%	60%	61%	50%	47%	47%	52%	45%	41%
Other Operating Expenses	3%	2%	2%	0%	0%	-1%	-4%	0%	0%	0%	-7%
Depreciation & Amortization	8%	10%	10%	11%	11%	15%	16%	15%	16%	16%	18%
Income Taxes	5%	6%	6%	7%	6%	8%	8%	9%	5%	3%	4%
General Taxes	3%	3%	9%	3%	3%	4%	6%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Interest & Preferred Dividends	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%
Common Stock Earnings	10%	14%	15%	17%	16%	20%	24%	23%	20%	28%	36%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Figure No. 5-14

Source and Disposition of the Revenue Dollar

Gas Companies (North Carolina Data Only) for 2020





#### FIGURE NO. 5-15A CLASS A GAS COMPANIES

### INCOME STATEMENT, BALANCE SHEET, AND CUSTOMER STATISTICS For the Years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020

ITEM		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	% Change 2019-2020
Number of Companies Regulated		4		4	$\uparrow$	4	1	4		4	
Number Included in This Data		2		2	L	2	1	2	1	2	
INCOME STATEMENT (000s):			1		ł.					-	
SalesResidential	\$	1,515,359	\$	748,278	5	826,181	1	820,393		798,923	(2.6) %
Commercial		745,076		371,693	1000000	383,587		420,318		401,419	(4.5)
Industrial		81,579		31,328	L	47,137		19,337	1	1,273	(93.4)
Other Sales		2,412		4,960	1	(29,506	ıl	9,329	1	8,120	(13.0)
Total Sales of Gas		1,330,648		1,156,259		1,227,399		1,269,377	1	1,209,735	(4.7)
Gas Transported for Others		197,326		182,999	1	35,854		205,907	1	226,159	9.8
Other Operating Revenues		10,698		5,030	1	151,200		(10,689	)	(140)	(98.7)
Total Gas Operating Revenues	\$	1,538,672	\$	1,344,288	\$	1,414,453	\$	1,464,595	_	1,435,754	(2.0) %
Expense Items:			1		Ť	-,,	Ť	-,,	+	2,105,754	(2.0) //
Production Expense	\$	1,234,121	\$	506,438	\$	583,078		542,249	1	488,364	(9.9) %
Natural Gas Storage	1.72	6,120	1	3,012	,	3,380		3,367		3,229	(4.1)
Transmission Expense		24,893		17,912	1	23,658		23,826		24,060	1.0
Distribution Expense		134,201	1	79,244	1	99,136		99,993		95,726	(4.3)
Customer Accounts Expense		58,814	1	29,336		39,675	1	40,136		40,089	(0.1)
Customer Service & Informational Expense		7,470		3,166	ĺ	2,734		3,409		3,514	3.1
Sales Expense	- 1	17,076	1	7,829	1	8,083		7,412	1	7,603	2.6
Administrative & General Expense		341,259		149,422	l	130,353	1	140,938		144,572	2.6
Depreciation Expense		273,438		162,255	1	177,231		196,153		213,922	9.1
Other Expense		(4,085)		(2,729)	1	(2,831)		(43)		(84,901)	N/C
Total Operating Expenses Before Taxes	Ś	909,290	\$	955,885	\$	1,064,497	-	1,057,440	-	936,178	(11.5) %
State Taxes:			-		1	-,,	+	2,00.7.10	1	330,278	(22.5) 70
Income Tax		(3,518)	ł	(1,515)		3,677	1	(2,739)	d	(3,629)	32.5 %
Gross Receipts Tax		1,577	1	1,996		2,133		2,583		3,173	N/C
Property Tax	Į.	30,571		32,468		34,767		32,645		37,521	N/C
Total State Taxes	\$	28,630	\$	32,949	\$	40,577	\$	32,489	5	37,065	14.1 %
Federal Taxes:					_	1775	Ť	,	Ť	3,,003	2-1.2 70
Income Tax	\$	(43,364)	\$	(158,955)	Ś	73,510	\$	(52,228)	5	37,521	(171.8) %
Provision for Deferred Taxes		114,419	1900	255,106		(24,722)	1	93,903	1	55,881	N/C
Investment Tax Credit	- 1	(138)		(130)	1	(118)		(45)		(28)	(37.8)
Payroll, Unemployment & Other Federal Taxes	- 1	11,747		11,294		11,163		11,603		9,058	(21.9)
Total Federal Taxes		82,664		107,315		59,833		53,233		102,432	92.4 %
Total State & Federal Taxes		111,294		140,265		100,410		85,722		139,497	62.7 %
Total Operating Expenses		1,020,585		1,096,150		1,164,907	_	1,143,162		1,028,968	(10.0) %
Net Operating Income	\$	518,087	\$		\$	249,546	\$	321,432	Ś	406,785	26.6 %
Other Income & Expenses							-		-	100,705	2.0.0 70
Other Income	\$	118,542	\$	129,579	\$	24,666	\$	26,999	\$	22,671	(16.0) %
Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		4,001	100	17,384	.03	20,471	×	7,936	18	20,250	155.2
Deductions from Income		21,491		8,313		3,363		17,195		10,438	(39.3)
Taxes on Other Income & Deductions		58,692	-	379	_	(2,833)		9,672	_	(552)	(105.7)
Total Other Income & Expense	\$	42,360	\$	138,271	\$	44,606	\$	8,068	\$	33,035	309.5 %
ixed Charges			-		000	.,,,,,,,,	-	2,000	*	30,033	303.3 78
Interest on Funded Debt	\$	82,396	\$	92,575	\$	100,010	\$	108,385	\$	44,909	(58.6) %
Other Fixed Charges	1	5,228	•	6,523		12,080	*	16,697	7	15,935	(4.6)
Allow, for Borrowed Funds Used During Construction		(1,014)		(2,624)		(3,013)		(19,201)		(8,480)	
Total Fixed Charges	Ś		\$		\$	109,077	\$		Ś	64,583	(55.8)
xtraordinary Items		00,009	*	0	~	0	7	143,/33	7	0	(55.1) %
Net Income		\$475,836	•		\$	185,075	4	185,767	1	375,236	N/C 102.0 %

N/C = Not Comparable

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### FIGURE NO. 5-15B CLASS A GAS COMPANIES

### INCOME STATEMENT, BALANCE SHEET, AND CUSTOMER STATISTICS For the Years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020

ITEM	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 2019-2020
BALANCE SHEET (000s):						
Utility Plant in Service	\$6,638,201	\$7,259,622	\$7,834,383	\$8,854,786	\$9,569,570	
Construction Work in Progress	189,562	279,649	446,300	449,446		8.1 %
Acquisition Adjustments	0	275,045	440,300	449,446	617,469 0	37.4
Total Utility Plant	\$6,833,579	\$ 7,539,271	\$ 8,280,682	\$ 9,304,232	\$ 10,187,039	#DIV/0! 9.5 %
Depreciation Reserve	2,121,625	2,246,211	2,362,581	2,499,977	2,629,039	5.2
Net Utility Plant	\$4,711,954	5,293,060	5,918,101	6,804,255	7,558,000	11.1 %
Other Property & Investments:	183				(1)	
Nonutility Property - Net	2			les l	1 004	#D0//01
Investments in Associated Companies	0	0	0	0	1,094 0	#DIV/0!
Other Investments	501,818	135,961	(2,016)	38,994		N/C
Total Other Property & Investments	\$503,697	135,961	28,167	38,994	55,271	41.7
Cash	27,501	22,169	1,252	(16,802)	56,366	N/C
Special Deposits	72	71	71	(16,802)	(20,731)	23.4 %
Working Funds	24	415	48	29	96	0.0
Temporary Cash Investments	24	413	40	29	31	6.9
Customer Accounts Receivable	284,685	380,375	271,979	275,950	200 420	N/C
Less Accum. Prov. for Uncollectible Acct. Credit	(2,766)	(2,202)	(1,878)		262,430	(4.9)
Materials, Supplies, Merchandise	11,792	12,770	12,698	(4,868) 14,944	(9,733)	99.9
Stores Expense Undistributed	11,752	7	35	171	26,695 359	78.6
Gas Stored Underground	57,417	61,975	75.693	63,135	51.656	N/C
Liquified Natural Gas Stored	19,737	17,875	10,169	19,862	16,933	(18.2) (14.7)
Deferred Cost of Purchased Gas	0	0	0,103	0	10,933	N/C
Prepayments	7,799	6,777	5,428	3,922	5,945	51.6
Miscellaneous Current & Accrued Assets	39,814	50,284	53,882	99,394	120,342	21.1
Other Assets	544,013	455,787	653,550	631,355	695,465	10.2
Total Assets	\$6,205,738	\$6,435,322	\$7,029,193	7,930,435	8,763,792	10.5 %
Liabilities & Stockholder's Equity :				1,200,100	5,705,732	10.5 //
Common Stock	645,143	559,388	631,914	631,914	636,631	0.7
Other Paid-in Capital	634,681	633,920	856,553	1,039,525	1,131,994	8.9
Premium on Capital Stock	0	0	0	0	0	N/C
Retained Earnings	691,236	816,648	760,807	984,299	1,283,290	30.4
Total Stockholder's Equity	\$1,969,572	\$2,009,956	\$2,249,274	\$2,654,515	\$3,051,916	15.0 %
Total Long-Term Debt	2,338,372	1,937,191	2,279,432	2,362,152	2,601,081	10.1 %
Miscellaneous Noncurrent	249,280	229,562	257,726	312,042	287,135	(8.0)
Notes Payable	319,399	369,087	97,748	59.300.400.400.4		#DIV/0!
Accounts Payable	191,171	216,331	306,291	387,087	375,292	(3.0)
Customer Deposits	18,215	18,315	20,144	31,416	33,188	5.6
axes Accrued	(9,931)	12,881	59,033	22,408	15,416	(31.2)
nterest Accrued	31,176	32,296	29,502	30,667	32,266	5.2
Other Current and Accrued Liabilities	85,358	97,901	749,673	805,695	942,456	17.0
occumulated Deferred Investment Tax Credits	629	507	401	362	339	(6.4)
ccumulated Deferred Income Taxes	982,164	599,696	790,489	870,798	974.896	12.0
Other Liabilities	30,334	30,480	47,472	35,408	(13,149)	(137.1)
Total Liabilities	\$4,236,166	4,425,367	4,637,911	4,858,034	5,248,920	8.0 %
Total Liabilities & Stockholder's Equity	\$6,205,738	6,435,322	6,955,771	7,581,723	8,370,010	10.4 %

### FIGURE NO. 5-15C

#### CLASS A GAS COMPANIES

### INCOME STATEMENT, BALANCE SHEET, AND CUSTOMER STATISTICS For the Years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020

ПЕМ	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 2019-2020
SYSTEMWIDE DATA:						2023-2020
BALANCE SHEET ITEMS (000s):	1 1					
Long-Term Debt	2,338,372	1,937,191	2,279,432	2,362,152	2,601,081	10.1 %
Retained Earnings	691,236	816,648	760,807	984,299	1,284,308	30.5 %
Total Capitalization	3,029,608	2,753,839	3,040,238	3,346,451	3,885,389	16.1 %
Long-Term Debt % of Total Captialization	77.2%	70.3%	75.0%	70.6%	66.9%	(5.2) %
Average Number of Common Shares Outstanding (Actual)	301,000	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0 %
Earnings Per Average Common Shares Outstanding (After Preferred Dividends)  CUSTOMER AND MISCELLANEOUS DATA (NC DATA):	\$1.58	\$263.58	\$168.25	\$168.88	\$341.12	102.0 %
Average Annual UseResidential Customers (DTs)	57	51	61	56	52	(7.1) %
Total Residential Customers	1,137,985	1,180,028	1,204,753	1,230,137	1,262,839	2.7. %
Grand TotalAll Type Customers	1,263,480	1,297,234	1,323,328	1,349,921	1,383,277	2.5 %
Average Number Full-Time Employees	2,236	2,218	2,156	2,114	2,080	(1.6) %
Total Salaries and Wages Paid Employees (\$000s)	166,734	161,769	147,662	150,017	155,749	3.8 %
Average Annual Compensation Per Employee	\$74,568	\$72,938	\$68,489	\$70,964	\$74,879	5.5 %

N/C = Not Comparable

VI. COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY

## A. BRIEF REVIEW OF THE TELEPHONE INDUSTRY--GENERAL

At December 31, 2020, there were sixteen (16) local exchange telephone companies (LECs), two hundred forty-five (245) interexchange long distance carriers (IXCs), and one hundred sixty-two (162) competing local providers (CLPs) under the jurisdiction of the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Figure No. 6-1 lists the sixteen (16) LECs and the five (5) shared-tenant service (STS) providers authorized to operate by the Commission Utilities An updated list of December 31, 2020. regulated telephone companies including IXCs and CLPs can be found on the Commission's web page at www.ncuc.net under Industries, Regulated Company Telecommunications, The statistical comparisons of the regulated LECs are shown in the schedules following the narrative section of this chapter, with data through 2020. However, more recent data was available and utilized for various schedules. The schedule headlines identify the time period covered.

### **Long Distance Competition**

On May 30, 2003, Senate Bill 814 was signed into law. Senate Bill 814 declared that interLATA and intraLATA long distance service and long distance operator services are sufficiently competitive and shall no longer be regulated by the Commission. However, the Commission does continue to maintain certification authority and authority to hear and resolve complaints against providers of such services alleged to have made changes to the services of customers or imposed charges without appropriate authorization. As of December 31, 2020, two hundred forty-five (245) IXCs were certified to operate in North Carolina.

### **Local Exchange Competition**

The General Assembly enacted House Bill 161 (HB161) on April 6, 1995, which authorized local telephone exchange service competition and price or alternative regulation for LECs. This bill became effective on July 1, 1995. On July 19, 1995, the Commission issued an Order promulgating interim rules for certification and regulation of CPLs and posed questions for comments on the appropriate regulatory structure for CLPs, resale of local service, and interconnection and scheduled a hearing on universal service issues. Commission rulings can be found in Docket No. P-100, Sub 133.

### **Price Regulation Plans**

As of December 31, 2020, no LECs operated under a Commission Authorized Price Regulation Plan or remained under rate-of-return regulation.

### House Bill 1180

The General Assembly enacted House Bill 1180 (HB1180) on June 22, 2009. HB 1180 authorizes LECs and CLPs to elect a streamlined regulation plan - Subsection (h) Price Plan. See G.S. 62-133.5(h). Under this new plan, with limited exceptions, the Commission cannot impose any requirements related to the terms, conditions, rates, or availability of any of the LEC's retail services or otherwise regulate any of the LEC's retail services. A company must file a notice with the Commission of its election of a Subsection (h) Price Plan, and companies must commit to provide stand-alone basic residential lines to rural customers at rates comparable to those rates charged to urban customers for the same service. In addition, companies must continue to offer stand-alone basic residential lines to all customers who choose to subscribe to that service and may only increase rates for standalone basic residential service annually by a percentage that does not exceed the percentage increase over the prior year in the Gross Domestic Product Price Index as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission. This bill was signed into law by the Governor on June 30, 2009, and became effective on that date. As of December 31, 2020, eight (8) LECs and eight (8) CLPs have elected Subsection (h) dishNet Wireline, LLC (CLP); Price Plans: Barnardsville Telephone Company (LEC); Citizens Telephone company (LEC); Service Telephone Company (LEC); Saluda Mountain Telephone Company (LEC); Ellerbe Telephone Company (LEC); ETC Communications, LLC (CLP); Frontier Communications of America Inc. (CLP); Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, LLC (LEC); North State Telephone Company (LEC); Onvoy, LLC (CLP); SCTG Communications (CLP); Smithville Telecom, LLC (CLP); Town of Pineville (LEC); Tri-County Communications, Inc.(CLP); South CarolinaNet, Inc. (CLP).

#### Senate Bill 343

On April 26, 2011, Senate Bill 343 (SB343), "An Act Establishing the Communications Regulatory Reform and Investment of 2011", became law as Session Law 2011-52. SB343 establishes a process by which a LEC or CLP can elect to subject itself to regulation pursuant to G.S. 62-133.5(m) instead of traditional rate-of-return and/or alternative forms of regulation permitted in Chapter 62 of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The Commission refers to this newly created regulatory alternative as "Subsection (m) Price Plan" to distinguish it from the already existing "Subsection (h) Price Plan". Subsection (m) Price Plans provide an electing LEC with a greater degree of deregulation of the terms, conditions, rates, and availability of the electing carrier's retail services than the existing forms of regulation provide. Most notably, SB343 dispenses with the Subsection (h) price plan requirements that a LEC electing Subsection (h) regulation continue to provide stand-alone basic residential lines with rate increases for such lines capped at no more than the percentage increase of the Gross Domestic Product Price Index and relieves the electing LEC of its obligation to serve as a carrier of last resort in its service territory. Additionally, LECs that elect to be regulated under Subsection (m) are no longer required to submit an annual report to the General Assembly on and after the third anniversary following the date of the LEC's Subsection (m) election. In return for this greater degree of regulatory freedom, the electing LEC must "forgo receipt of any funding from a State funding mechanism, other than interconnection rates, that may be established to support universal service" and must open its service territory to competition from CLPs. G.S. 62-133.5(m).

On May 17, 2011, the Commission issued an Order Instituting Certain Filing Requirements and Requesting Comments (The Order). The Order adopted interim rules establishing the notification format that must be followed if a LEC or CLP elects Subsection (m) price plan regulation. The Order also requested comments from the Public Staff and other interested parties on the issues related to rules, statutes, notice and reporting obligations which will no longer be in force with respect to Subsection (m) companies. As of December 31, 2020, twenty-five companies have elected Subsection (m) Price Plans: AT&T Corporation (CLP); BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC (LEC); Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company (LEC); Central Telephone Company (LEC); CenturyLink Communications, LLC (CLP); Comcast Phone of NC, LLC (CLP); Comporium, Inc. (CLP); Crosstel Tandem, Inc. (CLP); eNetworks, LLC (CLP); Global Crossing Local Services, Inc. (CLP); Level 3 Communications. LLC (CLP); Level 3 Telecom of NC, LP (CLP); Lightrunner, LLC (CLP); MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp. (CLP); MebTel, Inc. (LEC); North State Communications Advanced Services, LLC (CLP); Springboard Telecom, LLC (CLP); TelCove Operations, LLC (LEC); Teleport Communications America, LLC (CLP); Time Warner Cable Information Services (North Carolina), LLC (CLP); Verizon South, Inc. (ILEC); Wide Voice, LLC (CLP), Windstream Concord Telephone, LLC (ILEC), Windstream Lexcom Communications, LLC (ILEC), and Windstream North Carolina, LLC (ILEC).

#### Shared Use and Resale

The North Carolina General Assembly ratified a bill in 1987 authorizing the Commission to adopt procedures for allowing shared use and/or resale of any telephone service provided to persons who occupy the same adjoining premises. Due to legislation enacted by the General Assembly in 1989, the Commission established rules for sharing and resale by nonprofit colleges and universities and their affiliated medical centers. The legislation required that rates for lines or trunks being shared or resold be on a measured basis where available or otherwise on a message basis.

The Commission order adopting procedures requires all telephone companies to charge rates to resellers which are 80% of the comparable flat rate, plus five cents for each additional minute with a 50% off-peak discount. The alternative message rates are 80% of the comparable flat rate, plus 12 cents per message. Entities which provide service exclusively to the exception group, as identified by the Legislature, are exempted from the measured or message rates as long as they only share service.

There were five shared tenant service (STS) providers operating in North Carolina as of December 31, 2020. A list of these providers can be found in Figure No. 6-1.

### Payphone Service Provider (PSP)

A Payphone Service Provider is a subscriber to a Public Telephone Access Service (PTAS) line, offering telephone service to the public by means of a coin, coinless or key-operated PTAS instrument. Over the years the total number of special certificates issued is 1,803, with 30 of these still certified as of December 31, 2020. Anyone can own and operate a payphone with a special certificate.

## B. CUSTOMER GROWTH AND IMPACT ON PLANT INVESTMENT

The regulated LECs had a total of 1,006,886 access lines in service as of December 31, 2019; 990,019 as of December 31, 2018; 1,178,630 as of December 31, 2017; and 1,383,230 as of December 31, 2016. This is an increase of 1.68% from 2018 to 2019. Due to recent changes approved by the Commission, access line information is no longer required to be filed by LECs and CLPs. The FCC does not release the number of access lines for companies and considers this information to be confidential. Figures No. 6-2 and 6-3 show the access lines for the past four years as well as the North Carolina percentage of the United States Total. In 1982 the telephone industry changed its system of reporting the number of telephones served by each company to the number of access lines.

### C. EXTENDED AREA SERVICE (EAS)

Extended Area Service (EAS) is the industry term applied to the extension of local calling from one telephone exchange to and from another exchange without a toll charge being levied.

With the assumption that each exchange is assigned only to the county it primarily serves, there are sixty-two (62) counties in North Carolina with

county-wide EAS. Only nine exchanges (out of a total of 425 in North Carolina) primarily located in seven different counties that do not have EAS to their county seat. These statistics assume that each exchange is assigned only to the county it primarily serves. Many exchanges provide telephone service in more than one county. Even though an exchange may have EAS to the county seat in which it is primarily located, some subscribers in that exchange may actually be located in an adjacent county, and therefore, may not have EAS to their county seat.

However companies, even the traditional LECs, are offering options that include toll-free calling that extend in some cases throughout the state. The choices are varied and can be categorized as services that "zero-rate" calls with a certain distance of the exchange (thus preserving the traditional toll route, but with no charge) to services that include unlimited toll-free calling throughout the state. As a result, the traditional EAS routes do not limit the toll-free calling capabilities for all consumers.

#### D. TELEPHONE RATES--COMMENTS

#### **Local Exchange Rates**

The retail rates of Subsection (h) and Subsection (m) LECs are not regulated; however, under statute, Subsection (h) LECs must offer basic local exchange service to any customer who wishes to have it and cannot increase the rate annually by more than the percentage increase over the prior year in the Gross Domestic Product Price Index. CLP rates are not regulated by the Commission.

### E. STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Significant changes have taken place with regard to the annual reporting requirements for the price plan regulated

telephone companies which have impacted the conformity and comparability of the financial and operational information provided by such companies for the 12-month reporting period ending December 31, 2011 and beyond. In particular, on June 30, 2011, in Docket number P-100 Sub 72b, the Commission issued an Order ruling on a petition filed by the North Carolina Telecommunications Industry Association, Inc. on March 16, 2011, requesting modification or elimination of certain reporting requirements relating to incumbent local exchange companies (LECs) and/or competing local providers. The June 30, 2011 Order, among other things, revised Commission Rule R1-32 by adding a new Subsection (e1). Such revision allows LECs that are price plan regulated under G.S. 62-133.5(a), and any carrier electing regulation under G.S. 62-133.5(h) to satisfy all of their annual reporting obligations by one of the two following ways: (1) by providing a link to their annual filings with the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC), if they are publically traded entities, or (2) by filing copies of their audited financial statements with the Commission, if they are not publicly traded entities. The foregoing would be in lieu of filing annual reports regarding the North Carolina Operations on forms furnished or approved by the Commission. As a result of such significant changes in the annual reporting requirements, financial information related to the telecommunications companies is no longer available to provide in this report.

# LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

Barnardsville Telephone Company (P-75) 1400 River Street Wilkesboro, NC 28697

BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC (P-55) 150 Fayetteville Street, Suite 800 Raleigh, NC 27601

Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. (P-7) 150 Fayetteville Street, Suite 970 Raleigh, NC 27601

Central Telephone Company (P-10) 150 Fayetteville Street, Suite 970 Raleigh, NC 27601

Citizens Telephone Company (P-12) P. O. Box 470 Rock Hill, SC 29730

Ellerbe Telephone Company (P-21) P. O. Box 220 Ellerbe, NC 28338-0220

Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, Inc. (P-1488) 3833 South Alston Avenue Durham, NC 27713

MEBTEL, Inc. (P-35) 150 Fayetteville Street, Suite 970 Raleigh, NC 27601 North State Telephone Company (P-42) P. O. Box 2326 High Point, NC 27261

Town of Pineville (P-120) P. O. Box 249 Pineville, NC 28134

Saluda Mountain Telephone Company (P-76) 1400 River Street Wilkesboro, NC 28697

Service Telephone Company (P-60) 1400 River Street Wilkesboro, NC 28697

Verizon South, Inc. (P-19) 106 East College Avenue, Suite 710 Tallahassee, FL 32301

Windstream Concord Telephone, LLC (P-16) 1201 West Peachtree Street, Suite 610 Atlanta, GA 30309

Windstream Lexcom Communications, LLC (P-31)
1201 West Peachtree Street, Suite 610
Atlanta, GA 30309

Windstream North Carolina, LLC (P-118) 1201 West Peachtree Street, Suite 610 Atlanta, GA 30309

### **FIGURE NO. 6-1 CONTINUED**

## SHARED TENANT SERVICE PROVIDERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

Guilford College (STS-7) 5800 West Friendly Avenue Greensboro, NC 27410

International Business Machines (STS-40) 3039 Cornwallis Road Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

North Carolina State University (STS-23) Box 7217, West Dunn Building Raleigh, NC 27695

Smart City Networks, LP (STS-33) 28 West Grand Avenue Montvale, NJ 07645

University of NC School of the Arts (STS-27) 1533 South Main Street Winston Salem, NC 27127

## REGULATED LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE COMPANIES OPERATING IN NORTH CAROLINA NUMBER OF TOTAL ACCESS LINES

### AT THE YEAR END FOR THE YEARS 2016 THROUGH 2020

Telephone Companies		Num	ber of Access L	ines	
2000	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 5
Class A & B:					
BellSouth	435,412	371,070	325,379	383,346	
Carolina Telephone Co.	465,967	380,222	303,431	283,060	
Central Telephone Co.	101,606	84,769	69,073	63,707	
Citizens Telephone Co.	12,318	11,608	10,990	10,686	
Ellerbe Telephone Co.	1,241	1,165	1,209	1,180	
Frontier 1	126,883	115,523	92,184	87,258	
MEBTEL, Inc.	9,071	7,846	6,567	6,188	
North State Telephone Co.	44,235	39,902	36,265	34,446	
Pineville Telephone Co.	934	784	741	689	
Verizon South, Inc. 2	235	207	186	192	
Windstream Concord	54,652	49,152	42,646	40,230	
Windstream Lexcom	14,644	13,251	11,338	10,664	
Windstream NC	113,631	100,851	87,822	83,065	
Totals: Class A & B	1,380,829	1,176,350	987,831	1,004,711	
Class C & D:					
Barnardsville Telephone Co.	682	. 607	533	524	
Saluda Mountain Tel. Co.	1,165	1,162	1,165	1,163	
Service Telephone Co.	554	511	490	488	
Totals: Class C & D	2,401	2,280	2,188	2,175	
Grand Totals <sup>3</sup>	1,383,230	1,178,630	990,019	1,006,886	
United States Totals 4	61,535,000	55,786,000	53,026,000	50,093,000	44,638,000

North Carolina as % of		-			
United States Total	2.2%	2.1%	1.9%	2.0%	0.0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Verizon transferred to Frontier (except the Knotts Island Exchange).

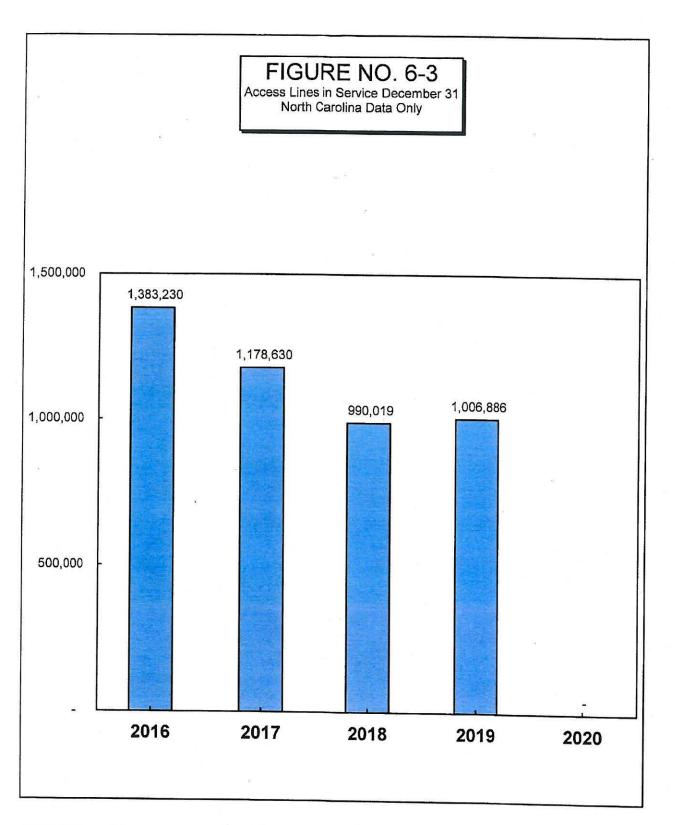
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Verizon Knotts Island Exchange only.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Access Lines were revised using the Public Staff Phone Development Report for the current year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> United States Totals from FCC's Industry Analysis and Technology Division, Wireline Competition Bureau: IATD Data & Statistical Reports: Table 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> FCC considers company related data to be confidential, therefore, they will not provide the data.

<sup>\*</sup> Website not updated at the time of this report



2020 FCC considers company related data to be confidential, therefore, they will not provide the data.

Access Lines include Residential and Business

**VII. WATER AND SEWER INDUSTRY** 

### A. GENERAL COMMENTS

As of December 31, 2020, there were approximately 1,740 regulated water and sewer systems in North Carolina owned by 93 companies as reported on the 2020 annual reports. These are comprised of 1,423 water and 317 sewer systems. The Commission also regulated 1,651 water and sewer resellers. Water and sewer resellers were not required to file annual reports. The General Statutes of North Carolina provide in part that anyone owning or operating facilities for furnishing water and sewer service to the public for compensation is a public utility, except when such person's sole operation consists of selling water to fewer than fifteen residential customers.

Figure Nos. 7-1, 7-2, and 7-2A provide a map and a listing of the locations of all of the regulated water and sewer systems by counties with the number of systems and customers in each county.

One of the major problems encountered in regulating small water and sewer utilities is their lack of keeping adequate records. As a result, of the 93 water and sewer companies franchised to operate in 2020, current statistical and operating data is available for 59 companies. This data is found in Figure No. 7-3. For the other 34 companies, the most recent statistical data received by the Commission is presented in Figure No. 7-4. This noncurrent statistical data as of calendar year 2020 is included to illustrate the total scope of the regulated water and sewer industry in North Carolina. Some of the 34 noncurrent companies are under emergency operators and although required to file financial information, it is not always in the form of an annual report.

The Commission adopted a simplified annual report which should encourage small utilities to maintain minimum records of their revenues and expenses. This should enable

them to keep accurate records and provide them with the required information needed for general rate cases.

### **B. COMMISSION ACTIVITIES**

The Commission decided five general rate cases involving water and sewer companies during 2020. These cases affected 35,341 water customers and 21,723 sewer customers. Of the cases decided, the total requested increase in water revenues was \$8,054,118 annually, and the Commission approved \$4,539,230. The requested increase in sewer revenues was \$6,401,836 annually, and the Commission approved \$4,597,398.

Pursuant to Commission Rules R7-39 and R10-26, the Commission approved water system improvement charges (WSIC) and sewer system improvement charges (SSIC) for Aqua North Carolina, Inc. and Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina. During year 2020, these additional WSIC/SSIC revenues approved by the Commission affected approximately 112,724 customers and 40,105 sewer water customers. The total requested increase in SSIC revenues was \$603,259 annually and the Commission approved \$268,511.

The Commission approved 10 tariff revisions for the purpose of passing through to customers the increased cost of purchasing water/sewer utility service from other utilities, affecting 4,780 customers and increasing annual water and sewer revenues by \$61,799.

There were other cases filed with the Commission in 2020 regarding regulated water and sewer utilities. There were 25 applications for new franchises or notifications of contiguous extensions; 25 applications for transfer of franchises between utilities; 4 bond filings; and 1 formal complaint.

The Commission also regulates resale of water/sewer utility service in apartment complexes and mobile home parks. There were 1,071 resale filings with the Commission during

2020. There were 178 applications for resale authority affecting 32,747 customers, resulting in annual revenues of \$19,648,200. There were 179 applications to transfer resale authority affecting 41,326 customers, resulting in net increased annual revenues of \$892,642. There were 637 filings to revise rates affecting 159,106 customers, resulting in net increased annual revenues of \$3,436,690. Resale authority was cancelled for 42 service areas, affecting 8,302 and annual revenues customers. \$4,981,200. Four filings were withdrawn or rendered moot by other actions.

In 2018, the Commission started issuing Certificates of Authority to resale of water/sewer utility service in single family dwellings. In 2020, the Commission issued 6 certificates for single family dwellings resale authority with an annual revenue of \$210,960. There were also 66 annual address update filings for resale of water/sewer utility service in single family dwellings.

### C. WATER AND SEWER GENERAL STATUTE REQUIREMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

In 1987, legislation required all water and sewer utility plants to furnish a bond secured in an amount not less than \$10,000 and no more than \$200,000. On April 15, 1995, G.S. 62-100.3 was amended eliminating the \$200,000 cap on the bond. This amendment also eliminated the statutory section which provided exceptions for those franchises that already had bonds posted with other state agencies or having bonds posted with the Commission totaling \$200,000. Acceptable securities are obligations of the United States, obligations of the State of North Carolina, certificates of deposit, and irrevocable letters of They are posted for use by the credit. Commission in the event that an emergency operator is needed to take over a system and also to provide an incentive for utility companies to properly operate and maintain their systems. (See G.S. 62-110.3, Rules R7-37 and R10-24 for the details regarding the use of bonds as security.) This requirement is applicable to all applications for franchises filed on or after October 1, 1987. At the end of 2014, the amount of bonds posted for new water and sewer franchises totaled \$18,000,000 consisting of Letters of Credit, surety bonds, certificates of deposit and money market funds.

The General Assembly enacted G.S. 62-110(g) authorizing the Utilities Commission to adopt procedures for the purpose of allowing resale of water and sewer service in apartments, condominiums, and other places at a rate or charge which does not exceed the actual purchase price of such service to the provider, plus a reasonable administrative fee. The Commission adopted rules and established procedures for regulating these resellers. As of the end of 2017, the Commission had granted certificates of authority for resale of water and/or sewer service for approximately 1,342 apartment complexes or mobile home parks.

### D. REGULATED VS. NONREGULATED MONTHLY CHARGES

Comparative monthly charges for residential water service of selected non-regulated municipal systems and regulated water systems in North Carolina are shown in Figure No. 7-6.

#### E. STATISTICAL SUMMARY DATA

The number of regulated utility companies furnishing water and sewer service in North Carolina was 93, a decrease of companies from 2019, however, 34 of these companies did not file 2019 annual reports. The current companies operated 1,423 water systems and 317 sewer systems within the State, with the noncurrent companies' most recent data showing 27 water systems and 27 sewer systems. The current companies served 122,836

water and 63,521 sewer customers and received \$147,034,257 in annual revenues, with the noncurrent companies serving 8,759 customers and receiving annual revenues of \$4,508,641. Refer to Figure No. 7-3 for current companies, 7-4 for noncurrent and 7-5 for a graphic presentation.

## FIGURE NO. 7-1 DISTRIBUTION OF CUSTOMERS SERVED BY:

### **REGULATED WATER & SEWER UTILITIES**

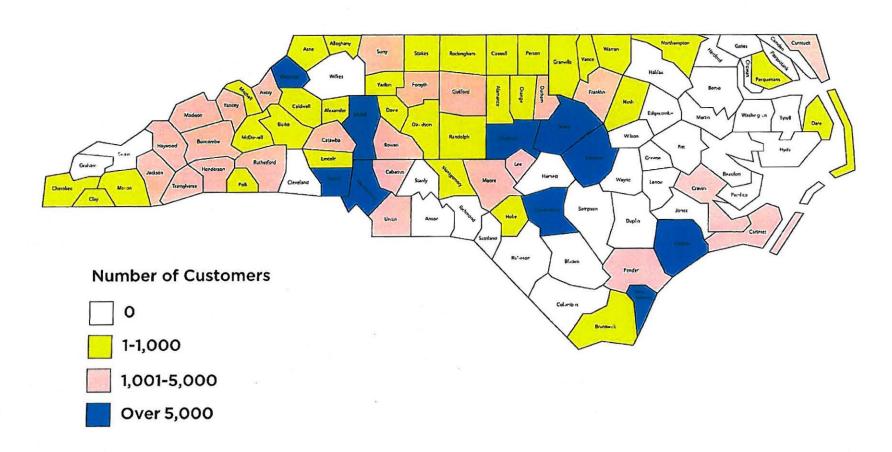


FIGURE NO. 7-2
DISTRIBUTION OF WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES BY COUNTIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Numb of Custor	57	Number of Systems		
COUNTY	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer	
Alamance	320	JEWEI -	4	JEWEI	
Alexander	335		6		
Alleghany	444	83	2		
she	480	209	4		
very	2,374	1,721	7		
Bladen	2,374	-,, -			
Brunswick	156	795	1		
Buncombe	779	744	5		
Burke	140	,44	2		
Cabarrus		99	22		
	1,604	99			
Caldwell	273	4 54 4	2		
Carteret	1,109	1,514	3	1	
Caswell	43	-	1		
Catawba	3,456	157	65		
Chatham	1,262	6,532	11	1	
Cherokee	361	71	2		
Clay	64	48	1		
Craven	1,932	2,295	1		
Cumberland	14,629	86	108		
Currituck	112	2,251	1		
Dare		659			
Davidson	53	784	1		
Davie	31		î		
Durham	1,397	102	37		
Forsyth	1,415	1,377	17		
Franklin	2,235	2	7		
Gaston	6,216	71	113		
Granville	22	71			
Guilford	4,302	284	1		
			69		
Haywood	987	890	2		
Henderson	842	452	9		
Hoke	38	_	(*)		
Iredell	5,547	797	65		
Jackson	2,119	775	5		
Johnston	5,841	3,825	81	4	
Lee	1,940	1,640	3		
Lincoln	402	-	8		
Macon	286	-	1		
Madison	708	710	1		
McDowell	141		6		
Mecklenburg	5,886	4,759	31		
Mitchell	65		1		
	731	26			
Montgomery		26	2		
Moore	2,596	581	7		
Nash	134	-	4		
New Hanover	5,144	3,324	51	3	
Northampton	110	-	2	***	
Onslow	21	10,229	1		
Orange	650		10		
Pender	1,780	2,355	3		
Perquimans		506	-		
Person	45	-	1		
Polk	58	41	1		
Randolph	576	60	6		
Rockingham	566	-	11		
Rowan	1,340	46	25		
Rutherford	1,247	437	25		
Stanly	1,247				
			:		
Stokes	41	127	1		
Surry	1,638		45		
Swain		-	-		
Transylvania	1,948	1,017	6		
Union	4	2,365	-		
Vance	76	•	1		
Wake	30,818	7,085	521		
Warren	341	-	5	19	
Watauga	1,756	1,126	7		
Yadkin	152	2,120			
		454	2		
Yancey Grand Total	722 122,836	464 63,521	2		

County	Numb Custor	ASSESSED FOR STATE OF THE STATE	Number of Systems		
,	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer	
Alamance	320	-	4	-	
Aqua	320		4		
Alexander	335	•	6	-	
Aqua	335		6		
Alleghany	444	83	2	1	
Aqua	174	83	1	1	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	270		1		
Ashe	480	209	4	1	
Aqua	67		2	-	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	147		1		
JL Golf Management LLC	266	209	1	1	
Avery	2,374	1,721	7	1	
Aqua	2,3,4	1,721		4	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	Hamail I	1 520	1	_	
	2,104	1,528	4	2	
GGCC Utility, Inc.	269	193	2	2	
Bladen	-	-	-		
Brunswick	156	795	1	1	
904 Georgetown Treatment Plant, LLC		795	- 1		
B & C Development, Inc.	156	755	1		
Buncombe	779	744	5		
Aqua	80	/44		3	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	306	600	2		
	(PORADOTEA)	690	1	2	
Dry Ridge Properties, LLC	54	54	1	1	
Ridgecrest Water Utility	339		1		
Burke	140	-	2	-	
Aqua	140		2		
Cabarrus	1,604	99	22	1	
Aqua	1,015		16		
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	338	66	1		
Cook, William d/b/a Green Oaks Water	21		1		
Corriher Water Service, Inc.	229		3		
Silver Maples Mobile Estates	1	33	1	- 1	
Caldwell	273	-	2	-	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	146		1		
Joyceton Water Works, Inc.	127		1		
Carteret	1,109	1,514	3	15	
Aqua	231	279	2		
C & P Enterprises, Inc.		89	2		
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	878	898	1	2	
Enviracon Utilities, Inc.	378		. 1	2	
Harkers Island Sewer Company, LLC		3 127	1	2	
Old North State Company, LLC				1	
		2		1	
Sugarloaf Utility, Inc.	1	116		- 4	

County	Numb Custo	A	Numb Syste	
	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer
Caswell	43	-	1	
Aqua	43		1	
Catawba	3,456	157	65	5
Aqua	3,416	157	64	5
Corriher Water Service, Inc.	40		1	
Chatham	1,262	6,532	11	16
Aqua	1,195	2,923	11	11
Fitch Creations, Inc. dba Fearrington Utilities		1,406		4
Old North State Company, LLC	67	2,203		1
Cherokee	361	71	2	2
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	361	71	2	2
Clay	64	48	1	1
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	64	48	1	1
Craven	1,932	2,295	1	2
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	1,932	2,295	1	2
Cumberland	14,629	86	108	1
Aqua	14,289	85	103	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	299		3	
Old North Utility Services, Inc.	1	1	1	1
Old North State Company, LLC	40		1	-
Currituck	112	2,251	1	6
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC		1,093		2
Pine Island - Currituck LLC	1 1	736	1	3
Ponderosa Enterprises, Inc.	112		1	-
Sandler Utilities at Mill Run, LLC		422		1
Dare		659	- 1	1
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	1	652	1	1
Pine Island - Currituck LLC	1 1	7		_
Davidson	53	784	1	6
Aqua		733	- 1	5
Old North State Company, LLC	53	51	1	1
Davie	31	-	1	
Aqua	31		1	
Durham	1,397	102	37	7
Aqua	1,294	102	36	7
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	103		1	,
Forsyth	1,415	1,377	17	8
Aqua	613	650	13	6
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	796	721	3	
Mount Tabor Place Phase II LLC	6	6	1	1
Franklin	2,235	2	7	1 1
Aqua	169	-	3	1
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	50		1	
Old North State Company, LLC	65	1	2	
Total Environmental Solutions, Inc.	1,951	3		
Total Environmental Solutions, Inc.	1,931	. 2	1	1

County	Numb Custo	and the second s	Number of Systems		
	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer	
Gaston	6,216	71	113	3	
Aqua	5,756		105	_	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	460	71	8	3	
Granville	22	-	1	_	
Aqua	22	1	1		
Guilford	4,302	284	69	5	
Aqua	3,750	11	58	2	
DFHC Corp	4	4	1	1	
JPC Utilities, LLC	40	40	1	1	
Old North State Company, LLC	279		8	_	
YES AF Utilities EXP, LLC	229	229	1	1	
Haywood	987	890	2	2	
Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc	874	840	1	1	
Springdale Water Company	113	50	1	1	
Henderson	842	452	9	2	
Aqua	504		6	-	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	326		2		
Etowah Sewer Company		452	- 1	2	
Fairfield Water Company	12	10,000	1	2	
Hoke	38	<b>1.</b> 3	. 1	122	
Aqua	38		9	2077	
redell	5,547	797	65	21	
Aqua	3,385	716	60	20	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	1,839	2.0	3	20	
Corriher Water Service, Inc.	242		1		
Watercrest Estates	81	81	1	1	
lackson	2,119	775	5	4	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	1,857	770	2	1	
Dillsboro Water and Sewer, Inc	3	4	1	1	
HH Water, LLC	220		1	1	
JACABB Utilities, LLC	39	1	1	2	
ohnston	5,841	3,825	81	49	
Aqua	4,744	3,311	76	47	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	1,097	514	5	2	
.ee	1,940	1,640	3		
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	1,871	1,640	2	<del></del> 0	
Farm Waterworks	69	2,010	1		
incoln	402		8		
Aqua	402		8		
Macon	286		ı	8	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	286		1	-	
Madison	708	710	1		
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	708	710	1	1	
McDowell .	141	710	2000	1	
Aqua	43	- 1	6	-	
Bear Den Acres Development, Inc.	55		4		
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	43	- 1	1		

County	Numb Custor	March Control of the	Number of Systems		
	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer	
Mecklenburg	5,886	4,759	31	20	
Aqua	1,592	1,344	10	15	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	4,117	3,415	17	5	
Mauney, William K	28	- 1	2		
Water Resources, Inc.	149	1	2		
Mitchell	65	- 1	1	-	
Aqua	65	- 1	1	<del>*</del> **	
Montgomery	731	26	2	1	
Baytree Waterfront Properties, Inc.		26	-	1	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	731		2	1	
Moore	2,596	581	7		
Aqua	887	580	4	3	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	1,708	500		2	
Old North Utility Services, Inc.	1,708	1	2 1		
Nash	134	4	Section 1	1	
Agua	84		4	*	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	•50		3		
New Hanover	5,144	2 224	1	V2019V	
Aqua	4,498	3,324	51	39	
CBL & Associates Management, Inc.	134	3,101	46	36	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	323	34	2	2	
Royal Palms Water & Sewer	Annual Section 1	100	2		
Northampton	189	189	1	1	
Aqua	110	•	2	-	
Onslow	110		2		
Aqua	21	10,229	1	8	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	21	434	1	1	
Old North State Company, LLC	1	1,049		2	
Pluris, LLC		1,460		2	
Pluris Webb Creek, LLC		5,616		1	
		1,382		1	
Rock Creek Environmental Company, Inc.	724000	288		1	
Orange	650	- 3	10	<b>.</b>	
Aqua Pender	650	All	10		
	1,780	2,355	3	6	
Aqua	293	488	1	2	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	1,487	873	2	2	
Old North State Company, LLC		262		1	
Pluris Hampstead, LLC		732		1	
Perquimans	- 1	506		1	
Albemarle Plantation Utility Co., Inc		. 506		1	
Person	45	7	1	•	
Aqua	45	2	1		
Polk	58	41	1	1	
Aqua	58	41	1	1	
Randolph	576	60	6	2	
Aqua	565	60	5	2	
Old North State Company, LLC	11		1	2	

County	Numb Custo		Number of Systems		
	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer	
Rockingham	566	-	11		
Aqua	537		10		
Old North State Company, LLC	29		1		
Rowan	1,340	46	25	2	
Aqua	935	46	17	2	
Corriher Water Service, Inc.	405		8	•	
Rutherford	1,247	437	2		
Aqua	128		1		
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	1,119	437	1	1	
Stokes	41	127	1	1	
Aqua	41	127	1	1	
Surry	1,638		45		
Aqua	1,594		43	7.	
Woods Water Works, Inc.	44		2		
Transylvania	1,948	1,017	6	1	
Aqua	263	-,0-2.	4	1	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	1,685	1,017	2	1	
Union	-,	2,365	2	1 8	
Aqua		1,639	-		
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC		726		7	
/ance	76	, 20	1	1	
Aqua	76		1		
Wake	30,818	7,085	521		
Aqua	26,297	3,499	2002 CENTRAL PARTY	50	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	2,455	2,880	465	36	
Chatham Utilities, Inc.	144	144	1	10	
Crosby Utilities Inc.	208	288	100	1	
Gensinger, John W.	35	200	1	2	
MECO Utilities, Inc.	274	274	1	4	
McCullers Pines Water	12	2/4	1	1	
Mobile Hills Estate	36	-	1		
Old North State Company, LLC	1,144		1		
Prior Construction Company, Inc.	213		21		
Varren	341		2		
Aqua	341	-	5		
Vatauga		1 436	5		
Aqua	1,756	1,126	7	4	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	32	407	1		
Hawknest Utilities, Inc.	1,125	197	5	1	
Water Quality Utilities, Inc.		2		1	
Water Resources Management, Inc.		778		1	
water nesources Management, inc.	599	149	1	1	

County	Numb Custor		Number of Systems		
	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer	
Yadkin	152	- //	2		
Aqua	152		2		
Yancey	722	464	2	-	
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	233		1		
Mountain Air Utilities Corporation	489	464	1		
Grand Total	122,836	63,521	1,423	317	

### WATER AND SEWER COMPANIES REGULATED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION REVENUES, CUSTOMERS, AND NUMBER OF SYSTEMS Data As Of December 31, 2020

DEDITION ON SALVING THE 18 OF THE SALVING CO.	OF CHICAGO STATE OF THE STATE O	Docket	Annual Rev	venues	Number of	Customers	Number	of Systems	Utility	Plant
Company	County	Number	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer
904 Georgetown Treatment Plant LLC	Brunswick	W-1141	\$0	\$239,482	0	795	0	1	\$0	\$917,919
Albemarle Plantation Utility Co., Inc	Perquimans	W-1189	\$0	\$237,918	o	506	0	1	\$0	\$438,453
Aqua	(1) footnote	W-218	\$42,169,173	\$17,043,844	81,321	20,409	1,218	213	\$366,709,373	\$188,634,130
B & C Development, Inc.	Brunswick	W-924	\$28,080	\$0	156	0	1	1	\$61,752	\$0
Baytree Waterfront Properties, Inc.	Montgomery	W-938	\$0	\$11,569	0	26	0	1	\$0	\$205,613
Bear Den Acres Development, Inc.	McDowell	W-1040	\$23,760	\$0	55	0	1	0	\$90,945	\$0
CBL & Associates Management, Inc.	New Hanover	W-1311	\$72,763	\$80,384	84	84	2	2	\$0	\$0
C & P Enterprises, Inc.	Carteret	W-1063	\$0	\$58,075	0	89	0	2	\$0	\$203,000
Carolina Water Services Inc. of NC	(2) footnote	W-354	\$20,558,041	\$17,306,191	31,390	22,311	103	41	\$131,180,471	\$119,063,818
Chatham Utilities, Inc.	Wake	W-1240	\$65,314	\$81,190	144	144	1	1	\$0	\$0
Cook, William dba Green Oaks Water	Cabarrus	W-1262	\$7,899	\$0	21	0	1	0	\$6,750	\$0
Corriber Water Service, Inc.	(3) footnote	W-233	\$354,131	\$0	890	0	13	0	\$174,783	\$0
Crosby Utilities Inc.	Wake	W-992	\$43,829	\$152,517	208	288	1	2	\$116,422	\$74,841
DFHC Corp	Guilford	W-1315	\$1,466	\$447	4	4	1	1	0	c
Dillsboro Water and Sewer, Inc	Jackson	W-1303	\$94,923	\$10,021	3	4	1	1	\$0	\$0
Dry Ridge Properties, LLC	Buncombe	W-1299	\$13,229	\$13,496	54	54	1	1	\$124,883	\$105,670
Enviracon Utilities, Inc.	Carteret	W-1236	\$0	\$183,431	0	3	0	2	\$0	\$1
Etowah Sewer Company	Henderson	W-933	\$0	\$199,382	0	452	0	2	\$0	\$870,463
Fairfield Water Company	Henderson	W-1226	\$26,042	\$0	12	О	1	0	\$32,759	\$0
Farm Water Works	Lee	W-844	\$37,813	\$0	69	0	1	0	\$37,813	\$0
Fearrington Utilities, Fitch Creations, Inc. dba	Chatham	W-661	\$0	\$405,710	0	1,406	0	4	\$0	\$454,245
Gensinger, John W. (Pineview Estates)	Wake	W-549	\$18,492	\$0	35	0	1	0	\$41,888	\$0
GGCC Utility Inc.	Avery	W-755	\$244,074	\$128,629	269	193	2	1	\$1,155,563	\$610,441
HH Water, LLC	Jackson	W-1318	\$71,458	\$0	220	0	1	0	1,143,898	0
Harkers Island Sewer Company, LLC	Carteret	W-1297	\$0	\$123,887	0	127	0	1	\$0	\$411,027
Hawknest Utilities, Inc.	Watauga	W-1077	\$0	\$24,400	0	2	0	1	\$0	\$37,180
IACABB Utilities, LLC	Jackson	W-1298	\$0	\$0	39	1	1	2	\$0	\$0
JL Golf Management LLC	Ashe	W-1296	\$86,741	\$119,747	266	209	1	1	\$0	\$43,818
Joyceton Water Works, Inc.	Caldwell	W-4	\$38,347	\$0	127	0	1	0	\$337,912	\$0
JPC Utilities, LLC	Guilford	W-1263	\$96,752	\$91,335	40	40	1	1	\$533,849	\$1,369,563
		1	4.44.000	4200 4	074	0.0			ćo.	
ake Junaluska Assembly, Inc	Haywood	W-1274	\$446,738	\$398,115	874	840	1	1	\$0	\$0

### WATER AND SEWER COMPANIES REGULATED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION REVENUES, CUSTOMERS, AND NUMBER OF SYSTEMS Data As Of December 31, 2020

		Docket	Annual Re	venues	Number of C	ustomers	Number	f Systems	Utility	/ Plant
Company	County	Number	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer
Mauney, William K	Mecklenburg	W-560	\$16,351	\$0	28	0	2	0	\$11,166	\$
McCullers Pines Water	Wake	W-727	\$3,930	\$0	12	0	1	0	\$0	78
MECO Utilities Inc.	Wake	W-1166	\$130,113	\$191,841	274	274	1	1	\$3,294	
Mobile Hills Estates Water System (EO)	Wake	W-224	\$16,940	\$0	36	0	1	0	\$128,753	
Mount Tabor Place Phase II, LLC	Forsyth	W-1283	\$2,068	\$2,112	6	6	1	1	\$0	3
Mountain Air Utilities Corp	Yancey	W-1148	\$160,389	\$385,116	489	464	1	0	\$3,557,354	
Old North State Company, LLC	(4) footnote	W-1300	\$709,356	\$1,976,730	1,688	3,978	44	9	\$8,279,273	\$26,201,03
Old North Utility Services	Cumberland / Moore	W-1279	\$17,862,670	\$15,483,673	2	2	2	2	\$3,377,435	
Pine Island - Currituck, LLC	Currituck	W-1072	\$0	\$458,799	0	743	o	3	\$0	\$2,420,28
Pluris, LLC	Onslow	W-1282	\$0	\$4,088,338	0	5,616	0	1	\$0	\$29,536,75
Pluris Hampstead, LLC	Pender	W-1305	\$0	\$799,888	0	732	0	1	\$0	\$11,587,84
Pluris Webb Creek, LLC	Onslow	W-1314	\$0	\$652,717	0	1,382	0	1	\$0	\$7,360,13
Ponderosa Enterprises	Currituck	W-1086	\$23,717	\$0	112	0	1	a	\$48,400	
Prior Construction Co., Inc.	Wake	W-567	\$56,790	\$0	213	0	2	0	\$100,893	\$
Ridgecreast Water Utility	Buncombe	W-71	\$113,388	\$0	339	0	1	0	\$1,646,388	\$
Rock Creek Environmental Company	Onslow	W-830	\$0	\$110,231	0	288	0	1	\$0	\$556,46
Royal Palms Water & Sewer	New Hanover	W-1105	\$77,387	\$71,435	189	189	1	1	\$132,173	\$146,05
Sandler Utilities at Mill Run, L. C.	Currituck	W-1130	\$0	\$254,783	٥	422	0	1	\$0	\$1,881,36
Silver Maples Mobile Estates	Cabarrus	W-776	\$162	\$2,432	1	33	1	1	\$30,000	\$47,50
Springdale Water & Sewer	Haywood	W-1324	\$14,519	\$10,259	113	50	1	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sugarloaf Utility, Inc.	Carteret	W-1154	\$0	\$205,360	0	116	0	4	\$0	\$88,29
Total Environmental Solutions, Inc.	Franklin	W-1146	\$1,059,100	\$38,705	1,951	2	1	1	\$448,683	\$175,384
Water Quality Utilities, Inc.	Watauga	W-1264	\$0	\$393,179	0	778	0	1	\$0	\$519,000
Water Resources Management, Inc.	Watauga	W-1073	\$143,400	\$50,422	599	149	1	1	\$62,127	\$7,593
Water Resources, Inc.	Mecklenburg	W-1034	\$69,131	\$0	149	0	2	0	\$41,482	
Watercrest Estates	Iredell	W-1021	\$28,430	\$44,465	81	81	1	1	\$24,488	1/5/DC
Woods Waterworks, Inc.	Surry	W-735	\$13,504	\$0	44	0	2	0	\$17,000	
YES AF Utilities EXP, LLC	Guilford	W-1302	-\$36,402	-\$60,006	229	229	1	1	\$88,066	\$145,264
TOTAL			\$84,964,008	\$62,070,249	122,836	63,521	1,423	317	\$519,796,036	\$395,870,940

**Total Number of Current Companies** 

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- (1) Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Carteret, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Cumberland, Davidson, Durham, Forsyth, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Henderson, Hoke, Iredell, Johnston, Lincoln, McDowell, Mitchell, Mecklenburg, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Onslow, Orange, Pender, Person, Polk, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Stokes, Surry, Transylvania, Union, Vance, Wake, and Yadkin.
- (2) Alieghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Carteret, Cherokee, Clay, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Durham, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Johnston, Lee, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Rutherford, Transylvania, Union, Wake, Watauga, and Yancey.
- (3) Cabarrus, Catawba, Iredell, and Rowan.
- (4) Carteret, Chatham, Cumberland, Davidson, Durham, Franklin, Guilford, Onslow, Pender, Randolph, Rockingham, and Wake.

#### NONCURRENT DATA OF WATER AND SEWER COMPANIES REGULATED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION As of Calendar Year 2020

		Docket	Date of	Annual Re	evenues	Number of (	Customers	Number o	of Systems
Company	County	Number	Data	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer	Water	Sewer
A & D Water Service, Inc.	(1) footnote	W-1049	2015	****					
Bay Tree Utility Co DBA Lake Creek corp	Bladen		2016	\$260,387	\$276,891	349	517	7	
	Bladen	W-1080	2019	\$0	\$73,400	0	164	0	
Beacon's Reach Master Assoc., Inc. Blue Creek Utilities, Inc.		W-966	NR		1		1		
Britthaven Utilities	n-structure.	W-857	NR				2007		
	Rockingham	W-1015	2017	\$0	\$45,323	0	1	0	
Christmount Christian Assembly, Inc.	Buncombe	W-1079	2018	\$60,530	\$36,356	103	103	1	
Clarke Utilities, Inc.	Wake/Franklin	W-1205	2019	\$170,881	\$160,283	558	312	7	
Conleys Creek Limited Partnership	Swain	W-1120	2019	\$72,182	\$35,297	119	119	1	
Cross-State Development Corp.		W-408	EO				i		
Earth Environmental Services	Buncombe	W-1129	NR					1	
Enviro-Tech of NC	Currituck	W-1165	2018	\$0	\$130,197	0	212	0	
First Investment Mortgage Associates	1	W-224	EO						
Flat Creek Utilities, LLC	Buncombe	W-1272	NR			1			
Ginguite Woods Water Reclamation Assoc. Inc.	1	W-1139	EO	-	1	-			
Greenfield Heights Development Co.	1 -	W-205	NR				9		
Harrco Utility Corp.		W-796	EO					1	
IA Matthews Sycamore		W-1304	NR		1			1	
Icebreaker Development		W-1313	NR			- 1	ľ	a	
JAARS, Inc.	Union	W-1136	2019	\$41,925	0	238	0	1	9
KDHWWTP, LLC	Dare	W-1160	2019	\$0	709,596	0	364	0	
KRJ Utilities	Wake	W-1075	2019	\$310,845	273,890	600	406	2	
Linville Heights, L.P.	Avery	W-1137	2016	\$3,282	\$0	16	0	1	5
Meadowlands Development, LLC	Davidson	W-1259	2019	\$0	\$279,993	0	535	0	
Outer Banks/Kinnakeet Associates	Dare	W-1125	2019	\$0	\$132,544	0	168	0	8
Overhills Water Company	Cumberland	W-175	2018	\$122,447	\$0	273	0	1	i i
Pfeiffer University	Stanly	W-1207	2016	şo	\$10,949	538-83	31	o	
Santeetlah Shores	0.000000000	W-577	EO						
Saxapahaw Utility	Alamance	W-1250	2019	137,602	o	268	اه	1	= 3
Scientific Water and Sewage Corp	Onslow	W-176	2018	\$553,202	610,639	1,576	1,727	5	
Sedgefield Development Corp.	Wake	W-1036	EO				-7		3
South Asheville Water Works	li .	W-1104	NR				İ		
Fanglewood Parkway		W-1310	NR	1	7	- 1			
University Heights		W-760	EO						
/ila Pump Company	_	W-945	NR						
34				\$1,733,283	\$2,775,358	4,100	4,659	27	27

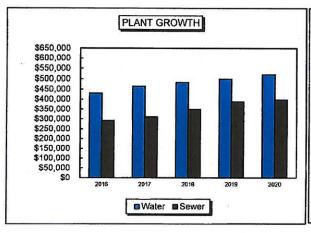
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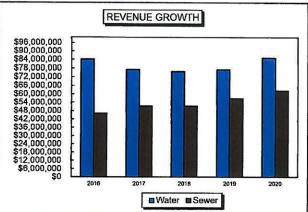
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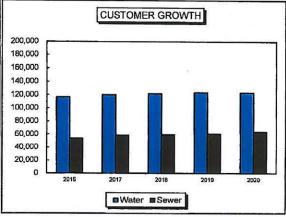
<sup>(1)</sup> Ashe, Buncombe, Gaston, Henderson, and Transylvania

### PLANT, REVENUE AND CUSTOMER GROWTH OF ALL REGULATED WATER & SEWER COMPANIES IN NORTH CAROLINA

For the Years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020







	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Water:			3		
Plant	\$430,200,431	\$464,229,303	\$482,079,923	\$498,722,664	\$519,796,036
Revenues	\$84,072,712	\$76,987,427	\$75,652,184	\$76,848,647	\$84,964,008
Customers	116,365	119,850	121,444	123,127	122,836
Sewer:					
Plant	\$291,419,729	\$310,406,543	\$348,133,243	\$386,801,238	\$395,870,940
Revenues	\$45,962,615	\$51,182,327	\$51,276,727	\$56,630,456	\$62,070,249
Customers	53,483	58,448	59,278	60,553	63,521
Total Number of Companies	122	103	102	100	93

## COMPARATIVE MONTHLY CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL WATER & SEWER SERVICE IN NORTH CAROLINA As of January 2020

WATER

	Nonregulate	d Systems - Insid	e City Limits
Publicly Owned Systems 1	3,000 gal.	5,000 gal.	10,000 gal.
Asheville	\$24.32	\$35.57	\$63.71
Charlotte	12.51	18.13	46.93
Greensboro	35.75	47.75	77.75
Raleigh	18.62	30.47	64.91
Cape Fear Public Utility Authority	25.84	33.88	53.98
Average-(Simple)	\$23.41	\$33.16	\$61.46
	The section of	WATER	
Privately Owned Systems Regulated by Commission <sup>2</sup>	Regulated S	Systems - Inside S	Service Area
(Class B or Larger)	3,000 gal.	5,000 gal.	10,000 gal.
Agua North Carolina, Inc.	\$36.74	\$48.40	\$77.55
CWSNC-Uniform	\$48.77	\$62.93	\$98.33
CWSNC-Bradfield Farms/Fairfield Harbour	\$27.99	\$35.49	\$54.24
Corriher Water Service	\$29.03	\$37.03	\$57.03
Average-(Simple)	\$35.63	\$45.96	\$71.79
	11.0893.501	SEWER	
	Nonregulate	d Systems - Insid	le City Limits
Publicly Owned Systems	3,000 gal.	5,000 gal.	10,000 gal.
Metropolitan Sewage District of Buncombe Co. 3	\$27.49	\$40.13	\$71.75
Cape Fear Public Utility Authority 4	\$28.44	\$37.70	\$60.85
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities	\$33.11	\$46.46	\$79.81
Greensboro	\$19.52	\$29.87	\$55.74
Raleigh	\$30.28	\$42.39	\$72.67
Average-(Simple)	\$27.77	\$39.31	\$68.16
		SEWER	
Privately Owned Systems Regulated by Commission	Regulated	Systems - Inside	Service Area
(Class B or Larger)	3,000 gal.	5,000 gal.	10,000 gal.
Agua North Carolina, Inc.	\$72.04	\$72.04	\$72.04
CWSNC-Uniform	\$57.17	\$64.41	\$82.51
CWSNC-Bradfield Farms/Fairfield Harbour (Flat Rate)	\$50.46	\$50.46	\$50.46
Pluris, LLC (Flat Rate)	\$58.08	\$58.08	\$58.08
Average-(Simple)	\$59.44	\$61.25	\$65.77

- 1 These rates represent the most current approved base rate plus the usage charge for the majority of the customers served by this utility.
- <sup>2</sup> These rates may vary depending on area served and if the residence includes water and sewer or just one type of service.
- The City of Asheville provides the water service while the Metropolitan Sewage District of Buncombe Co. provides the wastewater services.
- <sup>4</sup> The City of Wilmington is no longer reflected on this chart, Cape Fear Public Utility Authority now provides utility services.

# VIII. TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY Household Goods Movers

#### MOTOR CARRIERS – Household Goods Movers

### A. LEGISLATIVE ACTION

As of January 1, 1995, the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) preempted states over jurisdiction of the trucking industry for all commodities other than household goods (HHG). The North Carolina Utilities Commission chose to retain regulation of Household Goods Movers.

### B. DUTIES OF THE OPERATIONS DIVISION, TRANSPORTATION SECTION

The Commission Staff's Transportation Section is responsible for administering the regulation of motor carriers of household goods operating within the borders of North Carolina. All applications for certificates of exemption, transfers of existing certificates, and cancellations of certificates are handled through this Division. Authority for this activity is found in North Carolina General Statute Article 12 - Sections G.S. 62-259 through 289 and Commission Orders in Docket No. T-100, Sub 49.

Effective January 1, 2003, all household goods carriers must apply for and be granted a certificate of exemption in compliance with Docket No. T-100, Sub 49, and Commission Rule R2-8.1. Such certificates are granted once the carrier has complied with the Commission's requirements concerning criminal history records checks, insurance coverage, and other elements as described in the application.

### C. COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

All household goods movers holding certificates to operate in North Carolina are required to file the Public Utility Regulatory Fee Report on a quarterly basis and pay any fees associated with that report. They are also required to file an annual report on their Calendar Year operations. Failure to file either of these reports could be grounds for the cancellation of their certificates by the

Commission. Enforcement and compliance with the filing of annual reports on a timely basis requires a continuing effort by both Commission personnel and the Public Staff's Transportation Rates Division.

On December 31, 2020, there were 321 household goods movers with certificates to operate within North Carolina. There were 312 annual reports filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission for the year ended December 31, 2020.

The Transportation Section of the Operations Division and the Public Staff's Transportation Rates Division in conjunction with the North Carolina Movers Association hold monthly, day-long seminars throughout the state regarding the Commission's Maximum Rate Tariff (MRT), which governs all household moves within North Carolina. During the MRT Seminars, the tariff is thoroughly reviewed, and a hands-on training session is held in which participants' rate sample moves. In 2020, a total of 148 representatives from the moving industry attended 9 in-person and virtual MRT seminars.

The Public Staff also offers technical assistance to the Commission and the general public in dealing with transportation matters, including damage claims.

### D. SUMMARY OF OPERATING DATA

A list of the household goods movers with selected operating financial data is shown in Figure No. 8-1: Figure 8-2 is a summary of household goods operations annual report information for 2020. It should be noted that the operating revenues for North Carolina are from household goods moved on intrastate tariffs regulated by the North Carolina Utilities Commission only; therefore, they may account for a small percentage of the total revenues generated by this group of carriers who also provide military, international, interstate, and other non-jurisdictional household goods relocation services.

	Fi	GURE 8-1									
Certificated Carriers Name		Line Haul		Hourly		Packing & . Accessorial		NC Intrastate Jurisdictional	Number	an	otal Salaries d Wages Paid
as of December 31, 2020	\$	Revenue -	-	22,658.17	s	Revenue 879.65	\$	23,537.82	Employees 6	_	13.528.14
319 Quick Moves	\$	- :	\$	22,000.17	\$		5	23,037.02	0		13,020.14
A & D Relocation, Inc.	\$	-	3		S		\$		0		-
A & M Friendly Movers, LLC	\$		\$		S		\$	- 1	0	\$	-
A 1 Pack Load and Moving	\$	13,842.00	\$	41,610.00	S		\$	59,616.00	5	\$	40,140.00
A A Movers, Move Mom & More	S	4,301.24	\$	12.333.30	\$		\$	21,141.35	9	-	270 000 05
A+ Moving and Storage AAA Moving & Storage, LLC	\$	4,301.24	5	12,333.30	9		5	21,141.35	9	4	372,229.85
AAA Storage Company, Inc.	\$	-	\$	-	5		5		4	s	93,149.00
ABC Moving and Storage, Inc.	\$	43,803.83	\$	38,971.25	\$	11,334.06	\$	94,109.14	19	\$	579,985.62
Absolute Moving & Storage, Inc.	\$	259,072.33	5	550,895.80	\$		\$	940,370.35	47		705,569.90
Accelerated Deliveries	-	7,000,00	\$	58,857.00	-		\$	58,857.00	7	_	49,672.00
ACE Movers Acma Movers & Storage Company, Inc.	S	7,696.00 25,374.65	\$	299,064.00 94,187.50			S	350,320.00 136,093.98	39	\$	519,824.80
Advance Moving & Storage, Inc.	\$	127,940.00	\$	383,195.00	-		5	534,617.00	9		310,238.64
Advanced Moving LLC	\$		\$	•	\$		S	-	0		-
Affordable Moving and Storage, LLC	\$	76,965.29	s	212,733.59	-		5	300,644.14	15		386,356.14
Ahlgren's Transport, LLC	\$		5	99.871.00	-		\$	99,871.00		\$	51,647.00
All American Moving & Storage of Envertagelle Inc	5		\$	317,654.75	3		S	317,654.75	13		201,079.31
All American Moving & Storage of Fayetteville, Inc. All American Relocation, Inc.	s	227,653.49	5	330,723.43	3		5	745,474.11	139	_	9,855,318.04
All In Movers	5	43,151.00	S	188,977.73	-		5	235,128.73	9		45,257.25
All My Sons Moving and Storage		2,969,595.83	\$		+-	1,299,676.27	_	5,008,664.25	12		712,645.00
All My Sons Moving and Storage of Raleigh	\$	1,231.892.54	-		-		\$		19	S	768,870.00
All My Sons of Charlotte South, LLC	\$	33,693.48	\$	188,084.26	-		\$	267,622.97		\$	50,396.00
All My Sons of Greensboro, LLC	\$	1,096,080.65	S	599.627.82	+		S	1.934,467.47	7		262,664.00
All My Sons of South Raleigh, LLC All Pro Packing and Moving, LLC	S	43,503.67 31,820.82	S	232,900.83 89,745.67	-		\$	284,660.90 131,284.49		\$	71,277.00
All Ways Moving	\$		5	91,521.25	-		\$	137,054.75		S	86,342.00 64,940.00
Allen's Moving Service of Fayetteville, Inc.	s	-	\$	-	1		\$	-		-	04,040.00
AliMoves LLC	\$	3,263.00	\$	897.50	1	70.00	\$	4,230.50	6	\$	480.00
Allstar Moving and Storage Co., Inc.	S	-	\$		15		s	-		S	
American Moving & Hauling, Inc.	s	235,000.00	\$	325,500.00			\$	599,500.00	12		340,000.00
American Van Lines, Inc. Andy Anderson Moving Company	\$   \$	233,004.15	5	112,922.33 158,948.75	-		S	365,523.73 167,444.81	44	\$	703,113.00
Apartment Movers of The Carolinas, LLC	s		s	35,154.75			5	35,154.75		\$	282,272.00
Apartment Movers Plus	s		5	-	1		s	-	12		103,725.39
Appalachian Movers Transport	s	3,400.00	_	61,978.00			\$	65,378.00	0	\$	-
Appalachian Moving & Storage, LLC	\$	111,666.00	+-	129,340.00	-		S	339,009.00	11		288,124.00
Appropriate Movers, LLC	-   \$		\$	-	-		\$	-	0	_	
Armor Bearer Discount Movers, LLC Armstrong Relocation	\$	185,301,00	5	83,068.50 155,112.00	-		\$	87,008.50 623,300.00	15 76	_	78,483.00 6,766,729.00
Armstrong Transfer & Storage Co., Inc./ Armstrong Relocation Company	\$		-	8,635,61	-		5	513,788.74	24	_	2,815,699.49
ASE Moving Services	\$		8	-	-	-	\$			\$	2,010,033.45
Ashe Van Lines, LLC	\$	298,173.75	S	393,476.09	1	53,028.05	\$	744,677.89	24	_	107,786.67
Asheville Area Movers	\$		\$	-	1		\$	-			
Athens Moving Experts, Inc.	\$			1,309,021.96				1,320,948.26	21		843,151.00
Atlantic Moving Systems, LLC Austin's Moving Company, LLC	S		8			\$ 211.50	\$	3,201.25	N/A	N/A	
Ballantyne & Beyond Moving, LLC	s		_			The second secon	-		19		754,316.23
Barringer Moving & Storage, LLC	\$		-			148,497.88		801,933.99	41	_	819,764.05
Bay Moving & Storage, Inc.	\$		\$		+	3 -	\$			\$	-
Beaty Brothers Moving, LLC	\$		\$				\$	123,105.17		\$	32,675.25
Beeline Moving Company, LLC	\$		8		-		\$				
Bellhop Moving  Beltmann Group Incorporated	\$		\$		-	5 -	\$	-		S	-
Berger Transfer & Storage, Inc.	S S				-	\$ 88,597.00 \$ 139,922.00		159,885.00 280,433.00		\$	0.745.047.04
Best Bet Moving & Labor, LLC	\$		5				\$	-	29	\$	2,715,017.00 53,617.00
Best Movers US Inc.	8						-	155,388.00		\$	85,681.00
BMS Moving & Storage	\$		s	70,435.00	I	5.812.00		76,247.00	3		29,101.00
Box and Dolly LLC	s		3				\$			S	68,195.00
Branch Out Delivery, Inc. Brazosmovers.com	S					\$ 28,490.32			15		218,104.7
Bright's Moving, LLC	5		3			\$ 22,238.04 \$ -	\$			S	
Brooks Coast to Coast Transport	\$		S				5			S	1,125.00
Bruce's Transfer, Inc.	S		3			s .	\$			\$	61,287.00
Building Blocks Moving	\$		_		_	\$ 34,049.00		337,107.35	8	\$	65,088.0
Bull City Movers	\$		-			s -	\$			\$	-
Bulldog Moving, LLC Byers, Sam, A & Sons Moving Service, Inc.	S S		\$			S -	s	-	24		118,864.00
C & L Movers	\$		\$	THE REAL PROPERTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY ADDRESS OF THE PERTY		\$ 46,267.37 \$ 2,863.45	\$			\$	229,436.6
C K Movers, LLC.	-   \$		\$				-			\$	41,248.80
Cameron & Cameron, Assembly, Moving and Storage, Inc.	5		S		-	\$ -	s		11		297,805.10
Campbell's Transfer & Storage	\$		\$	57,477.00		s -	s	57,477.00		\$	16,375.50
Capital Moving & Storage, LLC	S		5	153,295.46		s -	5	153,295.46		\$	78,945.5
Capital Relocation Group, LLC	\$	87,412.57			_		_			\$	

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Certificated Carriers Name as of December 31, 2020		Line Haul Revenue		Hourly Revenue		Packing & Accessorial Revenue		NC Intrastate Jurisdictional Revenue	Number of Employees	3	Total Salaries and Wages Paid Employees
Carey Moving & Storage of Asheville, Inc.	\$	71,581,39	s	- Stringer and Stringer	\$		\$	226,398.94		o s	
Carey Moving & Storage of Charlotte, Inc.	\$	68,277.59			-	72,251,87	S	189,241.56		8 8	
	\$		\$	36,083.00	\$		\$	36,083.00		2 3	
	\$		\$			183.00	5	202,658.66		9 8	
Cavemen Moving, LLC	\$	103,201.00	-		_	62,450.00	\$	689,291.58		8 3	365,740.00
	\$		\$			15,202.20	\$	118,140.09		3 \$	
	\$	50.051.05	\$		-		5	346,328.00		0 8	
	\$	50,854.85	-		\$	12,255.96	\$	126,933.62		9 8	
	\$	45,168.73 379,715.72	-		S		5	240,149.72		4 5	
	\$	123,641.42	-	1,207,091.47	\$	356,514.21 157,447.25	\$	1,388,869.79 1,488,180.14		4 5	
	\$	120,011.42	5		\$	137,447.23	\$	9,154.00		6 S	
	\$	136,813.00	+		\$		\$	650,733.00		8 \$	
Coastal Carrier Moving & Storage Company.	\$	355,720.00	+		\$			1,166,854.00		4 8	
	\$		\$		\$		\$	-		ol s	
	\$	7,020.37			S	1,677.49	s	21,647.26		0 5	
	\$	24,254.72	_		\$	25,476,43	5	67,016.62		6 \$	205,901.16
	\$		5		5		_	1,082,606.00		1 5	
	\$	52,665.00			\$		\$	744,808.00		3 \$	
	\$	2,972.50	+		5		\$	106,676.40	1		
	\$	72,366.00 43,878.03	-	The state of the s	5		\$	918,934.00	8	-	The second second
	\$	35,261.29	-		\$		S	770,163.60 439,024.25	8		
	\$	67,851.00	_		5		5	201,285.00	10	0 8	
	S	67,982.89			5		S	125,322.54	22	_	
	S	232,289.00	-		\$		s	1,327,366.00		3 \$	
Crown Moving & Storage, Inc.	\$	(	\$		\$		\$	-		5 \$	
	\$	1.5	\$		\$	-	5			+	100,027.03
	\$	18,160.43	\$	134,869.06	\$	1.973.00	\$	155,002.49		2 5	15,660.43
	\$	-	\$		5	•	\$	19,166.00		3 8	
	\$	69,780.00	+-		\$		S	435,290.11		3 \$	218,500.00
	\$	-	5		\$		\$	2,072.94	literative.	-	
	\$		\$		\$		\$	-		\$	
	\$	27,801.23	\$		\$		\$	•		+	
	\$	3,800.00	-		\$		<u>\$</u>	.143,518.73		) S	
	\$		\$		5		S	32,724.50 93,210.00		5	
	\$		s		_		5	156,578.70	2	\$	
	\$	12,379.67	S				\$	147,330.92		3	
	\$	44,284.28					\$	493,760.73		\$	
	\$	55,860.00	\$				\$	255,419.95		\$	
	\$		\$		\$		5	28,500.00		5	
	3	25,635.00	-		\$	1,536.00	\$	113,087.00		3	
	\$	-	S	-	\$		\$	53,203.00		\$	35,283.98
	\$	117,831.31			\$	230,123.14		473,739.49	13		
	\$	49,201.00	-	.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	_		\$_	253,169.00	14		
	\$	144,207.51	•		_	125,113.49	_	928,150,18		\$	
	\$		\$		\$		\$			\$	
	\$		\$			784.63	<u>\$</u> \$	44.742.43		S	
	s	206,406.00	\$		_	187,294.00	_	13,114.00		S	
	\$	104,872.00				219,578.00		553,248.00	159	\$	
excellence on the Move	\$	-	\$				s	1,540.00		5	
Exclusive Moving & Delivery, LLC	\$	40,250.57	-				\$	195,879.68		5	
	\$	-	\$	43,557.00	\$		\$	43,557.00		S	
	\$		\$	1,690.00			s	1,690.00		\$	
	\$		\$		S		\$			Γ	
	\$	73.00			S		\$_	73.00			
	\$	57,004.00					S	324,427.00		\$	
	\$	5,523.49		7,827.60			<u>s</u>	15,440.21		\$	
	\$		\$				<u>s</u>	174,917.26		\$	
	\$	155,710.22	\$	306,701.96	S	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE	\$ S	A71 940 40		\$	
	\$	78,032.00	_	-		W. C. W. C.	5	471,849.18 413,363.00		5	
Gene Ferguson Moving Co., Inc.	\$	-	s				s S	4,000.00		\$	609,416.00 3,150.00
	\$		_	1,714,262.00			-	1,826,616.00		5	
	ş	-	\$	20,280.00	_		\$	20,280.00		\$	uao,033.00
Sillespie's Local Moving Service			\$		\$		\$	-		\$	122,343.34
iillespie's Local Moving Service coldsboro Van & Storage, Inc	\$				s		_			1	
Sillespie's Local Moving Service Coldsboro Van & Storage, Inc Grade A Movers, LLC	\$		\$				\$			_	Decre St
Sillespie's Local Moving Service Soldsboro Van & Storage, Inc Brade A Movers, LLC LU.N.K.S. of Central Piedmont	\$	9,896.50	\$	42,205.72	s	1,210.50	\$_	53,312.72		\$	7 18
Sillespie's Local Moving Service Soldsboro Van & Storage, inc Grade A Movers, LLC LU.N.K.S. of Central Piedmont lands 2 Hands Inc.	\$ \$ \$	9,896.50	\$		\$	1,210.50	\$ S	53,312.72		\$	
Sillespie's Local Moving Service Soldsboro Van & Storage, inc Grade A Movers, LLC LU.N.K.S. of Central Piedmont lands 2 Hands Inc. Jardin Furniture Company	\$ \$ \$	9,896.50 - 22,563.93	\$ \$	105,030.64	\$ \$	1,210.50 - 824.47	\$ S \$	53,312.72	5	S	
Sillespie's Local Moving Service Soldsboro Van & Storage, Inc Grade A Movers, LLC LU.N.K.S. of Central Piedmont Lands 2 Hands Inc. Lardin Furniture Company Lardy Moving & Storage	\$ \$ \$ \$	9,896.50 - 22,563.93 86,870.00	\$ 5	105,030.64 303,933.00	\$ \$ \$	1,210.50 824.47 92,197.00	\$ \$ \$	53,312.72 - 128,419.04 483,000.00	0 5 26	s s	
Sillespie's Local Moving Service Soldsboro Van & Storage, Inc Grade A Movers, LLC LU.N.K.S. of Central Piedmont Lands 2 Hands Inc. Lardin Furniture Company Lardy Moving & Storage Larrison's Moving and Storage Co., Inc.	\$ \$ \$ \$	9,896.50 - 22,563.93 86,870.00 20,358.95	\$ \$ 5 5 5	105,030.64 303,933.00 16,036.60	\$ \$ \$	1,210.50 824.47 92,197.00 15,328.98	\$ \$ \$	53,312.72 - 128,419.04 483,000.00 51,724.53	0 5 26 38	SSS	26,723.81 839.948.26 395,141.30
Sillespie's Local Moving Service Soldsboro Van & Storage, Inc Irade A Movers, LLC I.U.N.K.S. of Central Piedmont Islands 2 Hands Inc. Islands Pands Inc. Islands A Moving & Storage Islands & Storage Islands & Storage Islands & Storage Co., Inc.	\$ \$ \$ \$	9,896.50 - 22,563.93 86,870.00 20,358.95	\$ \$ 5 5 5	105,030.64 303,933.00	\$ 5 \$ 5 \$ 5	1,210.50 824.47 92,197.00 15,328.98	\$ \$ \$	53,312.72 - 128,419.04 483,000.00	0 5 26 38 4	s s	26,723.81 839.948.26

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Certificated Carriers Name as of December 31, 2020		Une Haul Revenue	Hourly Revenue		Packing & Accessorial Revenue	- 7	NC Intrastate Iurisdictional Revenue	Number of Employees	Total Salaries and Wages Pald Employees
Hill, I. H. Transfer & Storage, Inc.	\$		\$ -	$\overline{}$	\$ -	5	-	400	
Hilldrup Moving & Storage	\$		\$ 465,649. \$ 82,533.		\$ 840,916.22	\$	1,761,368.25	105	\$ 7,252.555.03 S
Home to Home In Guilford, LLC	\$		\$ 82,533. \$ 90,875.	_		S	116,372.38		\$ 59,309.75
Homeward Bound Moving, Inc. Home Moving Systems, Inc.	\$		\$ 25,758	_		\$	118,660.43	26	
Homet Moving, LLC	\$		\$ 2,242,167.	_		_	2,351,550.01		\$ 282,272.00
Humphray, Troy, Moving & Storage, Inc.	s	8,348.00				\$	200,179.00	26	
In & Out Moving and Delivery, LLC	\$	47,080,19	\$ 94,631.	75	\$ 29,931.16	\$	171,643.10	9	s -
It's Your Move, LLC.	5	7,717.03	\$ 78,146.	76	\$ 175.00	\$	86,038.79	0	\$ -
JB Movers, Inc.	\$		\$ 257,076.	80	5 -	S	257,076.80	4	\$ 141,452.00
JENNY TO THE RESCUE, INC.	\$		\$ 129,531.	_	\$ 7,316.93	\$	139,882.96		\$ 177,768.25
John's Moving & Storage	\$	67,714.75	\$ 409,430.	$\overline{}$	\$ 258,728.57	8	735,873.45	47	\$ 443,651,49
Johnson Local Movers	\$		\$ .	$\overline{}$	\$ -	3	-		
Johnson Moving Services, Inc.	5	2,190.00		$\overline{}$	\$ 680.00	5	36,500.00		\$ 5,184.00
Junk Pros of NC, LLC	s	13,914.30	\$ 72,523. \$ 296,897.		\$ 2,874.00 \$ -	\$	89,311.56 296,897.30	12	\$ 98,061.66 \$ 44,334.95
Just Move It, LLC K & B Movers, LLC	\$		\$ 127	$\overline{}$	\$ -	S	127.00	4	s 85,883.00
Kelly Moving, Inc.	s		\$ 47,047	$\overline{}$	s -	s	47,047.64	1	\$ 31,436,17
Ken's Pack and Move	\$		\$ 114,606			5	114,606.00		\$ 31,430,17
Kepley Moving and Storage, Inc.	\$	1,521.63	\$ 6,404	_	\$ 2,285.44	\$	10,211.69		\$ 21,238.00
Ladd, J.E. & Son Transfer, LLC	\$	9,886.00		_	\$ -	s	188,486.00	5	\$ 78,599.75
LaFayette Moving & Storage, Inc.	\$		\$ .		s -	\$			
Latham Enterprises Moving & Delivery, LLC	\$	43,638.00	\$ 87,392	.00	\$ -	S	131,030.00	3	\$ 55,986.07
Lawrence Transportation Systems, Inc.	\$	145,245.00		_	\$ 195,945.00	\$	433,981.00	50	\$ 1,217,752.00
Liberty Moves, Inc.	\$	14	\$	_	\$ -	\$	-		
Little Guys Movers of Greensboro	\$	236,508.00		_	\$ 118,255.00	\$	1,313,938.00	20	
Little Guys Movers, Inc.		206,950.00	\$ 834,588	_	\$ 49,077.00	\$	1,090,615.00	21	
Little Lloyd Moving & Transit	\$		\$ 49,170	-	<u>s - </u>	\$	49,170.00		\$ 6,840.00
Local Movers, LLC	\$		\$ 20,155	.41	\$ - \$ -	\$	20,155.41	. 2	\$ 74,000.00
Long Transfer, Inc.	s	25,014.45		20	\$ 8,978.60	\$	143,654.25	44	\$ 36,532.87
Luggers of Wilmington Lytie's Transfer & Storage, Inc.	s	142,336.45	\$ 2,613		\$ 6,976.00	5	144,950.37	11	\$ 36,532.87
Mainstream Movers	s	142,000.40	\$ 117,960	_	\$ -	5	117,960.27		\$ 67,855.29
Make A Move	\$	35,758.92	\$ 345,586	_	\$ 180,791,76	s	562,137.35	29	100000000000000000000000000000000000000
Marathon Moying Company, Inc.	\$	144,011.36	\$ 440,059		\$ 187,742.33	s	771,813.31	26	
Markethouse Moving and Storage, Inc.	\$	-	\$		\$ -	s	-		•
Mark's Movers	\$	-	\$ 13,390	.00	s -	S	13,390.00	1	\$ 4,235.00
Mather Brothers Moving Company, LLC	\$		\$		\$ -	5	-	0	s -
Me and My Team	s	-	\$ 49,034		\$ 25.00	\$	49,059.50	2	
Men on the Move, Inc.	s	23,034.75	\$ 68,564	.15	\$ 2,346.00	-	93,944.90	0	
Merchants Moving & Storage, Inc.	\$		S	•	\$ -	\$		38	
Metropolitan Moving, LLC	S		\$ 71,507		s -	\$	71,507.15	4	
Midwest Moving Company, LLC	\$	-:	\$ 6,210	-	\$ -	\$	6,210.75	5	
Milestone Relocation Solutions, Inc. Miracle Movers	- S		\$ 350,010 \$ 1,498,365		\$ - \$ 88,139,16	\$	350,010.68	7	
Miracle Movers Asheboro LLC (Triad)	\$	88,124.10					1,762,783.25 881,241.00		\$ 1,271,992.00 \$ 115,627.00
Miracle Movers of Concord LLC	s					-	711,532.00		\$ 215,190.00
Miracle Movers of the Sandhills LLC	s						713,866.75	61	
Miracle Movers Raleigh LLC	s		\$ 2,196,789	_		-		128	
Miscellaneous Plus, Inc.	Is		\$ 189,623			s	189,623.00		S 76,024.00
Mitchell Movers, LLC	\$	4,500.00				\$	301,500.00		\$ 57,242.00
Modern Moving and Storage, Inc.	\$		\$	. ]	s -	\$			\$ 696,753.12
Moultrie Home Services, LLC	S		\$ 41,748	.00	s -	\$	41,746.00		\$ 16,800.00
Move and Go, LLC	s		s	-	s -	8			
Move Pack Clean	\$				s -	\$			-
Movement Relocation, Inc.			-	-	5 -	\$			s -
Movers Near Me, LLC	\$				\$ 6,576.72	_	107,241.22		\$ 38,477.50
Movin' On Movers, Inc. Moving Ahead Services, LLC	\$		\$ 1,279,590	,00	\$ 344,750.00 \$ -	-			\$ 1,353,683.00
Moving Made Easy, LLC	5		\$ 104,615	. 61		5	105,965.83		\$ 10,953,30
Murray Transfer & Storage Company, Inc.	\$			-	\$ 1,350.22	\$	105,965.83		
Naglee Moving and Storage	3			_	\$ 5,534,32	_	7,740.42		\$ 481,845,99
Neighbor Moving LLC	\$			_		\$			\$ 60,520.06
NetMove	S		\$ 66,982				84,790.85		\$ 256,131.68
New Beginnings Moving & Storage, Inc.	\$		\$ 360,114				365,885.00		\$ 80,129.96
New World Van Lines, Inc.	S				\$ .264,852.57		575,167.00		\$ 1,667,785.08
Nilson Van & Storage, Inc.	S			-	\$ 2,008.88	_	4,982.63		\$ 421,803.00
OBX Movers	s		-	.00		_	162,298.00		\$ 48,609.00
Omni Moving and Storage, Inc.	-   \$		5	-	s -	\$			
Orange County Moving and Storage	s		\$ 40,133	.66	\$ -	\$			\$
Patriot Moving of the Carolinas Patterson Storage Warehouse Company, Inc.	\$		\$ 22	-	\$ -	\$	2 242 45		
Paxton Van Lines of North Carolina, Inc.	s		\$ 324	.15		_	3,249.15		\$ 387,026.65
Personal Touch Movers, Inc.	3			-	\$ 37 169 22	5	274 042 04		\$ 158,200.00
	5		\$ 113,023				371.043.81 123,782.00		\$ 161,729.54 \$ 10,832.01
[Piedmont moving									
Piedmont Moving Piedmont Van and Storage Co.	- S			-	\$ -	\$			\$ 403,014.78

	FIG	URE 8-1									
Certificated Curriers Name as of December 31, 2020		Line Haul Revenue		Hourly Revenue		Packing & Accessorial Revenue		IC Intrastate urisdictional Revenue	Humber of Employees		Total Salaries and Wages Paid Employees
Pinehurst Moving & Storage Co., Inc	\$		\$		\$		\$			0	\$ -
Pinnacle Movers, LLC	\$		5		\$		S	57,687.00		6	The state of the s
Port City Moving	\$		\$		\$		\$	590,817.94		3	
Preferred Moving Company, LLC	\$		\$		\$		\$	246,597.00		4	
Premium Moving, Inc.	\$	147,196.62	\$	337,057.81	5		_	5,780,722.00			610,013.26
Pro Movers, LLC	s	-	\$	234,080.00	\$	13,452.00	\$	247,532.00	- 1	7	s 178,769.00
Professional Relocation Moving Packing and Storage, LLC	S	-	5	111,096.36	S	3,933.75	s	115,030.11		0	s -
Purpose Moving, LLC Quality Transports and Relocation, LLC	S		s		S	2,599.47	\$	15,461.67		0	
Rateigh Moving Company, LLC	S	33,119.04	\$	183,640.79	\$			3.759.83	-	2	
Ramsey Legacy, LLC	\$	-	\$		\$		S	8,431.25		8	
Randy Owen Moving Service, LLC	5	5,860.00	s	148,340.00	5	1,786.00	\$	155,986.00		в	
Red Shoe Services, LLC	\$	-	\$	114,496.63	\$	-	s	114,496.63		2	\$ 24,548.00
Redi-Care Movers, LLC	\$	-	\$		\$	-	\$	-		I	
Reliable Van & Storage, Inc.	\$	•	\$		\$		\$			0	
Relocate & Decorate Moving Services, LLC	\$	57,014.60	\$		5		\$	331,366.32		6	
Rent A Vet, LLC	\$		S	35,233.11	\$		S	35,469.11	blnk	_	bink
Right Direction Moving & Transport LLC	\$	14,050.00	\$		\$		\$	23,477.50		1	
Road Haugs, Inc.	\$	142,037.21	5	479,697.60	\$		5	672,062.28		8	
Rocket Movers, LLC	\$		\$		\$		5	37,581.00		9	
Romero Movers, LLC	\$		\$	84,474.00	_		S	84,474.00		이	
Royalty Moving Systems, LLC	S	15,296.90	5	87,118.25 108,612.63	_		\$	87,118.25		1	
Rye Moving and Packing, LLC	S		S	290,502.95	\$		\$	123,909.53 290,502.95	-	11	
Safe & Sound Moving Company, LLC Salisbury Moving and Storage	\$	34,720.39	5	59,110.00	5	92,396.97	\$	186,227.36	<u> </u>	6	
Sandhills Moving & Storage Co., Inc.	S	128,949.00	\$	386,699.00	5		\$	618,083.00		74	
Scooby Moving Company	s	120,543,00	\$	272,875.00	S		\$	272,875.00	· ·	2	
Seaboard Moving & Storage, Inc.	5		S	212,070.00	S		\$	212,010.00	-3/	6	
Sells Service, Inc	5	4,104.00	\$	17,829.00	s		\$	22,345.00		2	
Sir Walter Moving	\$	-	\$	392,622.00	s	-	S	398,672.00		45	
Smart Move, LLC	s	35,605.85	s		s		s	164,178.00		_	\$ 531,091.23
Smith Dray Line & Storage Co., Inc.	5	118,546.00	\$	108,679.00	\$	214,560.00	S	441,785.00		16	
Smith W.E. Moving Co.	s	25	S	-	\$		\$	-			
Smoky Mountain Moving Co., Inc.	\$	22,316.80	5	89,763.53	\$	16,864.97	\$	128,945.30		2	\$ 51,315.00
Smooth Move	S	-	s	17.00	\$	-	\$	17.00		0	\$ -
Southeast Moving and Storage, Inc.	\$	54,314.00	\$	104,085.00	\$	23,817.00	\$	182,216.00			\$ 198,350.00
Southern Moving & Storage, LLC	S		\$	226,794.55	\$		\$	226,794.55		39	\$ 575,444.00
Space to Space Moving, Inc.	\$	64,321.33	_	218,565,68	\$	24,335.04	5	307,222.05		8	\$ 252,989.29
State Moving and Storage, Inc.	\$		\$		\$		S	-		1	
States Van Lines of North Carolina, LLC	\$		\$		5		S			0	
Steele & Vaughn Moving & Storage	\$	57,893.04	_	128,291.50	5		5	313,504.02		17	
Suddath Relocation Systems	5	117,456.00	_	102,108.00	5		-	310,961.00		31	
Superior Moving and Logistics, LLC	S	29,227.54	-	48,215.10	5		_	79,151.49		1	
Superior Moving Systems, Inc.	5		S	14,762.50	5		_	15,598.00	-	_	\$ 28,567.00
Sure-Safe Moving Inc.	\$   \$		5	93,196.07	5		5	93,196.07		$\rightarrow$	S 25,937.50
Sustainable Alamance	\$		5	2,650.00 38,065,00	-		\$	2,650.00	-	6	
T & J Movers	\$		5				S	38,065.00 222,550.00		56	
Taylor's Moving Company Terminal Storage Company, Inc.	s		s		S		5	222,000,00		35	
The \$20.00 Moving Truck LLC	\$		5		-		S	116,782.17		13	
The Movers Co, LLC	\$		s				5	539,413.00		0	
The Movers on Demand Network LLC	5	13,458.60	-		-		5	37,917.26		1	
Stewart Moving and Storage (The Wes Stewart Company)	5	24,728.13			-		\$	85,220.00		21	
Thomas, J.E., & Sons Moving, LLC	s	85,919.95					_	322,045.68		10	
Titan Moving Systems, Inc.	5		5				\$	326,052.87		9	
T-N-T Moving Systems, Inc.	\$	13,572.00	S				_	344,375.00		_	\$ 151,689.00
Toby's Moving and Hauling, LLC	\$		5		S		\$				
Todd's Easy Moves	5	35,712.65	-		-		5	212,400.08		12	
Totes On Demand, LLC	\$		\$				S	47,626.32		$\rightarrow$	83,415 .
Trading Post, Inc., The	\$		s		-		5	1,600.00		1	
Triangle Moving Service, Inc.	\$							247,203.81		5	
Tri-City Movers, LLC	\$	102,547.00	-		-		\$	784,875.00		9	
Tropical Moves	5		5				\$	161,617.00		4	
TROSA Moving	\$			1,402,406.00	-		5	2,090,492.00		11	
Troy Humphrey Moving and Storage, Inc.	\$	-	-				\$	200,179.00		26	
Truckin' Movers Corporation	\$		-					533,095.46		18	
Tru-Pak Moving Systems, Inc. Two Men and A Truck of Asheville	5		-	43,542.00 1,709,441.00			5	123,426.00 2.124,025.00		48	
Two Men and A Truck of Charlotte	5			1,977,744.96			5	2,653,143.03		9 79	
Two Men and A Truck of Durham, NC	5			2,317,073.00			5	3,144,485.00		79 77	
Two Men and A Truck of Eastern NC	5	460,590.00			_		_	1,267,179.00		79	
Two Men and A Truck of Fayetteville	\$		-				5	1,012,367.43	_	21	
Two Men and A Truck of Greensboro	\$	344,544.00	-				-	1,653,649.00		31	
Two Men and A Truck of Mooresville	5		-				_	790,019.00	_	15	
Two Men and A Truck of Raleigh	5		-				_	3,327,005.00		84	
					_			-,,		- *1	- 1,000,000,00
Two Men and A Truck of Rock Hill	\$	5,701.26	5	149,758.40	5	40,616.94	\$	198,076.60	3	7	\$ 146,300.32

	FIG	URE 8-1		N-18/20/20/20/20							
Certificated Carriers Name as of December 31, 2020	zis	Line Haul Revenue		Hourly Revenue		Packing & Accessorial Revenue	1%	NC Intrastate Jurisdictional Revenue	Number of Employees		Total Salaries nd Wages Paid Employees
Two Men and A Truck of Wilmington	\$	281,372.00	5	1,297,859,19	\$	105,104.83	\$	1,684,338,02	185	5	1,539,671,40
Two Men and A Truck of Winston-Salem	\$	192,678.00	S	1,138,223.00	\$	161,910.00	\$	1,492,811.00	- 26	_	543,221.00
Two Strong Dudes Moving Company, LLC	5		5	114,713.00	\$	2,218.00	S	116,931.00	2	5	56,701,00
Two Twins and A Truck, LLC	\$	4,531.74	5	7,990.00	s	417.69	5	12,939,43		5	4,413.75
Union Transfer and Storage Company, Inc.	\$	115,781.65	5	485,013.63	\$	109,444.60	5	710,239,88	33	-	1,427,664.14
Unity Moving and Storage, Inc.	\$	39,741.00	5	290,724.00	\$	6,035.00	_	336,500.00	9	_	126,029.00
Victory Run Moving Delivery Courier LLC	S		5	18,199.84	\$		\$	18,199,84	0	-	120,020.00
Virtues Moving Company	5	-	5	25,260,38	5		s	25,260.38		s	7,578.11
Wayforth Transportation, LLC	\$	58,900.00	5	295,414.00	s		\$	354,314.00	26	_	510,754.00
Webb Co, Inc., The	\$	-	\$	584,049.00	_	128,592.00	_	712,641.00	39	-	119,269.00
Willis Moving and Storage, Inc.	\$		5		s		\$		ol	_	110,203.00
Winston-Salem Moving & Storage	5		s		s		\$		0	7.755	
You Move Me	\$	16,341.27	-		-	58,833.05	_	549,273,28	3	_	83,170.00
Your Budget Movers, LLC	\$		5	20,667,50	-		5	20,667,50	13		
TOTALS	S	20,704,081,44	-	\$74,517,772.62	-	14,425,217,23	-	109,847,071.29	\$5,414		12,300.00 \$128,161,987.65

Blanks were either not reported or numbers were in dispute Zero means the company did file, however, did not have N.C. income

## Figure 8-2 SUMMARY OF HHG OPERATIONS ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION – 2020

Secti	ion I.	JURISDICTIONAL INTRASTATE HHG OPERATING REVE	NUE	
1. 2. 3. 4.	Hourly Packir	laul (MRT Section III)  (MRT Section II)  ng and Accessorial (MRT Sections I & IV / Valuation)  NC Jurisdictional Revenue:	\$ 20,704,081.44 \$ 74,517,772.62 \$ 14,425,217.23 \$ 109,647,071.29	18.88% 67.96% 13.16%
Secti	on II.	OPERATING STATISTICS		
5. 6. 7.	Numb	er of regulated weight/distance <u>moves performed</u> Total bill of lading miles  Total bill of lading weight (in pounds)	<u>10,557</u> 1,289,756 48,848,130	10.76%
8. 9.	Numb	er of regulated hourly <u>moves performed</u> Total hours billed	<u>88,076</u> 495,518	89.74%
10.	TOTA	L NUMBER OF REGULATED MOVES PERFORMED	98,151	
11.	Numb	er of each type of estimate for moves performed		
	b) Bin c) No	n-binding (written) ding (Not-to-Exceed and Guaranteed) (written) written estimate al (should match Line 10)	38,153 8,473 51,471 98,151	38.87% 8.63% 52.44%
12.	Numb	er of each type of valuation applicable for moves performed		
	b) Full	sic: (\$0.60/lb/article – No charge) I Value: (Customer charged \$0.75/\$100 of value) al (should match Line 10)	88,483 9,928 98,151	90.15% 10.12%
Secti	ion III.	JURISDICTIONAL REVENUES		
13. 14. 15. 16. 17.	Quarte Quarte Quarte	er ended March 31, 2019 er ended June 30, 2019 er ended September 30, 2019 er ended December 31, 2019 of Regulatory Fee Reports for CY 2019	\$ 22,605,801.18 \$ 25,650,427.76 \$ 32,255,390.95 \$ 28,593,141.55 \$109,104,761.44	20.72% 23.51% 29.56% 26.21%
Secti	ion IV.	CARGO CLAIMS INFORMATION		
18. 19.		er of loss and damage claims filed dollar amount of claims settled	1,708 \$ 87,321.69	
Secti	ion V.	NC EMPLOYEE DATA		
20 & : 22.		ber of full-time NC employees & contract workers (W-2's & 1099's) salaries/wages paid to full-time NC employees & contract workers	5,414 \$ 128,151,987.65	

# IX. TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY Motor Passenger Carriers

### MOTOR PASSENGER CARRIERS

### A. GENERAL COMMENTS

For the purpose of filing annual reports, both the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) (formerly the Interstate Commerce Commission) and the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) in R2-48 authorized the following classifications effective January 1, 1980, for the motor passenger carriers:

### **CLASSIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Class I	\$3,000,000 or more annual
	operating revenue
Class II	\$500,000 - \$3,000,000 annual
	operating revenues
Class III	Under \$500,000 annual
	operating revenues

As of December 31, 2020, there were 16 carriers/brokers holding transportation authority under the regulation of the North Carolina Utilities Commission. (See Figure Nos. 9-1 and 9-2 for a list of the companies). These companies include 6 transportation brokers, 8 private ferryboat passenger and/or vehicle carriers, and 2 motor passenger carriers. Transportation brokers, as herein used, means any person not a bona fide employee or agent of a motor carrier who engages in the business of selling or offering for sale any transportation of passengers by motor carriers for compensation, either directly or indirectly. A transportation broker does not own or operate the vehicles used to transport passengers to whom he sells or arranges for this type of service. The 10 brokers involved in this report are not required to file annual reports; therefore, there is no operating data shown in this report. Operating data is included for 8 of the private ferryboat passenger and/or vehicle carriers as well as the 2 motor passenger carriers who filed 2020 annual reports with the Commission.

### **B. REGULAR ROUTE PASSENGER CARRIERS**

Financial data is presented for the 2 regulated regular route passenger carriers having separate operations during 2020 who filed annual reports with the North Carolina Utilities Commission. The carriers have franchise and operating rights to serve two or more points (from one city to another city) and are further classed and operate as common carriers over intrastate routes as regulated by the Commission. (See Figure No. 9-3)

## C. PREEMPTION OF REGULATION OVER MOTOR CARRIERS OF PASSENGERS IN CHARTER BUS TRANSPORTATION

In June 1998, Federal legislation was enacted which preempted the economic regulation of charter bus transportation on an intrastate and interstate basis. In summary, the legislation allows a state to continue safety regulatory authority with respect to motor vehicles and to continue to regulate carriers with regards to minimum amounts of financial responsibility relating to insurance requirements and self-insurance authorization. Preemption also does not apply to intrastate commuter bus operations nor does it apply to intrastate regular route passenger transportation. The certificates issued to charter bus transportation companies were canceled by Commission Order dated September 9, 1998.

### D. FERRYBOAT PASSENGER AND/OR VEHICLE CARRIERS

A ferryboat operator is required to obtain a Certificate from the Commission to transport passengers and/or vehicles over either fixed routes or irregular routes, as a common carrier in ferry operations by water. Certificated ferryboat operators are required to file their tariff of rates and charges with the Commission.

Figure 9-4 is a listing of carriers and operating data pertinent to each one.

## REGULAR ROUTE PASSENGER CARRIERS REGULATED BY THE COMMISSION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

Greyhound Lines, Inc.

B-7

P. O. Box 660362 Dallas, Texas 75201

Trolleys, Inc., dba Sunway Charters 2400 Queen City Drive

Charlotte, NC 28208

B-704

## MOTOR PASSENGER CARRIERS FRANCHISED TO OPERATE IN NORTH CAROLINA AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

Class I Carriers	Docket #	
Greyhound Lines, Inc.	B-7	
Trolleys, Inc. dba Sunway Charters	B-704	
Total Class I Carriers-2		

Bald Head Island Transportation, Inc.	A-41	
Barrier Island, Inc., dba Island Ferry Adventures	A-40	
Cape Lookout Cabins & Camps Ferry Service	A-66	
Davis Shore Ferry Service, LLC	A-65	
Island Express Ferry Service, LLC	A-75	
Crystal Blue Holding Co., LLC dba Morehead City Ferry Service	A-76	
Morris Marina, Kabin Kamps & Ferry Service, Inc.	A-26	
Portsmouth Island Boat Tours	A-30	
Total Motor Boat Carriers8		

### GRAND TOTAL CARRIERS--10

<sup>\*</sup>All carriers have intra-city authority pursuant to Commission Rule R2-69.

### MOTOR PASSENGER BROKERS FRANCHISED TO OPERATE IN NORTH CAROLINA (All Inter-city) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

Transportation Brokers	Docket#	<u>Transportation Brokers</u>	Docket#	<u>Transportation Brokers</u>	Docket#
Christian Tours, Inc. 4643 Highway 16 South Maiden, N. C. 28650	B-689	Flixbus, Inc. 12575 Beatrice Street Los Angeles, CA	B-706	Southern States Tours & Conventions 117 Hollyberry Lane Lexington, N. C. 27292	B-600
Convenient Tours 4530 Main Street South Brunswick, NC 28470	B-410	JA-DE Tours & Charter 1224 Broad Street New Bern, N. C. 28560	B-573	USA Luxury Tours, Inc. 4210 Amesbury Lane Durham, N. C. 27707	B-673

TOTAL BROKERS--6

### REGULAR ROUTE PASSENGER CARRIERS Summary of Total Revenues and Expenses For the Calendar Years 2019 and 2020

	Docket	Total Con Operating R		Total Company Operating Expenses		Total Com Operating	
Carrier	Number	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Greyhound Lines, Inc.	B-7	2,335,132	1,899,883	2,317,926	2,250,583	99.3%	118.5%
Trolleys, Inc. dba Sunway Charters	B-704	8,963,409	3,579,100	9,992,940	5,497,000	111.5%	153.6%
TOTAL (2)		\$11,298,541	\$5,478,983	\$12,310,866	\$7,747,583	109.0%	141.4%

#### MOTOR BOAT COMMON CARRIERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

Bald Head Island Transportation, Inc. (A-41) P. O. Box 3069 Bald Head Island, North Carolina 28461

Barrier Island, Inc., dba Island Ferry Adventures (A-40) 240 West Beaufort Road Beaufort, North Carolina 28516

Cape Lookout Cabins & Camps Ferry Service (A-66) P.O. Box 251 Davis, North Carolina 28524 Crystal Blue Holding Co., LLC dba Morehead City Ferry Service (A-76) 113 Turner Street Beaufort, North Carolina 28516

Davis Shore Ferry Service, LLC (A-65) 148 Willis Road Davis, North Carolina 28524

Island Express Ferry Service, LLC (A-75) 113 Turner Street Beaufort, North Carolina 28516 Morris Marina, Kabin Kamps and Ferry Service, Inc. (A-26) 1000 Morris Marina Road Atlantic, North Carolina 28511

Portsmouth Island Boat Tours (A-30) P. O. Box 375 Ocracoke, North Carolina 27960

Company	Scope of Operation		Operating Revenues	Operating Expenses	No. of Tariffed Passengers
Bald Head Island Transportation, Inc. Barrier Island, Inc., dba Island Ferry Adventures Cape Lookout Cabins & Carnps Ferry Service Davis Shore Ferry Service, LLC Island Express Ferry Service, LLC Morehead City Ferry Service	From Southport to Bald Head Island and Return From Beaufort to Carrot Island, Bird Shoales, Sand Dollar Island and Return From Davis to Core Banks and Return From Davis to Core Banks and Return From Beaufort and Harkers Island to South Core Banks, Shackleford Banks and Return From Morehead City to Sugarloaf Island, Carrot Island, Bird Shoal, Sand Dollar Island & Ret. From Bridge Pointe Marina to Union Point & Ret.	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	5,758,190 247,122 899,104 432,586 1,475,184 135,783	\$ - \$ 1,868,737	290,205 21,597 11,552 7,733 79,133 7,648
Morris Marina, Kabin Kamps & Ferry Service Inc. Portsmouth Island Boat Tours	Statewide in North Carolina via water From Ocracoke to Portsmouth Island and Return	\$	262,935 31,260	\$ 286,258 \$ 10,034	3,484 1,602