

A G E N D A
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners
WORK SESSION & BUDGET WORK SESSION
Commissioners' Room - Courthouse Annex
April 23, 2012
7:00 p.m.

NOTE: JOINT WORK SESSION WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE.

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Prayer**
- III. Work Session**
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
- IV. Budget Work Session**
- V. Adjournment**

FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

- Resolution Over-Width Farm Equipment (Chowan County)
- Resolution Opposing Dominion NC Power Request for Rate Increase (Currituck County)

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ITEMS



Resolution

Supporting the General Assembly changing the General Statutes to allow over-width farm equipment to be safely driven on controlled access highways

Whereas, in 2008, the General Assembly of North Carolina passed Senate Bill 1965 (Session Law 2008-211) and;

Whereas, this bill increased the allowable width of farm equipment on North Carolina roads from 18 to 25 feet, and;

Whereas, along with the width increase, an additional restriction was enacted that prohibited this farm equipment from fully controlled access highways, and;

Whereas, this additional restriction placed an unforeseen hardship on farmers who need to move equipment from one farm to another, and;

Whereas, farmers are running out of viable options to move equipment, and;

Whereas, this restriction would will lead to increased over width traffic on US 17 Business traffic through the Town of Edenton, and;


Whereas, restricted use of the Hwy 17 bridge for oversized farm equipment eliminates the only viable option for crossing the Chowan River, and;

Whereas, Highway 17 will allow such equipment to be safely moved through our county in the safest manner possible without increased safety concerns to county citizens, and;

Whereas, farm organizations in the state are working with the N. C. Department of Agriculture to develop language that would allow farmers to drive their equipment on controlled access highways in the safest manner possible, and;

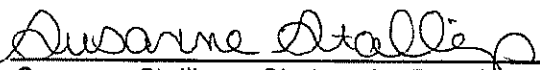
Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Chowan County Board of Commissioners hereby encourages our North Carolina General Assembly to allow over width farm equipment to be safely driven on fully controlled access highways.

Approved this 16th day of April, 2012.



 Edward C. Goodwin, Chairman
 Chowan County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



 Susanne Stallings, Clerk to the Board



COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

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April 18, 2012

Honorable Roy Cooper
Attorney General
North Carolina Department of Justice
9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-9001

RE: Resolution- 2012 Dominion North Carolina Power General Rate Increase

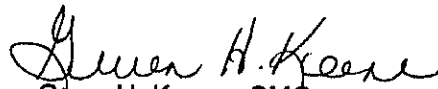
Dear Attorney General Cooper,

During its regularly scheduled meeting on April 16, 2012, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners adopted the enclosed resolution.

This resolution opposes the general rate increase requested by Dominion North Carolina Power and requests your intervention.

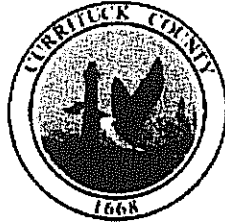
If I can provide further information in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Gwen H. Keene, CMC
Clerk to the Board

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Enclosure

cc: Senator Stan White
Representative Bill Owens
Robert K. Gruber, Executive Director, NCUC
NCUC Public Staff
Currituck County Board of Commissioners
Currituck County Attorney
Currituck Chamber of Commerce
Counties/Cities Served by Dominion North Carolina Power



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CURRITUCK COUNTY
OPPOSING GENERAL RATE INCREASE REQUESTED BY DOMINION NORTH CAROLINA POWER
AND REQUESTING INTERVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL**

WHEREAS, Currituck County, and its neighbors throughout Northeast North Carolina within the Dominion service area, are experiencing protracted economic hardship and recession; and

WHEREAS, Currituck County residents and businesses continue to weather plummeting real estate values, decreased sales and revenues, record-breaking foreclosures, increased delinquencies in tax and utility payments and increases in unemployment insurance claims, food stamps and other public assistance; and,

WHEREAS, electricity service is one of the basic necessities required by all County residents regardless of economic condition to live a safe and healthy life; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed general rate increase of approximately 15% on the average residential customer proposed by Dominion North Carolina Power, North Carolina Utilities Commission Docket E-22 Sub 479, will exacerbate the economic hardship already felt by the residents and businesses of Currituck County and Northeast North Carolina and place an undue burden on them; and,

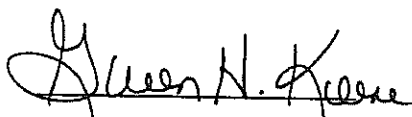
WHEREAS, earlier in 2012, The North Carolina Utilities Commission Public Staff reached a settlement with Duke Energy to cut a proposed rate increase on 1.8 million customers from 17% to 7%; Still, the North Carolina Attorney General appealed the 7% rate increase, citing NC GS 62-133(b)(4) that Duke Energy failed to address 'changing economic conditions and other factors' such as customers' economic strife.

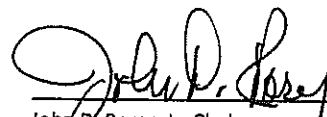
WHEREAS, The actions of the Public Staff in the Duke Energy case to deny the requested rate increase and propose a settlement, and of the North Carolina Attorney General to appeal the final ruling and reduction negotiated by the North Carolina Utilities Commission, should lead to similar conclusions regarding Docket E-22 Sub 479, Dominion North Carolina Power's request for a net 15% increase in rates for 2013, and the increase should be denied.

WHEREAS, County Staff shall be instructed to present this resolution and additional public comment to the North Carolina Utilities Commission and the office of the Attorney General of North Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Currituck County Board of Commissioners strongly opposes the rate increase requested by Dominion North Carolina Power. We respectfully request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission deny Dominion's request, and request that North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper and the Consumer Protection Division intervene on behalf of Dominion's Northeast North Carolina customer base.

ADOPTED the 16th day of April, 2012.


Gwen H. Keene, Clerk to the Board


John D. Rorer, Jr. Chairman

