

STATE REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE

CANDIDATES FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION EDITED PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

NOTICE: The information requested herein is needed to assist the Committee in its investigation of candidates for the Public Service Commission. This questionnaire is the initial step in the investigation of your candidacy. A <u>completed</u> questionnaire should be returned to the Committee as soon as possible, but in any event <u>no later than noon, 12:00 p.m., on Friday, October 11, 2019</u>. (Use and attach separate sheets, if necessary.)

PLEASE SPECIFY THE SEAT FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING (THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE; YOU MAY ONLY APPLY FOR ONE SEAT): District 3

1. Full Name: Mr. Comer H. "Randy" Randall III Ms.

Home Address:	306 West Maple St. Clinton, SC 29325
Business Address:	Public Service Commission of SC 101 Executive Center Dr. Columbia, SC 29210

6. List each institution of higher learning you attended, including dates of attendance and degrees awarded. Please provide an official transcript prior to your screening hearing. If you left any institution without receiving a degree, state the reason for leaving.

Presbyterian College, 1971-1975, Bachelor of Science University of Georgia, 1975-1979, Master of Education

7. List any continuing education courses or other professional education or training programs that you have attended in the past five years.

Institute of Public Utilities - Michigan State University - August 2015 NARUC New Commissioner Training - February 2014 National Judicial College Training - December 2014 Grid School, Institute of Public Utilities - Michigan State University - March 2015 NARUC Utility Rate School - October 2016

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- 8. Have you been employed or held any position in any of the following areas?
 - x (a) energy issues
 - ____x___(b) telecommunications issues
 - x (c) consumer protection and advocacy issues
 - x (d) water and wastewater issues
 - x_{-} (e) finance, economics, and statistics
 - ____x___(f) accounting
 - ____x___(g) engineering
 - ____x___(h) law

Please provide the duration of your employment or service and details about the nature of the work or the position.

South Carolina Public Service Commission, (2013-present)

Commissioner for the Third District. In my role as a commissioner I have dealt all areas listed above

Piedmont Municipal Power Agency Board (2004 – 2013) (Chair for three years). PMPA is a ten city joint action agency providing electricity to the ten cities. PMPA owns 25% of the Number Two Reactor at the Catawba Nuclear Plant. PMPA buys supplemental power from Santee Cooper. The PMPA board conducts business and sets rates for the agency. As Chairman of the Agency, I also participated in presentations to Moody's, Fitch and Standard and Poor in New York to insure that our bonds were rated fairly.

Working with PMPA, the City of Clinton, and Presbyterian College as partners, I helped facilitate getting a \$60,000.00 DEED grant from APPA to study energy efficiency in an older home on the PC campus. The hope was to be able to share the findings with other agencies and cities and to help citizens who need help with making their homes more efficient.

Clinton City Council (1993-2003)

<u>Mayor</u>, City of Clinton, (2003 – 2013)

The City of Clinton runs its own electric utility, water utility and wastewater collection. As Mayor I presided over all meetings and the setting of rates for these utilities. Clinton also deals with pole attachment fees in telecommunications. In reality all of the areas mentioned above are touched on in the office of Mayor including consumer protection, finance, engineering and law.

<u>American Public Power Association Policy Makers Council</u> – (2006- 2013) National Chair, 2011-2012. The APPA- PMC is a group of elected officials selected nationally to represent Public Power on energy issues with the White House and Congress.

• I have testified at EPA in Washington, DC with Ms. Gina McCarthy, who is now head of EPA about the Mercury rules.

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• I have met with The US Department of the Treasury, the National Economic Council, The Council on Environmental Quality and the White House office of Intergovernmental Relations about the potential effects of cutting back on tax exempt financing for municipalities and small utilities.

<u>American Public Power Association Board of Directors</u> – (2011-2012) – I served on the APPA Board of Directors in my capacity as Chair of the Policy Makers Council

Chairman, Clinton Newberry Natural Gas Authority (2003 – 2013)

CNNGA is a special purpose district formed by the Cities of Clinton and Newberry to provide natural gas for Newberry County and the lower half of Laurens County. As Chair of the Authority, I presided over meetings and the setting of rates for the Authority.

- 9. Have you served in the military? If so, give the dates of service, branch of service, highest rank, serial number, present status, and the character of your discharge or release. Please provide a copy of your DD-214 prior to your screening hearing. **No**
- 10. Have you ever held public office? If so, provide details, including the office, whether elected or appointed, the length and dates of your service. Also, state whether or not you timely filed reports with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty. If so, provide details, including dates.

Yes, I have held public office.

Commissioner, South Carolina Public Service Commission June 2013 - present Clinton City Council, elected, August 1996 – March 2003 Mayor, City of Clinton, elected, March 2003 – June 2013

I have been timely with all State Ethics forms.

- 11. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? If so, provide details, including dates. **No**
- 12. Please list in chronological order any employment of you by any governmental agency (whether full time or part time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise). Provide dates of employment, name of employer, name of supervisor, and major job responsibilities. **None**
- 13. Please list in chronological order any occupation, business, or profession in which you have been engaged or employed (other than serving in a public office or being employed by a governmental agency). Please briefly note the nature of your work during each period.

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, Clinton, South Carolina

Executive Director, Alumni and Community Relations

2004 - 2013

- Supervised and monitored programming and budgeting for the PC Alumni Association
- Supervised Homecoming, class reunions, club socials, and the PC Tours travel program
- Served as primary liaison with the City of Clinton on PC and Clinton projects
- Invited to teach at CASE National Summer Institute, two summers

Director of Alumni Relations, Annual Fund, and Parents' Programs

2002 - 2004

- Assumed additional responsibilities of Annual Fund and Parents' Programs
- Increased the Annual Fund gifts over 10% in two years, earning SCICU Award for annual fund improvement
- Assisted with presentations and major gift visits for the *Promise and Challenge Campaign*, (Presbyterian College's current \$150 million dollar capital campaign)

Director of Alumni Relations

1998 - 2002

- Primary responsibility involved working with the Alumni Association
- Assisted the Alumni Board of Directors, ROTC Alumni Association Board, African American Alumni Board, Parents' Council and the Student Alumni Council.

Director of Student Activities

1992 - 1998

- Managed Springs Campus Center
- Supervised the Intramural Sports program, the Student Union Board, and the free recreation program
- Managed budget and staff of one additional professional, two support staff, and over 50 student employees

Jacobs Press, Clinton, SC

Sales Representative

• Sold high quality commercial printing in three states

Director of Alumni Affairs

1984 - 1989

- Reported to Vice-President for College Relations
- Administered the overall alumni program
- Established the Student Alumni Council
- Assisted with the annual giving program
- Created and organized the first Phon-a-thon for annual giving
- Organized the first PC Alumni Recruiting effort (PAR)
- Planned and implemented Homecoming, Youth Day, and Parents Day

Director of Student Activities

1976 - 1984

- Directed all intramural sports, campus entertainment and free recreation
- Acted as assistant to the Dean of Students

Women's Basketball Coach

1990 - 1992

1977 - 1984

- Established and coached PC's first women's varsity basketball team
- 14. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? Explain. No
- 15. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships that you currently have or have had in the past that could pose a conflict of interest in the position you seek. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest. **None**
- 20. Have you ever been a named party in a lawsuit, either personally or professionally? If so, provide details. **Yes**

I was named in a suit in my capacity as a member of City Council. The suit involved Duke Energy and a change in fees owed to the City of Clinton over a power line service to Clinton Mills. The suit was resolved in arbitration.

I was also sued in my position as Mayor of the City of Clinton. I was included in a suit against Laurens County Council, Clinton City Council, the Laurens County Development Corporation, The Clinton Economic Development Corporation, as well as other members of County Council. The suit was trying to hold up the use of County bond funds to build parking lots in downtown Clinton near the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy. The suit was thrown out by the court.

- 22. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by S.C. Code Section 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal," as defined by S.C. Code Section 2-17-10(14)? If so, please provide the dates of your employment or activity in such capacity and specify by whom you were directed or employed. No
- 23. Since your decision to seek a position on the Public Service Commission, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value, as defined by S.C. Code Section 2-17-10(1), from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal? If so, please specify the item(s) received, date of receipt, and the lobbyist or lobbyist's principal providing the item(s). No
- 26. Other than expenditures for travel or room and board, please itemize all expenditures (by amount, type, and date) by you, or on your behalf, in seeking the office of Public Service Commissioner. **None**

- 27. Please list the amount and recipient of all contributions made to members of the General Assembly within six months of filing this questionnaire. **None**
- 28. Have you directly or indirectly requested a pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? No
- 29. Have you or has anyone on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy for the position of Public Service Commissioner? If so, please specify the amount, solicitor (if applicable), donor, and date of solicitation and/or receipt. **No**
- 30. List all professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices that you have held in such groups.

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)

Member, NARUC Committee on Water, 2014-present; Co-Vice chair Member, NARUC Sub-Committee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal Member, NARUC Task Force on Military Workforce

Member, Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC)

31. List all civic, charitable, religious, educational, social, and fraternal organizations of which you are or have been a member during the past five (5) years.

First Presbyterian Church – ordained elder Laurens County Community Theater – Former Board Member Clinton YMCA

32. State any other information which may reflect positively or negatively on you, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for a position on the Public Service Commission.

I have served on the Public Service Commission for 6 years. For the past year and a few months, I have served as Chairman of the PSC. Under my leadership, we have made great strides in transparency and in becoming a more effective commission. We have been live streaming all our meetings and hearings since the summer of 2018. Anyone interested was able to watch everything that we have done since then. I have also been working with our Executive Director/General Clerk to reorganize the commission. We have added a research group to help us get ahead on issues that will affect us so that we can be

proactive instead of always reactive. We have also reassigned members of the staff to put them in positions that better suit their abilities and interests.

- 33. List the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five (5) persons, including your banker, from whom references could be required. Also, provide this Committee with original letters of recommendation from each person listed herein, including their signature. A photocopy, facsimile, or electronic submission of a letter of recommendation will not be accepted.
 - 1. Banker Letter
 - 2. Miriam Hair
 - 3. Robert T. Bockman, Esq.
 - 4. Richard A. Shirley
 - 5. Paul A. Miller

YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE HELD TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY PROCEEDING BEFORE A GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OR ANY RECORD INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR CREDIT.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature:

Date:

PLEASE NOTE: S.C. CODE SECTIONS REFERRED TO IN THIS DOCUMENT ARE CONTAINED IN THE PDQ CODE REFERENCES DOCUMENT.

I ACKNOWLEDGE, AS A CANDIDATE, THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR

REVIEWING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS. THESE DOCUMENTS ARE PROVIDED ON THE USB FLASH DRIVE WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION APPLICATION MATERIALS AND ARE ACCESSIBLE ON THE PUBLIC UTILITY REVIEW COMMITTEE'S WEBSITE:

- (1) An Introduction to the Public Service Commission;
- (2) The press release issued by the Committee announcing the start of its application process;
- (3) An Advisory Opinion relating to attendance by candidates for the Public Service Commission at legislative receptions;
- (4) An Advisory Opinion relating to attendance by candidates for the Public Service Commission at legislative caucus meetings;
- (5) The Judicial Code of Conduct;
- (6) Statutory definitions and statute concerning pledges; and
- (7) Information regarding accessing your credit report.

Signature:

Date:



State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Comer "Randy" Randall, III South Carolina Public Service Commission Seat: Third Congressional District Review Period: July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Commissioner Randall was initially elected on May 1, 2013, and was re-elected on May 25, 2016. During his tenure, he has taken advantage of many opportunities to expand his understanding of public utilities issues. During the review period, Commissioner Randall was an active member of NARUC and SEARUC. He serves on the NARUC Committee on Water and the Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues - Waste Disposal.

Commissioner Randall attended various educational programs and events during this review period, including:

- NARUC meetings (summer, annual, and winter), during which he participated on panels at the annual and winter meetings;
- SEARUC Annual Meeting, during which he participated on a panel regarding water issues;
- National Association of Water Companies (NAWC) National Water Summit, during which he gave a presentation on water issues relevant to South Carolina;
- Emerging Issues Policy Forum, during which he gave a presentation on electricity issues;
- Energy Policy Leadership Summit;
- Various training sessions and workshops, including allowable ex parte briefings and statutorily required sessions on ethics.

Based on surveys of persons appearing before the Commission and Commission employees, Commissioner Randall is courteous to all persons appearing before him, is impartial in his treatment of persons appearing before him, has a positive influence on employee morale, and is respected by attorneys and persons appearing before the Commission. The Review Committee's review revealed no evidence of unethical behavior by Commissioner Randall.

COMMISSIONER QUESTIONNAIRE Performance Summary

NAME: COMER H. "RANDY" RANDALL, III SEAT: THIRD DISTRICT DATE ELECTED: JULY 1, 2013 DATE TERM EXPIRES: JUNE 30, 2020

Please provide information for the review period covering July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Be sure to fully address each item.

1. Educational programs.

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Summer Policy Summit; Phoenix, AZ, July 14-18, 2018

- Attended all general sessions
- Attended all Committee on Water meetings
- Attended joint meetings of Committee on Electricity and Committee on Water
- Attended meetings of the Committee on Gas
- Attended meeting of the Staff Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal

All of the NARUC sessions are designed to educate commissioners on utility issues from the national perspective, while helping us see how our states fit in and lead in the national discussion. I benefit greatly, as a commissioner from attending these meetings. My understanding of national and state issues grows each time I attend these sessions.

All of the NARUC sessions are beneficial to our commission and to the State of South Carolina from a couple of perspectives. We all benefit from hearing what is going on in other states, and I have learned that the South Carolina Public Service Commission is looked to for leadership nationwide.

(Time spent out of the office: 3 days)

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Eastern Utility Rate School; Clearwater, FL, October 23-25, 2018

As Co-Vice Chair of the NARUC Water Committee (the sponsoring committee for rate school), I participate as a member of the faculty. My main duties were moderating a panel focused on current issues in the water business and how they related to ratemaking.

Serving on the NARUC Rate School faculty brings distinction to the South Carolina Public Service Commission. I not only participate in the discussion, but also learn a great deal listening to other commissioners and staff members from around the country.

(Time spent out of the office: 3 days)

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Winter Policy Summit; Washington, DC, February 9-13, 2019

- Attended all general sessions
- Attended all Committee on Water meetings
- Attended meeting of the Staff Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal

(Time spent out of the office: 3 days)

Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC); Gulf Shores, AL, June 2-5, 2019

This meeting included commissioners from the Southeastern states. We spent two days in meetings discussing everything from regulatory issues to EPA and other regulations affecting the states that come from the national level.

1-B. In-House Educational Programs.

- Allowable Ex Parte Briefing to Discuss Johnson Development Associates and House Bill 3659, June 26, 2019, at 10:00 AM: Docket ND 2019-15-E.
- Allowable Ex Parte Briefing to Discuss The South Carolina Energy Freedom Act: An Overview and Next Steps, June 12, 2019, at 2:00 PM: Docket ND 2019-13-E: South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, Incorporated.
- Allowable Ex Parte Briefing to Discuss State of the Company, May 29, 2019, at 10:00 AM: Docket ND 2019-6-WS: Blue Granite Water Company.
- Allowable Ex Parte Briefing Regarding Colite Technologies' Products and Services, April 30, 2019, at 10:00 AM: Docket ND 2019-2-A.
- Inquiry Regarding Tree Trimming and Potential Alternatives, April 4, 2019, at 2:00 PM: Docket ND 2019-3-E.
- Joint Application and Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Dominion Energy, Incorporated for Review and Approval of a Proposed Business Combination between SCANA Corporation and Dominion Energy, Incorporated, as May Be Required, and for a Prudency Determination Regarding the Abandonment of the V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 Project and Associated Customer Benefits and Cost Recovery Plans, March 7, 2019, at 10:00 AM: Docket No. 2017-370-E.
- Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order, February 20, 2019, at 10:00 AM: Docket No. 2018-319-E.

- Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of New Cost Recovery Mechanism and Portfolio of Demand-Side Management and Energy Efficiency Programs-Ex Parte Briefing; Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC Requesting Approval of Its Proposed Home Energy Improvement Program HEIP-6; Office of Regulatory Staff's Petition for an Order Requiring Utilities to Report the Impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act--Allowable Ex Parte Briefings, February 19, 2019, at 10:00 AM: Docket Nos. 2013-298-E, 2016-149-E, and 2017-381-A.
- Request by Commissioner Williams in Order No. 2019-100 for Briefing by the Office of Regulatory Staff Regarding: Commission Order No. 2019-100 and Customer Education Plan in Order No. 2018-804, February 14, 2019, at 2:00 PM: Docket No. 2017-370-E.
- Requested Allowable Ex Parte Briefing (Mr. Jerry Harvell) Regarding: Merger, February 6, 2019, at 2:30 PM: Docket No. 2017-370-E.
- Requested/Scheduled Allowable Ex Parte Briefing Regarding Dominion, Inc., and Advertised \$1000 Rebate, January 24, 2019, at 2:00 PM: Docket No. 2017-370-E.
- TAS Strategies; Drextel Hamilton, LLC; Loop Capital Markets; Ramirez & Company and Williams Capital Markets Group Allowable Ex Parte Briefing Regarding South Carolina Utility Diversity in Financial Services, December 18, 2018, at 10:00 AM: Docket ND 2018-33-EC.
- Dukc Energy Carolinas, LLC and Dukc Energy Progress, LLC Request for an Allowable Ex Parte Briefing Regarding Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) Process, Including an Overview of the Recently Filed IRP and Renewable Energy Purchases under PURPA; and Hurricane Florence Update, October 25, 2018, at 10:00 AM: Docket ND 2018-27-E.
- South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, Incorporated Request for an Allowable Ex Parte Briefing Regarding Avoided Cost, Resource Planning and Energy Storage in an Era of Low-Cost Solar, October 23, 2018, at 2:00 PM: Docket ND 2018-23-E.
- Mandatory Ethics Training for Commissioners and Staff Joint Ethics Training with the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS), October 12, 2018, from 9:00AM-4:30PM.
- Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC Request for an Allowable Ex Parte Briefing Regarding Managing Duke Energy Hydroelectric Projects, July 23, 2018, at 10:00 AM: Docket ND 2018-19-E.

2. Participation in organizations.

• National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)

- I am a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). As referenced above, I attend all the meetings and educational sessions provided. I participate in the discussions, moderate panels and help shape national policy.
- **Committee on Water** -1 serve as the Co-Vice Chair of the Committee on Water. I help build the Water Committee program with other Commissioners and staff from all over the country. I moderate a panel on a relevant topic at most meetings.
- Subcommittee on Nuclear Issues Waste Disposal I attend all of these meetings. I also
 receive a weekly update on Nuclear Issues from the NARUC office in Washington, DC.
- Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC) SEARUC is one of the divisions of NARUC comprised of mostly southeastern states and Puerto Rico. We meet at every NARUC meeting and then on our own once a year to discuss issues that are relevant to the Southeast.

3. Representation in Official Capacity as Commissioner.

- South Eastern Water Infrastructure Summit, Charlotte, NC, April 28-29, 2019 Attended as Co-Vice Chair of the Water Committee. Participated as a panel member on a panel entitled "Communicating with Customers". (Time spent out of the office: 2 days)
- Illumination Energy Summit, Columbus, OH, May 14-16, 2019 This conference focused on innovations in the energy business, particularly in the technology side of electricity. One of the things that I have focused on as Chair of the Public Service Commission is doing more research so that we are looking ahead instead of always reacting to innovations in the utility world. (Time spent out of the office: 3 days)

4. Notable Cases.

- Consolidated Dockets Concerning Abandonment of SCE&G Nuclear Project, Emergency Rate Relief, and Merger of SCE&G with Dominion Energy (Dockets No. 2017-207-E, 2017-305-E, and 2017-370-E): This case considered the abandonment of the VC Summer Nuclear Units., the merger of Dominion Energy with SCE&G, and the rates for ratepayers going forward. This was the most high-profile case in SC history. Despite the fact that the Baseload Review Act was passed by the General Assembly with virtually no opposition. the PSC became everyone's target for rate increases and the failure of the plant, even though the PSC has no investigative or oversite authority, while following the law set forth by the General Assembly. Every educational session that I have ever attended had influence in this case. Rate school, Grid school. Ethics training. Judicial training among others all had relevance in this proceeding.
- Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (Docket No. 2018-319-E): This was a significant rate case by Duke Energy Carolinas (DEC). DEC wanted at rate increase including a ROE of 10.5% and an increase in the Base Facilities Charge to \$28.00. The PSC limited ROE to 9.5% and

settled on a BFC of \$11.96More significantly, the PSC disallowed from rates the cost of the NC Coal Ash Management Act put into place by the North Carolina Legislature. NARUC Rate School and Judicial training were instrumental in making this case much easier to rule on.

• Chem-Nuclear Systems, LLC (Docket No. 2018-13-A): At this hearing, the Commission questioned Chem Nuclear, among other things, about news reports that indicated the tritium plume was expanding outside of the nuclear waste containment area. Ultimately it was determined that this was not an issue that affected allowable costs as described by S.C. Code Ann. § 48-46-10 *et sec.* Participation in the NARUC Nuclear Waste Subcommittee was very helpful in deciding the merits of this case.

5. Accomplishments of the Public Service Commission

I think the greatest accomplishment of The Public Service Commission (PSC) in 2018 was preparing for hearings and adjudicating the combined dockets in the SCE&G abandonment of the VC Summer Units and its merger with Dominion Energy in a very compressed time frame. The last merger case that the Commission dealt with took over a year and a half. When you add the VC Summer abandonment to it, the PSC completed this task in a month and a half. We managed over 20 intervenors with more than 60 attorneys in the hearing room and finished the hearing portion of the case between November I and Thanksgiving. I think another accomplishment that the PSC has had under my leadership as Chairman is to instigate a process of restructuring the commission to make the entire commission more efficient and more transparent in its processes. We have live streamed every hearing and every commission meeting since the summer of 2018. Also, working with Jocelyn Boyd, our Executive Director and General Clerk we have instituted a research group to look at trends for the future of the businesses that we regulate. The goal is to be proactive in what we know and act on instead of reactive.

6. Work Schedule and Preparation.

The answer to this question really doesn't vary much from year to year. We really don't have a typical work week at the Commission. One of the fulfilling and interesting aspects of this job is the variety of issues that we deal with and the variety of actions and reactions that comprise our workload. Being a Commissioner on the South Carolina Public Service Commission is very stimulating. I really enjoy learning something new almost every day. With that background, I commute to the Commission office from my home in Clinton (two-hour round trip). I am physically in the office usually four days and rarely less than three days a week. During the fall I was there five days a week especially during the VC Summer hearings. As Commission Chairman I begin almost every day on the phone beginning between 7:30 and 8:30am with Jocelyn Boyd discussing the events of the day and what we need to accomplish that day. I speak with the legal staff and technical staff every day about cases and about general issues at the commission. In preparation for a hearing, I spend many hours reading hundreds of pages of testimony. After reading the testimony, I spend time with our staff looking at historical data to help me draw my conclusions. If I am not in the office, I have an office in District 3 set up in my home complete with a personal computer and the Commission iPad. My day does not change significantly.

7. Effects of Code of Judicial Conduct and South Carolina's ethics laws on your role as Commissioner.

Being under the Judicial Code has positive and negative effects. With that in mind, I do think that being under the Judicial Code is appropriate for members of the South Carolina Public Service Commission. It does allow and require us to maintain distance from the parties involved in each docket. It is important that we are always unbiased in our deliberations. It also sets boundaries for everyone to follow that are clear. Making sure that ex-parte communications are controlled is a benefit to all parties. The one negative is that the Judicial Code prevents the Commissioners from being able to speak about anything that we have going on in a case. This was particularly worrisome when we were being attacked by many people who didn't seem to understand the Baseload Review Act or the tenants of the Judicial Code. We had to read about what we did by the loudest and most uniformed individuals who had the ear of the press. This was very discouraging at times. The ethics laws in our state do assist in aiding the unbiased appearance of the Commission's decisions. The Commissioners and staff are all very professional and very serious about their duty and obligations regarding the Judicial Code and the ethics laws. I am confident that the South Carolina Public Service Commission's business is conducted in a manner that should make everyone proud.

NOTE: Do not provide any information that would violate the prohibition against ex parte communication or would otherwise violate any privilege.

Ethics Statement: 1, Commissioner <u>Comer H. "Randy" Randall, III</u> have read and understand the Code of Judicial Conduct and the ethics laws of South Carolina. I certify that I have adhered to these standards at all times during this review period.

Signature: Comen H Date: 9-4-2019