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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

A) APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE.

DOCKET NO.	COMPANY NAME
20200032-TX	SIMWOOD INC.

PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 1 - CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER JULIE I. BROWN
COMMISSIONER DONALD J. POLMANN
COMMISSIONER ANDREW GILES FAY

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 2020

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Well, let's begin
3 this morning, we will call the Agenda Conference to
4 order. It's certainly good to see everyone that
5 was able to make it today.

6 We are going to be doing things a little bit
7 different today. We will kind of go through some
8 of the ground rules in a few minutes, but before we
9 begin, I think probably more so now than ever it is
10 appropriate that we begin this morning's Agenda
11 Conference with an invocation.

12 I am going to ask Commissioner Graham if he
13 would to lead us in prayer. Commissioner Graham.

14 (Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.)

15 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you. You may be
16 seated.

17 Again, let me say welcome to everyone. We
18 have quite a lengthy agenda today. Quite a few
19 things that we are going to try to get
20 accomplished.

21 But before we begin today, it's a very special
22 day, and I want to take a moment to -- we want to
23 take a moment to recognize one of our very own;
24 someone who I have come to know and appreciate over
25 the last couple of years; someone I got to know

1 when I was in a little bit of a different role when
2 I was at DEP and actually met him over at the
3 Emergency Operations Center. At that time, I was
4 with ESF 16 and he was ESF 12. I keep getting
5 those mixed up now, but today is a special day.

6 Rick Moses' last day with the Commission is
7 today. He has been a phenomenal, tremendous asset
8 to this organization. I have come to have a great
9 amount of respect for his knowledge and his ability
10 to manage an organization, and that can sometimes
11 be in chaos during the most difficult times. And I
12 want to say my personal thank you and appreciation
13 to Rick for the job that he has done and for the
14 service that he was given.

15 But I want to turn it over to our Executive
16 Director Braulio to make some real official
17 comments about Rick before we begin.

18 MR. BAEZ: Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman, and
19 good morning, everyone. And I would hardly call
20 them official because Rick is anything but
21 officially frankly, and that's the great part of
22 him.

23 He has been important to all of us, as you
24 said, and he is retiring from the PSC with just shy
25 of 30 years. And I guess the first thank you goes

1 out to whoever it was that got rid of him that
2 first year and brought him to us.

3 And if you just take a brief look at his CV
4 with the agency, the one -- the one word that
5 prominently pops up is the word chief, and that's
6 how I always like to think of him. He is someone
7 that has -- he is unflappable. He is responsive
8 and he keeps everybody -- and the ways we have all
9 collectively gotten -- gotten familiar with his
10 work has always been under the most extreme of
11 circumstances, under emergency circumstances,
12 because it's how we remember him best is how well
13 he runs ESF 12 for the agency.

14 I have gotten to know Rick on a personal
15 level, and he has always been an encouraging person
16 to me because he is probably the only person I know
17 that is a worse golfer than I am, and so he always
18 gets a ride with me, and that's always -- and he is
19 always a good sport about it, but -- and I kid him
20 as well, but we are going to miss him.

21 Rick, I know you are not -- this is the oddest
22 way to say farewell and thank you, but I know that
23 you are on the line, and I want you to try and
24 imagine, you know, a room full of people that you
25 have worked with closely, again, under pretty

1 emergent circumstances most of the time, and just
2 picture them saying thank you and farewell as well,
3 and we wish you all the best.

4 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Thank you very
5 much.

6 I want to just give each of our Commissioners
7 an opportunity before I begin this morning, any
8 commen-- any opening comments that any Commissioner
9 wants to make this morning.

10 I will start just Commissioner Graham, any
11 comments?

12 Commissioner Brown?

13 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes. At the risk of
14 having an echo, I echo all of those sentiments
15 expressed by the Chairman and Braulio with regard
16 to Rick Moses. Such an exemplary employee who has
17 just represented us so well over the years, and I
18 wish I was there to be able to give him a hug. He
19 is a great person too, and we are going to miss him
20 so much.

21 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Commissioner Polmann?
22 Commissioner Polmann, any comments this morning?

23 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Yes, I would -- I would
24 simply echo the echo.

25 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you.

1 Commissioner Fay?

2 COMMISSIONER FAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

3 Just real quick.

4 I met Rick over at the EOC early on, and he
5 consistently proved himself to be committed to the
6 role in public service, and appreciate his time
7 there. And the one thing is that there will be
8 some big shoes to fill. When you go over to the
9 EOC, everyone knows Rick, and he has built those
10 relationships over a long time period. So we look
11 forward to that transition, but we are definitely
12 going to miss seeing him.

13 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you, Commissioner Fay.

14 All right. I want to make a couple of opening
15 comments this morning and kind of lay out the
16 ground rules on how we are going to try to conduct
17 this meeting this morning.

18 This is new territory. As my grandfather
19 would say, we are plowing new ground today. I want
20 us to begin by thanking our staff. We could not
21 have pulled this off today, would not have been
22 able to put this event together without the
23 dedication and hard work of this staff. You have
24 done an amazing job in a very short period of time
25 putting this together. You have done an amazing

1 job of pulling together as a team and making
2 certain that we were able to continue the mission
3 of this organization, this commission over the past
4 three, four weeks.

5 I don't begin to -- begin to guess how long we
6 are going to be in this situation, how many of
7 these meetings we are going to have to conduct in
8 this manner. We really were looking at this today
9 as a trial run to see if we had the technology and
10 the capability to do this, and I could not be more
11 impressed with the staff and the job that you have
12 done.

13 Thank you to the participants for your
14 willingness to work with us through this situation.
15 I know it's not the norm, and it's going to be a
16 little bit more difficult. I am going to try to
17 make it as painless for you as possible today.

18 And third and finally, I want to thank my
19 fellow commissioners. Your dedication and your
20 continued support and the resources that you have
21 helped to provide to this staff and organization is
22 unquestionable. I appreciate all of your hard work
23 and dedication during this time as well.

24 Thanks to everyone. I ask today for your
25 patience and your tolerance. I want to go through

1 a couple of ground rules on how we are going to get
2 through this today, and we will see if we have any
3 questions at the end. I am going to make certain
4 that everyone who desires to do so gets an
5 opportunity to speak. Everyone will be heard.

6 First of all, staff is going to introduce the
7 items as they normally would. Then I am going to
8 call on the known participants that have asked to
9 speak on those specific items, and then I am going
10 to follow that back up with another round of anyone
11 else need to comment.

12 Then I am going to call on each Commissioner
13 individually for your comments. And you can waive
14 me off or make a comment. If you have specific
15 questions for staff, Commissioners, if you would,
16 direct -- begin your question with that staff
17 member's name so that they can take their phone off
18 mute and be prepared to answer you.

19 Then after each commissioner has had an
20 opportunity to comment or waive me off, I will be
21 back and ask one more time if there are any
22 commissioners that have any more comments. I don't
23 want to miss anyone.

24 I have got a pretty good view of you guys
25 right now in the screen below me, so,

1 Commissioners, if you need my attention, just wave
2 your hand, do something like this and I think I can
3 pick you up pretty good there.

4 After our second round of questions from
5 Commissioners I am going to call for a motion and
6 then I am going to do a roll call vote. I want to
7 make sure that we get everybody's vote on record,
8 so I will ask specifically for each of you to give
9 me your vote individually.

10 Directions: So all of our directors are in
11 the room today. Staff and the other parties are
12 all on the line. We do not have any of the parties
13 that are in the room today.

14 Just a reminder to everyone, please keep your
15 phones on mute. That is extremely important.
16 Unless you are speaking, keep your phone on mute.

17 Also, please do not place your line on hold.
18 That is extremely important. If you have hold
19 music and we begin to hear dancing and chirping and
20 music, we will kick you off of the call. We have
21 the technology to do that. So if you find yourself
22 booted, you must have done something wrong. Feel
23 free to call back in, but correct your mistake
24 first, if you would.

25 I am going to try to go pretty slow today,

1 much slower than normal. If you have questions or
2 issues, feel free to stop me at any time.

3 Okay. With that, we will begin the agenda
4 unless I see any hands waving.

5 First item -- Item No. 7 is being deferred, so
6 we are going to move to Item No. 5, that is the
7 move staff list. Items No. 1, 5, 6, 13, 14 and 15
8 are on our move staff today -- list today. The
9 remaining Items 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 15A
10 are going to be taken up for discussion.

11 Are there any items that are on the move staff
12 that any Commissioner wants to have taken off? Any
13 items to be taken off?

14 All right. Seeing none, we will immediately
15 take up the move staff items.

16 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Move staff
17 recommendations on Items 1, 5, 6, 13, 14 and 15.

18 CHAIRMAN CLARK: I have a motion. Do I have a
19 second?

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN CLARK: I have a motion and a second.
22 Is there any discussion on the move staff
23 items?

24 All those in favor, please say aye. Let me --
25 let me back up. I am going against my own rules.

1 Commissioner Graham.

2 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Aye.

3 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Commissioner Brown.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Aye.

5 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Commissioner Polmann.

6 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Commissioner Fay.

8 COMMISSIONER FAY: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. We are all in
10 agreement.

11 (Agenda item concluded.)

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