# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. EMP-93, SUB 0

### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

| In the Matter of                              |                             |
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| Application of Wilkinson Solar, LLC, for a    | ) AMENDED ORDER REQUIRING   |
| Certificate of Public Convenience and         | ) PUBLICATION OF NOTICE AND |
| Necessity to Construct a 74-MW Solar Facility | ) FURTHER REVIEW BY         |
| in Beaufort County, North Carolina            | ) STATE CLEARINGHOUSE       |

BY THE COMMISSION: On October 11, 2017, the Commission issued an Order granting Wilkinson Solar LLC (Applicant), a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for the construction of a 74-MW merchant plant solar generating facility to be located on the south side of Terra Ceia Road, between Vreugdenhil Road and Christian School Road, and the north side of Terra Ceia Road, east of Christian School Road, Beaufort County, North Carolina. In addition, the Commission accepted registration of the facility as a new renewable energy facility.

On November 29, 2017, the Applicant filed a letter with the Commission stating that the proposed solar panels on the Respess property north of Terra Ceia Road have been removed, and the footprint of the facility has been expanded to the south and will incorporate additional land south of Terra Ceia Road. The Applicant further states that it has site control over the additional parcels of land. In addition, the Applicant filed a revised site plan map showing the additional acreage. The Applicant states that a revised location description for the facility is as follows:

The facility is located south of Terra Ceia Road, east and west of Christian School Road, and south of Vreugdenhil Road, with a portion on the north side of Terra Ceia Road, on the west side of Gaylord Road, Beaufort County, North Carolina.

On the basis of the amended application, the Commission finds good cause to issue this Amended Order Requiring Publication of Notice and Further Review by State Clearinghouse. Further, the Commission concludes that the Applicant should be required to publish notice of the amended application in the manner required by G.S. 62-82(a) and file an affidavit of publication with the Commission. In addition, the Chief Clerk of the Commission shall deliver copies of the notice to the Clearinghouse Coordinator of the Office of Policy and Planning of the Department of Administration for distribution by the Coordinator to State agencies having an interest in the application.

If a complaint is received within ten days after the last date of the publication of the notice, the Commission will schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded, will give reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing to the Applicant and to each complaining party, and will require the Applicant to publish notice of the hearing in the newspaper in which the notice of the application was published. If no complaint is received within the time specified above, the Commission may, upon its own initiative, order and schedule a hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded. If the Commission orders a hearing upon its own initiative, it will require notice of the hearing to be published by the Applicant in the newspaper in which the notice of the application was published. If no complaint is received within the time specified and the Commission does not order a hearing upon its own initiative, the Commission will enter an order awarding the certificate.

The Commission cannot take any action until after the Applicant has filed the affidavit of publication.

## IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That the Applicant shall publish the Public Notice, attached as Attachment A hereto, once each week for four successive weeks in the manner required by G.S. 62-82(a) and shall file an affidavit of publication with the Commission;
- 2. That the Chief Clerk of the Utilities Commission will deliver copies of the notice to the Clearinghouse Coordinator of the Office of Policy and Planning of the Department of Administration for distribution by the Coordinator to State agencies having an interest in the application;
- 3. That the Applicant shall not begin construction on the new portion of the footprint being proposed for the facility unless and until the Commission issues an order authorizing such construction.
- 4. That the Commission will proceed as it deems appropriate after the filing of the affidavit of publication and the certificate of service.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 6th day of December, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

# DOCKET NO. EMP-93, SUB 0 APPLICATION OF WILKINSON SOLAR LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 29, 2017, Wilkinson Solar LLC (Applicant) filed an amended application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 74-MW merchant plant solar generating facility to be located south of Terra Ceia Road, east and west of Christian School Road, and south of Vreugdenhil Road, with a portion on the north side of Terra Ceia Road, on the west side of Gaylord Road, Beaufort County, North Carolina.

Details of the application may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 N. Salisbury Street, 5th Floor, Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 or 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 or on the Commission's website at <a href="https://www.ncuc.net">www.ncuc.net</a>.

If a complaint is received within ten days after the last date of the publication of this notice, the Commission will schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded, will give reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing to the Applicant and to each complaining party, and will require the Applicant to publish notice of the hearing in this newspaper. If no complaint is received within the time specified above and if the Commission does not order a hearing upon its own initiative, the Commission will enter an order awarding the certificate sought by the Applicant.

Persons desiring to lodge complaints may file statements to that effect with the Commission. Such statements should reference Docket No. EMP-93, Sub 0 and be addressed as follows: Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

Statements may also be directed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 or to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General of North Carolina, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001.

NOTE TO PRINTER: Advertising cost shall be paid by the Applicant. It is required that the Affidavit of Publication be filed with the Commission by the Applicant.