STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. EMP-111, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Sweetleaf Solar, LLC for a)	
Certificate of Public Convenience and)	ORDER REQUIRING FILING OF
Necessity to Construct a 94 MW Solar)	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Facility in Halifax County, North Carolina)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 2, 2020, Sweetleaf Solar, LLC (Sweetleaf or Applicant) filed an application pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-63 for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to construct a 94 MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic (PV) electric merchant generating facility (Facility) in Halifax County, North Carolina (Application). Sweetleaf noted that the Facility is part of PJM Interconnection Cluster AD1 (AD1 Cluster).

On September 13, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Granting Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity granting Sweetleaf a CPCN to construct the Facility (CPCN Order). Commission Rule R8-63(f) requires Sweetleaf to file Annual Progress Reports on the construction of the Facility, and the CPCN Order requires Sweetleaf to file any revisions to cost estimates for the construction of the Facility and any network upgrades within 30 days of becoming aware of the revisions (Annual Progress Reports).

Sweetleaf has not yet filed an Annual Progress Report as required under Rule R8-63(f). To aid the Commission's oversight of these projects and their impacts on North Carolina ratepayers, all Annual Progress Reports must include affirmative and specific statements of costs. The Commission directs Sweetleaf to include in its first Annual Progress Report itemization of the construction costs to show: (1) the cost of the generating plant; (2) the cost of the interconnection facilities; (3) the cost of network upgrades; and (4) the cost of affected system upgrades.

Sweetleaf is also directed to provide an updated LCOT calculation assuming that the Facility is responsible for all affected system costs necessitated by the facilities in its cluster, regardless of whether any of those costs presently are assigned or allocated to the Facility or to any other facility in the cluster, or whether any facility has a signed ASOA, and using the expected annual generator output in MWh of only the Facility.

The Commission further directs Sweetleaf to update the Commission on the date on which the Facility was placed into service or is anticipated to be placed in service. To the extent the Facility is not yet in service and additional Annual Progress Reports must be filed, the reports should follow the directives set forth in this Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Sweetleaf shall file its first Annual Progress Report, on or before September 13, 2024, in a manner that follows the directives set forth in this Order.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 4th day of April, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk