

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-5239, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of ESA Kinston NC, LLC, for	) ORDER ACCEPTING
Registration of a New Renewable Energy	) REGISTRATION OF NEW
Facility	) RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On February 23, 2015, as amended May 21, 2015, ESA Kinston NC, LLC (ESA), filed a registration statement pursuant to Commission Rule R8-66 for a new renewable energy facility to be located in Kinston in Lenoir County, North Carolina. ESA stated that its 1.99-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic (PV) facility will become operational in December, 2015.

The filing included certified attestations that: 1) the facility will be in substantial compliance with all federal and state laws, regulations, and rules for the protection of the environment and conservation of natural resources; 2) the facility will be operated as a new renewable energy facility; 3) ESA will not remarket or otherwise resell any renewable energy certificates (RECs) sold to an electric power supplier to comply with G.S. 62-133.8; and 4) ESA will consent to the auditing of its books and records by the Public Staff insofar as those records relate to transactions with North Carolina electric power suppliers.

On August 19, 2015, the Public Staff filed the recommendation required by Commission Rule R8-66(e) stating that ESA's registration statement as a new renewable energy facility should be considered to be complete. No other party made a filing with respect to these issues.

Based upon the foregoing and the entire record in this proceeding, the Chairman finds good cause to accept registration of ESA's solar PV facility as a new renewable energy facility. ESA shall annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year. ESA will be required to participate in the NC-RETS REC tracking system ([www.ncrets.org](http://www.ncrets.org)) in order to facilitate the issuance of RECs.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the registration by ESA for its solar PV facility located in Kinston in Lenoir County, North Carolina as a new renewable energy facility shall be, and is hereby, accepted.

2. That ESA shall annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackie Cox", written in a cursive style.

Jackie Cox, Deputy Clerk