

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. EMP-108, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of American Beech Solar LLC,	)
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and	)
Necessity to Construct a 140-MW Solar	)
Facility in Halifax County, North Carolina	)
	ORDER REQUIRING PROPOSED ORDERS

BY THE COMMISSION: On January 28, 2020, American Beech Solar LLC (American Beech 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 110 MW solar facility (Facility) in Halifax County, North Carolina.<sup>1</sup>

On July 27, 2022, the Applicant filed a Consent Motion to Cancel Expert Witness Hearing. The Applicant, with the consent of the Public Staff, moved the Commission to cancel the August 2, 2022 expert witness hearing, accept into the record all prefiled testimony and exhibits of the Applicant and the Public Staff, and decide the application based on the record. The Applicant stated that the Public Staff had recommended that the Commission approve the application subject to certain conditions and that American Beech had accepted those conditions. There are no other parties to this docket and the Commission has not received written complaints regarding the proposed Facility.

On July 29, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Granting Motion to Cancel Expert Witness Hearing and Requiring of Additional Evidence (July 29 Order). In the July 29 Order, the Commission canceled the expert witness hearing that had been scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2022, in the Commission Hearing Room. The Commission also required American Beech to file additional information for the Commission to consider when reaching a decision on the application. Specifically, the Commission directed the Applicant to file Levelized Cost of Transmission (LCOT) calculations for three different scenarios that differed based on what projects in the PJM's AC1 interconnection queue were participating in funding Affected Systems Costs.

On August 5, 2022, American Beech filed the supplemental LCOT calculations and a confidential exhibit providing additional information about the calculations.

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<sup>1</sup> In testimony filed on May 24, 2022, Applicant witness Stanton describes a change made to the planned Facility that results in the Facility being a 140 MW Facility rather than a 110 MW Facility. The area of the project that was included in the Public Notice of the original application has not been expanded.

On August 12, 2022, the Public Staff filed a letter indicating that it has reviewed American Beech's filing and supporting documents and does not disagree with the LCOT calculations American Beech presented.

Considering the foregoing, the Commission finds good cause to require that the parties to this proceeding file proposed orders or briefs on or before thirty days from the issuance of this Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 26th day of August, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erica N. Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk