

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-5344, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Application of Sadiebrook Solar, LLC, for)	ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
a Certificate of Public Convenience and)	AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION
Necessity to Construct a 4.99-MW Solar)	OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY
Facility in Bladen County, North Carolina)	FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 16, 2015, Sadiebrook Solar Farm, LLC (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 4.99-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located on South College Street, near Clarkton, Bladen County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP). On April 10, 2015, the Applicant filed an amendment correcting the name of the Applicant from Sadiebrook Solar Farm, LLC, to Sadiebrook Solar, LLC.

Contemporaneously with the application, the Applicant filed a registration statement for a new renewable energy facility.

On March 25, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On March 30, 2015, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the application and public notice were provided to DEP on March 27, 2015.

On May 5, 2015, the State Clearinghouse filed comments. The comments included a letter from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services dated April 22, 2015, which stated its general concern with the conversion of land from agricultural production to nonagricultural use, and the resulting impacts on agribusiness jobs and associated economic activity. The letter stated that the "total negative impact on the environmental and agribusiness economy will be proportionately related to the total acres of farm and forest land taken out of production." Because of the nature of the comments, the cover letter indicated that no further State Clearinghouse review action by the Commission was required for compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act.

On June 15, 2015, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from the Bladen Journal (Elizabethtown, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on April 24, 2015. No complaints have been received.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on June 29, 2015. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the application and determined it to be in compliance with the requirements of G.S. 62-110.1(a) and Commission Rule R8-64. The Public Staff further stated that the registration statement contains the certified attestations required by Commission Rule R8-66(b). Therefore, the Public Staff recommended approval of the certificate and registration for the facility.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds good cause to approve the application and issue the attached certificate for the proposed solar photovoltaic electric generating facility. The Commission further finds good cause, based upon the foregoing and the entire record in this proceeding, to accept registration of the facility as a new renewable energy facility. The Applicant shall annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year and will be required to participate in the NC-RETS REC tracking system (<http://www.ncrets.org>) in order to facilitate the issuance of RECs.

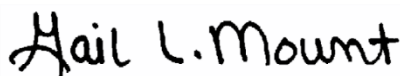
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application of Sadiebrook Solar, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be, and is hereby, approved.
2. That Appendix A shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Sadiebrook Solar, LLC, for the 4.99-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on South College Street, near Clarkton, Bladen County, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by Sadiebrook Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Bladen County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
4. That Sadiebrook Solar, LLC, 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 30th day of June, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

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Sadiebrook Solar, LLC
804 Meeting Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

is hereby issued this

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
PURSUANT TO G.S. 62-110.1**

for a 4.99-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

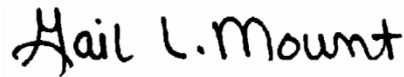
on South College Street, near Clarkton, Bladen County, North Carolina,

subject to all orders, rules, regulations and conditions
as are now or may hereafter be lawfully made
by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

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