STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. SP-5196, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Lane Solar Farm, 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 Wayne County, North Carolina)	FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 13, 2015, Lane 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 at the intersection of Old Smithfield Road and Hollowell Road in Rosewood, Wayne County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP).

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

On May 12, 2015, the State Clearinghouse filed additional comments. The comments included a letter from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) dated May 4, 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 4, 2015, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from the Goldsboro News-Argus 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 15, 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 Lane Solar Farm, 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 Lane Solar Farm, LLC, for the 4.99-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at the intersection of Old Smithfield Road and Hollowell Road in Rosewood, Wayne County, North Carolina.
- 3. That the registration statement filed by Lane Solar Farm, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Wayne County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
- 4. That Lane Solar Farm, 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 <u>16th</u> day of June, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

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Lane Solar Farm, 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

at the intersection of Old Smithfield Road and Hollowell Road in Rosewood, Wayne 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.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 16th day of June, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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