

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-2363, SUB 8
DOCKET NO. SP-4340, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 23, 2014, Carolina Solar Energy II, LLC (Carolina), filed an application with the Commission in Docket No. SP-2363, Sub 8, 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 in Martin County at 19919 U.S. Highway 64, Williamston, North Carolina. Carolina planned to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Dominion North Carolina Power (DNCP).

Contemporaneously with the application, Carolina filed a registration statement for a new renewable energy facility. The registration statement included certified attestations that (1) the facility is 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) Carolina would 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) Carolina would 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 April 30, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice, which required Carolina to (1) publish notice of the application as required by G.S. 62-82(a) and file an affidavit of publication with the Commission, (2) mail a copy of the application and notice, no later than the first date that such notice is published, to the electric utility to which Carolina planned to sell and distribute the electricity, and (3) file a certificate of service of the mailing to the utility. The Order also specified that if a complaint was received within 10 days after the last date of the publication of the notice, the Commission would schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate of public convenience and necessity should be awarded. The Order further specified that if the Commission received no complaints within the time specified above and if the Commission did not order a hearing upon its own initiative, it would enter an order awarding the certificate.

On June 5, 2014, the State Clearinghouse filed initial comments stating that additional information was required by the Department of Cultural Resources in order to complete its review.

On July 22, 2014, Carolina filed a certificate of service stating that the public notice and a copy of the application were provided to DNCP on May 28, 2014. Also on this date, Carolina filed an affidavit of publication from The Daily Reflector stating that the publication of notice was completed on June 24, 2014. No complaints have been received.

On September 3, 2014, the State Clearinghouse filed additional comments. The comments included a letter from the Department of Cultural Resources indicating that Carolina had provided it information and the Department had no comment on the project as proposed. 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 September 18, 2014, Carolina filed a verification page for the registration statement and a proposed site layout map.

On September 23, 2014, Carolina and Hardison Farm Solar, LLC (Applicant), filed in Docket Nos. SP-2363, Sub 8, and SP-4340, Sub 0, an amendment to the application and registration statement to provide that the Applicant, a wholly owned subsidiary of Carolina, would own the proposed facility and should receive the certificate of public convenience and necessity.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on October 13, 2014. The Public Staff recommended that the Commission approve the amended application, issue the requested certificate to Hardison Farm Solar, LLC, and accept the registration statement.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds good cause to approve the amended application and issue the attached certificate of public convenience and necessity 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 should 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 Hardison Farm 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 Hardison Farm Solar, LLC, for the 4.99-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located in Martin County at 19919 U.S. Highway 64, Williamston, North Carolina.

3. That the registration statement filed by Carolina, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Martin County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility shall be deemed to have been filed by Hardison Farm Solar, LLC, and shall be, and is hereby, accepted.

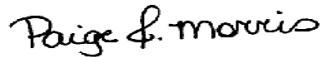
4. That Hardison Farm Solar, LLC, annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year.

5. That the Chief Clerk shall close Docket No. SP-2363, Sub 8.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of October, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk

Chairman Edward S. Finley, Jr., and Commissioners ToNola D. Brown-Bland and Don M. Bailey did not participate in this decision.

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DOCKET NO. SP-4340, SUB 0

Hardison Farm Solar, LLC
c/o Carolina Solar Energy II, LLC
400 West Main Street, Suite 503
Durham, North Carolina 27701

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

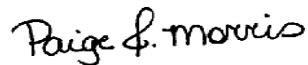
in Martin County at 19919 U.S. Highway 64, Williamston, North Carolina,

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 14th day of October, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk