

August 26, 2020

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Kim Campbell  
Chief Clerk  
North Carolina Utilities Commission  
430 North Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, NC 27603

**Re: Public Staff's request for extension of prefiled testimony deadlines in Docket Nos. EMP-111, Sub 0 and EMP-110, Sub 0**

Dear Ms. Campbell:

I write on behalf of Sumac Solar LLC, and Sweetleaf Solar LLC (collectively, "Applicants") regarding the Public Staff's request for extension of deadlines in the above-referenced proceedings, filed on August 25, 2020. The Public Staff requests that the Commission extend its deadlines to provide responsive supplemental prefiled testimony in these dockets until five business days following the conclusion of the DEC and DEP rate case hearings in Docket Nos. E-7, Sub 1214 and E-2, Sub 1219.

Applicants understand that Public Staff personnel are heavily engaged in the DEC and DEP rate cases, which are time-consuming and of great significance to the public, and do not object to a reasonable extension of procedural deadlines. However, the Applicants cannot agree to an indefinite extension of deadlines, especially in Docket No. EMP-111, Sub 0 (Sweetleaf Solar LLC), where an evidentiary hearing is scheduled for October 5.<sup>1</sup>

Applicants therefore propose the following extended schedules, which give the Public Staff additional time to prepare its testimony without unduly delaying these dockets or disrupting the October 5 evidentiary hearing in EMP-111 Sub 0.

EMP-110, Sub 0 (Sumac Solar LLC)

1. The Public Staff shall file its recommendation and supporting testimony on or before September 25, 2020 (extended from August 26, 2020);
2. The Applicant shall file rebuttal testimony, if any, on or before October 9, 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> No evidentiary hearing is currently scheduled in Docket No. EMP-110 Sub 0.

EMP-111, Sub 0 (Sweetleaf Solar LLC)

1. The Public Staff shall file its recommendation and supporting testimony on or before September 18, 2020 (extended from August 31, 2020);
2. The Applicant shall file rebuttal testimony, if any, on or before September 29, 2020;
3. The evidentiary hearing shall proceed as scheduled on October 5, 2020.

In the interest of giving the Commission adequate time to review the filings before the evidentiary hearing in Docket No. EMP-111 Sub 0, the proposed schedule reduces the amount of time Applicant has to provide rebuttal testimony (from 15 days under the current procedural order to 11). Given the scope and complexity of the issues raised in the Public Staff's August 24 filing in the Halifax County Solar CPCN proceeding (Docket No. EMP-107, Sub 0), which the Public Staff indicates will carry over into these dockets, Applicants respectfully request that the Commission (if it grants an extension) not reduce that period further.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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