

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-5245, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

BY THE COMMISSION: On February 27, 2015, Turner Smith Solar, 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 4.999-MW_{AC} solar generating facility to be located at 7648 NC Highway 61, Browns Summit, Guilford County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC).

Contemporaneously with the application, the Applicant 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) the Applicant will not remarket or otherwise resell any renewable energy certificates sold to an electric power supplier to comply with G.S. 62-133.8; and (4) the Applicant will 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 March 4, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On April 21, 2015, the State Clearinghouse filed comments. 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 clarifying that it has entered into a lease agreement for the site where the proposed facility is to be built.

On August 25, 2015, the Applicant filed a letter clarifying that the capacity of the proposed facility will be 4.99 MW_{AC}.

On July 14, 2016, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from the Greensboro News Record stating that the publication of notice was completed on July 1, 2016. No complaints have been received.

Also on July 14, 2016, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the Application and the related public notice were provided to DEC on June 10, 2016.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on September 6, 2016. 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.

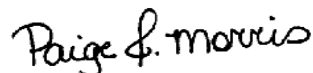
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application of Turner Smith 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 Turner Smith Solar, LLC, for the 4.99-MW_{AC} solar generating facility to be located at 7648 NC Highway 61, Browns Summit, Guilford County, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by Turner Smith Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Guilford County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
4. That Turner Smith 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 6th day of September, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Bryan E. Beatty did not participate in this decision.

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Turner Smith Solar, LLC
130 Roberts Street
Asheville, North Carolina 28801

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

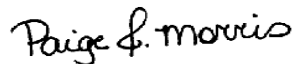
7648 NC Highway 61, Browns Summit,
Guilford County, North Carolina,

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 6th day of September, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



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