STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. SP-60377, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Westfield Solar, LLC, for a)	ORDER REQUIRING
Certificate of Public Convenience and)	PUBLICATION OF NOTICE AND
Necessity to Construct a 40 MW Solar Facility)	CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW
in Hoke County, North Carolina)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 19, 2024, Westfield Solar, LLC, (Applicant), filed an application in the above-captioned docket seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 40 MW solar generating facility (Facility) to be located in Hoke County, North Carolina. The GPS coordinates for the proposed Facility are 34°56'42.93" N and 79°14'32.06" W. The Applicant plans to enter a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) for the output of the facility.

On the basis of the application, the Commission concludes that the Applicant should be required: (1) to publish notice of the application in the manner required by N.C.G.S. § 62-82(a) and file an affidavit of publication with the Commission and; (2) to 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 the Applicant plans to sell and distribute the electricity and file a signed and verified certificate of service that the application and notice have been provided to the utility. The Chief Clerk of the Commission will deliver copies of the notice to the Clearinghouse Coordinator of the Office of Policy and Planning of the Department of Administration for distribution by the Coordinator to State agencies having an interest in the application.

If a complaint is received within ten days after the last date of the publication of the notice, the Commission will schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded, will give reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing to the Applicant and to each complaining party, and will require the Applicant to publish notice of the hearing in the newspaper in which the notice of the application was published. If no complaint is received within the time specified above, the Commission may, upon its own initiative, order and schedule a hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded. If the Commission orders a hearing upon its own initiative, it will require notice of the hearing to be published by the Applicant in the newspaper in which the notice of the application was published. If no complaint is received within the time specified and the Commission does not order a hearing upon its own initiative, the Commission will enter an order awarding the certificate.

The Commission cannot take any action until after the Applicant has filed both the affidavit of publication and the certificate of service. Pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64(c)(2), the Commission will automatically dismiss the application, without prejudice to refile, if the Applicant does not file the affidavit of publication and certificate of service within twelve months of the date of this Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That the Applicant shall publish the Public Notice, attached as Attachment A hereto, once each week for four successive weeks in the manner required by N.C.G.S. § 62-82(a) and shall file an affidavit of publication with the Commission;
- 2. That the Applicant shall 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 the Applicant plans to sell and distribute the electricity and file a signed and verified certificate of service that the application and notice have been provided to the utility;
- 3. That the Chief Clerk of the Utilities Commission will deliver copies of the notice to the Clearinghouse Coordinator of the Office of Policy and Planning of the Department of Administration for distribution by the Coordinator to State agencies having an interest in the application; and
- 4. That the Commission will proceed as it deems appropriate after the filing of the affidavit of publication and the certificate of service.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 25th day of April, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Taylor C. Berry, Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCKET NO. SP-60377, SUB 0

APPLICATION OF WESTFIELD SOLAR, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 19, 2024, Westfield Solar, LLC, (Applicant), filed an application in the above-captioned docket seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 40 MW solar generating facility to be located in Hoke County, North Carolina. The GPS coordinates for the proposed Facility are 34°56'42.93" N and 79°14'32.06" W. Applicant's site layout illustrating the footprint of the facility may change to some degree based on government land use requirements, interconnection requirements, or similar factors. Applicant plans to enter a Power Purchase Agreement to sell the output of the facility to North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation.

Details of the application may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 N. Salisbury Street, 5th Floor, Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 or 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 or on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.

If a complaint is received within ten days after the last date of the publication of this notice, the Commission will schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded, will give reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing to the Applicant and to each complaining party, and will require the Applicant to publish notice of the hearing in this newspaper. If no complaint is received within the time specified above and if the Commission does not order a hearing upon its own initiative, the Commission will enter an order awarding the certificate sought by the Applicant.

Persons desiring to lodge complaints may file statements to that effect with the Commission. Such statements should reference Docket No. SP-60377, Sub 0 and be addressed as follows: Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

Statements may also be directed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 or to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General of North Carolina, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

NOTE TO PRINTER: Advertising cost shall be paid by the Applicant. It is required that the Affidavit of Publication be filed with the Commission by the Applicant.