### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. E-100, SUB 90

#### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
NC GreenPower	) ORDER APPROVING REVISIONS
	) TO PROGRAM PLAN

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 30, 2022, NC GreenPower filed a request for flexibility to modify its programs and services consistent with its stated mission and objectives to adapt to the fast-changing needs of consumers without the need for further Commission approval.

NC GreenPower's mission statement provides that "NCGP's mission is to expand public knowledge and acceptance of cleaner energy technologies to all North Carolinians through local, community-based initiatives." Its objectives are to: "improve the quality of the environment, increase the amount of generation from renewables, mitigate greenhouse gases, maximize the amount of investment in renewable generation, maximize the number of participants, and provide renewable energy education to communities."

NC GreenPower's request indicates that the NC GreenPower Board unanimously approved this request to be filed with the Commission. Upon Commission approval, NC GreenPower intends to immediately begin engaging with interested parties to begin work on the programs and services discussed in its petition.

NC GreenPower requests to continue to offer its REC purchase program, Carbon Offset purchase program, Solar+ Schools program, and Investor and Crowdsource Funded Renewable Energy Pilot. In addition to offering these programs, NC GreenPower requests to operate within its stated mission and objectives by offering services and modifying programs to best fit NC GreenPower's needs. Potential services include: (1) larger solar installations for schools or community solar projects; (2) solar projects for affordable housing neighborhoods; (3) education and technical assistance for local governments, colleges and universities, and companies with sustainability goals; (4) energy efficiency services for schools; and (5) carbon assessments and verification. These programs and services are intended to help NC GreenPower to operate revenue-positive products to help offset losses from programs such as the Solar+ Schools program, where expenses often exceed revenues.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on May 23, 2022. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the request and recommends that the Commission approve NC GreenPower's request as filed.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission determines that NC GreenPower's request for flexibility to modify and expand its programs and services as permitted by North Carolina law and as needed to support its stated mission should be approved as filed.

### IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That NC GreenPower's request for flexibility to modify and expand its programs and services as permitted by North Carolina law and as needed to support its stated mission is hereby approved as filed, effective this date; and
- 2. That on or before December 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, NC GreenPower shall file a status report describing its ongoing and planned programs and services. The report should also describe and reference any performance targets, goals, and metrics that are being used to monitor the financial and mission impact of each of its specific programs and services.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 31st day of May, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

Chair Charlotte A. Mitchell did not participate in this decision. Commissioner Daniel G. Clodfelter concurs.

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# **Commissioner Daniel G. Clodfelter, concurring:**

I concur in the Commission's order. I write separately to express my view that it is now time for NC GreenPower to leave the nest and to fly on its own. The original purposes of NC GreenPower have long been fulfilled, and the organization has moved on to new ventures, programs, and services, all of them worthwhile. It is no longer in need of Commission tutelage, and I would vote to say "job well done" and then allow the organization to operate in the future independently of Commission direction, oversight, or approval of its actions.