

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. EMP-112, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Oak Solar, LLC for a)	
Certificate of Public Convenience and)	ORDER REQUIRING FILING OF
Necessity to Construct a 120 MW)	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Solar Facility in Northampton County,)	
North Carolina)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 15, 2020, Gaston Green Acres Solar, LLC, now known as Oak Solar, LLC (Oak Solar or Applicant) filed an application pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-63 for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to construct a 120 MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic (PV) electric merchant generating facility (Facility) in Northampton County, North Carolina (Application). Oak Solar noted that the Facility is part of PJM Interconnection Cluster AB1 (AB1 Cluster).

On November 19, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Issuing Certificate for Merchant Generating Facility granting Oak Solar a CPCN to construct the Facility (CPCN Order). Commission Rule R8-63(f) requires Oak Solar to file Annual Progress Reports on the construction of the Facility, and the CPCN Order requires Oak Solar to file any revisions to cost estimates for the construction of the Facility and any network upgrades within 30 days of becoming aware of the revisions (Annual Progress Reports).

On March 31, 2023, Oak Solar filed an Annual Progress Report as required by Commission Rule R8-63(f). Oak Solar stated in the report that, at that time, the estimated cost of construction for the Oak Solar Facility was \$201 million with an expected commercial operation date of December 2024. Oak Solar stated that the network upgrades to support the Facility were substantially complete, with network upgrades at Dominion Energy North Carolina's Thelma substation estimated to cost \$1,476,350 in order to add two 230 kV breakers and convert the substation into a ring bus. The report further stated that the attachment facility scope was at that time estimated to cost \$2,082,967.

To aid the Commission's oversight of these projects and their impacts on North Carolina ratepayers, all Annual Progress Reports must include affirmative and specific statements of costs. The Commission directs Oak Solar, in its forthcoming Annual Progress Report to itemize the construction costs to show: (1) the cost of the generating plant; (2) the cost of the interconnection facilities; (3) the cost of network upgrades; and (4) the cost of affected system upgrades.

Oak Solar is also directed to provide an updated LCOT calculation assuming that the Facility is responsible for all affected system costs necessitated by the facilities in its cluster, regardless of whether any of those costs presently are assigned or allocated to the Facility or to any other facility in the cluster, or whether any facility has a signed ASOA, and using the expected annual generator output in MWh of only the Facility.

The Commission further directs Oak Solar to update the Commission on the date on which the Facility was placed into service or is anticipated to be placed in service. To the extent the Facility is not yet in service and additional Annual Progress Reports must be filed, the reports should follow the directives set forth in this Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Oak Solar shall file its Annual Progress Report, in conformity with the directives set forth in this Order, on or before Monday, May 6, 2024.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 4th day of April, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk