

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Requests for Waivers by WBJE Solar LLC,)	ORDER GRANTING
Pridgen Solar Group LLC, Double R Solar)	FINAL EXTENSION OF TIME
LLC, Southside Solar LLC, GTOPI Merritt)	
LLC and 4-Lane Solar LLC)	

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On September 8, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Granting Third Extension of Time, Denying Consolidation of Dockets and Requiring Status Reports (Third Extension Order) in the above-captioned dockets. The Third Extension Order, among other things, extended the date for WBJE Solar LLC, Pridgen Solar Group LLC, Double R Solar LLC, Southside Solar LLC, GTOPI Merritt LLC, and 4-Lane Solar LLC (collectively, Applicants) to file their affidavits of publication and certificates of service for sixteen months, from September 11, 2016, to January 3, 2018. In addition, the Third Extension Order required the Applicants to file status reports on or before March 13, 2017, and September 11, 2017, updating the Commission on the date(s) that the Applicants expect Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) to approve the interconnection of each of the Applicants' projects to DEP's system, and the date(s) that the Applicants anticipate that they will begin publishing the Public Notice for each project.

The Applicants did not file the status reports required by the Third Extension Order.

Merritt Energy Park, Inc. is the development agent for the Applicants' facilities. The applications were all filed in mid-2014 and have proceeded in the same manner and time frame. The Commission issued Orders Requiring Publication of Notice for each of the Applicants' facilities, except GTOPI Merritt LLC, in September 2014. The Order Requiring Publication of Notice by GTOPI Merritt LLC was issued on July 7, 2015.

Commission Rule R8-64(c)(2) provides that the Commission will automatically dismiss an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, 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 the Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On December 28, 2017, the Applicants filed a request for a fourth extension of time, from January 3, 2018, to July 3, 2018, for the Applicants to file their affidavits of publication and certificates of service. In support of their request, the Applicants state that they have continued to actively pursue development and completion of their facilities, but that their projects have been met with market reluctance. Applicants offer no explanation as to why they did not file the status reports required by the Commission's Third Extension Order.

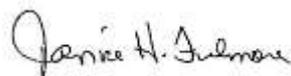
Based on the foregoing and the record, the Chairman is not persuaded that there is good cause to grant the Applicants' request for a fourth extension of time, this one for six more months. However, in order to provide the Applicants with sufficient time to publish the required Public Notice and file their affidavits of publication, the Chairman finds good cause to grant the Applicants a final three-month extension of time.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Applicants shall be, and are hereby, granted an extension of time to and including April 3, 2018, to file affidavits of publication and certificates of service pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64(c)(2).

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 3rd day of January, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk