

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-2363, SUB 15
DOCKET NO. SP-4345, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 16, 2014, Carolina Solar Energy II, LLC (Applicant) filed a registration statement for a new renewable energy facility with the facility name of ABD Farm to be located in Randolph County at 3224 US 64, Asheboro, North Carolina.

On June 23, 2014, CSE II, LLC, filed an application in Docket No. SP-3845, Sub 1 seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 4.99-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at the same address in Randolph County. In the application, CSE II, LLC stated that it plans to sell the electricity to Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP).

On July 10, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice, which required the Applicant to (1) publish notice of the application as required by G.S. 62-82(a) and file an affidavit of publication with the Commission, (2) 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 planned to sell and distribute the electricity, and (3) file a certificate of service of such mailing to the utility. The Order also specified that if a complaint was received within 10 days after the last date of the publication of the notice, the Commission would schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded. The Order further specified that if the Commission received no complaints within the time specified above and if the Commission did not order a hearing upon its own initiative, it would enter an order awarding the certificate.

On July 16, 2014, the Applicant notified the Commission that the correct name of the Applicant is Carolina Solar Energy II, LLC.

On July 18, 2014, on the basis of the application, as amended on July 16, 2014, the Commission issued an Amended Order Requiring Publication of Notice and transferring the application to Docket No. SP-2363, Sub 15. The original requirements imposed by the July 10, 2014 Order Requiring Publication of Notice were also included in this July 18, 2014 Order.

On July 30, 2014, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that the public notice and a copy of the application were provided to DEP on July 28, 2014.

On August 21, 2014, 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 September 3, 2014, Applicant filed an affidavit of publication stating that the publication of notice was completed on August 19, 2014. No complaints have been received.

On September 23, 2014, the Applicant filed an amendment to its application for a certificate, requesting that the application and registration statement be amended to reflect that the new name and owner of the facility is ABD Farm Solar, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Applicant.

On October 8, 2014, the Applicant filed an amended registration statement for a new renewable energy facility for the 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 would 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 would 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.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on October 20, 2014. The Public Staff recommended that the Commission approve the application, issue the requested certificate, and accept the registration statement.

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 is 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 ABD Farm 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 ABD Farm Solar, LLC, for the 4.99-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located in Randolph County at 3224 US 64, Asheboro, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by ABD Farm Solar, LLC for the solar photovoltaic facility located in Randolph County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
4. That ABD Farm Solar, LLC, shall annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year.
5. That the Chief Clerk shall close Docket No. SP-2363, Sub 15.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ____ day of October, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

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APPENDIX A

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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ABD Farm Solar, LLC
400 West Main Street, Suite 503
Durham, North Carolina 27701

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

in Randolph County at 3224 US 64, Asheboro, 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 _____ day of October, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk