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Ms. Kim Campbell Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 430 North Salisbury Street Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Re: Docket No. EMP-111, Sub 0

In the Matter of Application of Sweetleaf Solar LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 94-MW Solar Facility in Halifax County, North Carolina

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Please see the attached Affidavit of Publication certifying that, in compliance with the *Order Requiring Filing Of Testimony, Establishing Procedural Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice* issued on July 8, 2020, notice of the application in this docket was published in The Daily Herald, a newspaper published daily at Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. Notice was published on the following dates:

Thursday, July 16, 2020 Thursday, July 23, 2020 Thursday, July 30, 2020 Thursday, August 6, 2020

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Benjamin L. Snowden

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Attachment

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Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA } COUNTY OF HALIFAX }

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Melanie Kidd, being duly sworn, says:

That she is Customer Service Rep of the The Daily Herald, a Daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Roanoke Rapids, Halifax County, North Carolina: that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

July 16, 2020 July 23, 2020 July 30, 2020 August 06, 2020

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That said newspaper was regularly issued and circular on those dates

on those dates. SIGNED:

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 6th day of August

My Commission Expires April 29, 2023

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JUERGEN FEHR **GEENEX SOLAR** 1910 ABBOTT STREET SUITE 200 CHARLOTTE, NC 28203 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **UTILITIES COMMISSION** RALEIGH DOCKET NO. EMP-111, SUB 0 BEFORE THE NORTH **CAROLINA UTILITIES** COMMISSION

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing to be held online via WebEx on Monday, August 24, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public witness testimony regarding the application of Sweetleaf Solar LLC for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to construct a 94-MW solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating facility to be located in Halifax County, North Carolina, and operated as a merchant generating facility. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. Members of the public that would like to testify must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff at 866-380-9816.

In support of its application, the Applicant filed the direct testimony of Kara Price and Donna Robichaud, as well as several exhibits. In summary, construction of the facility is anticipated to begin on or about the second quarter 2021, with the expected of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of land to of the proposed facility is on seven parcels of the p commercial operation date being as early as the fourth quarter of 2022. The location located generally east and west of Justice Branch Road, between Delmar Road and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, affording it access to the PJM regional transmission organization, and the Applicant is negotiating a contract for the sale of the output of the facility with an out-of-state corporate buyer. The expected service life of the facility is 20 or more years.

On June 15, 2020, the Public Staff filed a Notice of Completeness stating that the Public Staff has reviewed the application as required by Commission Rule R8-63(d) and that the Public Staff considers the application to be complete.

Specific information about the application for a CPCN may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of the application, exhibits and supporting testimony are available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4326.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

Written statements are not evidence unless persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Tuesday, August 10, 2020. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be

presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, August 10, 2020.

The Commission may cancel the public witness hearing if no substantial written complaints regarding the proposed facility are received by the Commission's Chief Clerk on or before ten days following the last day of the publication of notice.

July 16, 23, 30 August 6, 2020