## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. SP-5229, SUB 0

#### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Meadowlark Solar, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 4.998-MW Solar Facility in Harnett County, North Carolina

) ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
) AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION
) OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY
) FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On February 25, 2015, Meadowlark Solar, LLC (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 4.998-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located on the west side of Meadowlark Road, northwest of the fork intersection with Fairground Road in Dunn, Harnett County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP).

Contemporaneously with the application, Meadowlark Solar, LLC filed a registration statement for a renewable energy facility. The registration statement included the certified attestations required by Commission Rule R8-66(b).

On March 3, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On March 4, 2015, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that the public notice and a copy of the application were provided to DEP on March 4, 2015.

On March 5, 2015, the Applicant filed an amendment to its application updating its name, business address, telephone number, electronic mailing address, and corporate agent.

On April 7, 2015, 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 April 13, 2015, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The Harnett Dispatch (Coats, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on March 27, 2015. No complaints have been received.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on May 18, 2015. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the application and determined it to be in compliance with the requirements of G.S. 62-110.1(a) and Commission Rule R8-64. The Public Staff further stated that the registration statement contains the certified attestations required by Commission Rule R8-66(b). Therefore, the Public Staff recommended approval of the certificate and registration for the facility.

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 will be required to participate in the NC-RETS REC tracking system (<u>http://www.ncrets.org</u>) in order to facilitate the issuance of RECs.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application of Meadowlark 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 Meadowlark Solar, LLC, for the 4.998-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on the west side of Meadowlark Road, northwest of the fork intersection with Fairground Road in Dunn, Harnett County, North Carolina.

3. That the registration statement filed by Meadowlark Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Harnett County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.

4. That Meadowlark Solar, LLC, shall annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the <u>19<sup>th</sup></u> day of May, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Hail L. Mount

Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

# **APPENDIX A**

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

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Meadowlark Solar, LLC 4651 Salisbury Road, Suite 400 Jacksonville, Florida 32256

is hereby issued this

### CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY PURSUANT TO G.S. 62-110.1

for a 4.998-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located at

on the west side of Meadowlark Road, northwest of the fork intersection with Fairground Road in Dunn, Harnett County, 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 <u>19<sup>th</sup> day of May</u>, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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