

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. EMP-119, SUB 1

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Macadamia Solar LLC for a)
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and) ORDER SCHEDULING PUBLIC
Public Convenience and Necessity Pursuant to) HEARING, REQUIRING PUBLIC
N.C.G.S. §§62-100 *et. seq.* to Construct a) NOTICE AND REQUIRING
Transmission Line for a Facility in Washington) CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW
County, North Carolina)

BY THE CHAIR: On September 13, 2021, Macadamia Solar LLC (Macadamia) filed an application in the above-captioned docket to obtain a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity (CPCN), to construct approximately six and one half miles of 230-kV transmission line in Washington County, North Carolina, to interconnect a proposed solar energy facility with a planned capacity of up to 484 MW_{AC}. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for construction of the solar energy facility was filed on August 30, 2021, in Docket No. EMP-119, Sub 0.

In summary, Macadamia's application describes the details of the transmission line and the benefits to be provided by the line. Further, the application is supported by prefiled testimony and describes in detail the preferred route for the transmission line. Finally, as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-102(c), the application includes a proposed Public Notice that provides a summary of the application.

The Chair is of the opinion that good cause exists to schedule a public witness hearing to consider Macadamia's CPCN application. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-104(b), the Commission may cancel the public witness hearing if no significant protests are filed with the Commission. The Chair further concludes that Macadamia should be required to publish the Public Notice attached hereto as Appendix A in the manner required by N.C.G.S. § 62-102(c), and to file an affidavit of publication with the Commission. Finally, the Commission will send the application to the State Clearinghouse for distribution to agencies having an interest in the application.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That a public witness hearing shall be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., to be held remotely via Webex, for the purpose of receiving public witness testimony regarding Macadamia's CPCN application. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. ***However, the public witness hearing may be canceled if no significant protests are filed with the Commission subsequent to the publication of Public Notice;***

2. Members of the public who would like to testify must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, by calling 919-604-9866 or sending an email to ncucpublichearing@ncuc.net. When registering, provide your name, docket number (EMP-119, Sub 1), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony. Only individuals registered by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, will be allowed to testify at the public witness hearing.

3. That any person having an interest in this proceeding may file a petition to intervene stating such interest and may file expert witness testimony on or before Thursday, October 28, 2021;

4. That the Chief Clerk of the Commission shall deliver two copies of the application and the Public Notice attached hereto as Appendix A to the Clearinghouse Coordinator of the Office of Policy and Planning of the Department of Administration for distribution by the Coordinator to State agencies having an interest in the application;

5. That Macadamia shall publish the Public Notice attached hereto as Appendix A in the manner required by N.C.G.S. § 62-102 and Commission Rule R8-62(g) in newspapers having general circulation in Washington County; and

6. That Macadamia shall file affidavits of publication on or before the date of the public witness hearing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 15th day of September, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Lindsey A. Worley, Acting Deputy Clerk

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In the Matter of)
Application of Macadamia Solar LLC for a)
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility) PUBLIC NOTICE
and Public Convenience and Necessity)
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §§ 62-100 *et. seq.* to)
Construct a Transmission Line for a)
Proposed Generating Facility in Washington)
County, North Carolina)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 13, 2021, Macadamia Solar LLC (Macadamia) filed with the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) an application to obtain a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity (CPCN), to construct approximately six and one half miles of 230-kV transmission line in Washington County, North Carolina, to interconnect a proposed solar energy facility with a planned capacity of up to 484 MW_{AC}. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for construction of the solar energy facility was filed on August 30, 2021, in Docket No, EMP-119, Sub 0.

The CPCN application states that the proposed transmission corridor will be sited on private land over which Macadamia and the landowners have executed site control agreements or for which Macadamia will through good faith negotiations acquire the real estate interests for the purpose of the transmission line. The transmission line will originate at the proposed solar energy collector substation located approximately 0.25 miles northeast of the intersection of Highway 32 and Highway 45 and run approximately six and a half miles northwest, crossing Highway 32 and 64, to interconnect to the western side of the existing Trowbridge Substation owned by Dominion Energy North Carolina. The Trowbridge Substation is located approximately 1 mile southwest of Plymouth.

Anyone wishing to view Macadamia's CPCN application and the detailed maps concerning this project may do so on the Commission's website, www.ncuc.net (Search for Docket No. EMP-119, Sub 1). You may also review these materials at the following Macadamia location: 1930 Abbott Street, Suite 402, Charlotte, North Carolina 28203, (980) 237-7926; or may contact Jim Harris at (984) 272-3080 to arrange to review the application in Washington County.

The Commission has scheduled the application for a public witness hearing on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., to be held remotely, via Webex. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net.

This hearing may be canceled if no significant protests are received subsequent to the publication of this Public Notice.

Members of the public who would like to testify must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, by calling 919-604-9866 or sending an email to ncucpublichearing@ncuc.net. When registering, provide your name, docket number (EMP-119, Sub 1), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, will be allowed to testify at the public witness hearing.

Persons desiring to intervene as formal parties of record should file a verified petition under Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19, and may file expert witness testimony, on or before Thursday, October 28, 2021. The petition and any testimony in support thereof should be filed with the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

Persons desiring to send written statements to inform the Commission of their position in the matter should address their statements to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300, and should reference Docket No. EMP-119, Sub 1. Such written statements will be included in the Commission's official files. If the public hearing is not canceled, however, such written statements cannot be considered competent evidence unless those persons appear at the hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

The Public Staff – North Carolina Utilities Commission is required by statute to represent the using and consuming public in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Executive Director should be addressed to Mr. Chris Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff-North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

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

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 15th day of September, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lindsey A. Worley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L' and 'W'.

Lindsey A. Worley, Acting Deputy Clerk

NOTE TO PRINTER: Advertising cost shall be paid by the Applicant. It is required that the Affidavit of Publication be filed with the Commission by the Applicant.