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Ms. Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

Re: Docket No. RET-33, Sub 5

Appalachian State University – Application to Register a New Renewable Energy Facility 6,800 Btu/hr Unmetered Solar Thermal Facility at 608 Water Tank Rd., Fleetwood, NC

Dear Ms. Mount:

The Public Staff – Electric Division has completed its review of the Registration Statement for a New Renewable Energy Facility filed by Appalachian State University on May 30, 2012, in the above-referenced docket pursuant to Commission Rule R8-66. The Public Staff has also reviewed the additional information filed on March 25, 2013. As a result of our review, we recommend that the Registration Statement be considered complete and that the facility be considered a new renewable energy facility.

I certify that a copy of this letter has been served on the individuals or businesses shown below, by depositing a copy in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, properly addressed. If necessary, please contact me at (919) 733-1518 or at Jay.Lucas@psncuc.nc.gov.

If the applicant has any questions regarding the Commission's review of the application or the order on acceptance of the Registration Statement, he or she should contact Mr. Kevin Hodge of the Commission Staff at (919) 733-0853 or KHodge@ncuc.net.

Regards,

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