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Ms. A. Shonta Dunston Chief Clerk N.C. Utilities Commission 430 N. Salisbury Street Room 5063 Raleigh, NC 27603-5919

Re: In the Matter of Application of American Beech Solar LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 110-MW Solar Facility in Halifax County, North Carolina, NCUC Docket No. EMP-108, Sub 0 Additional Comments regarding Supplemental LCOT Calculations

Dear Ms. Dunston:

On behalf of applicant American Beech Solar LLC ("American Beech"), attached please find a confidential exhibit providing supplemental calculations of the Levelized Cost of Transmission ("LCOT") for certain upgrades associated with the American Beech solar project, as required in the Commission's July 29, 2022, Order Granting Motion to Cancel Expert Witness Hearing and Requiring Filing of Additional Evidence ("Order"). The Applicant has shared its draft calculations with the Public Staff, which does not take issue with American Beech's methodology or the results of the calculations.

In compliance with the Order, American Beech has performed the following LCOT calculations:

- A. Costs for Affected System Upgrades on the Duke Energy Progress (DEP) system under the following scenarios:
 - (1) American Beech is the only party in the AC1/AC2 PJM clusters funding the Affected Systems Costs;
 - (2) American Beech and Edgecombe Solar LLC both participate in funding the DEP Affected Systems Costs; and

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- (3) American Beech and all projects in the AC1/AC2 clusters that show in their interconnection studies that they require the DEP Affected System Upgrades prior to commencing operation participate in funding the DEP Affected System Costs.
- B. Upgrade costs assigned to the Facility by PJM Interconnection LLC in its Interconnection Construction Service Agreement, based on the capacity of the American Beech project (140 MW).
- C. Upgrade costs and Attachment Facilities costs assigned to the Facility by PJM Interconnection LLC in its Interconnection Construction Service Agreement, based on the capacity of the American Beech project (140 MW).

As further detailed in <u>Confidential Attachment A</u>, the results of these calculations are as follows:

| | | | Total | LCOT |
|----------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Scenario | Upgrades | Projects | MW | (\$/MWh) |
| A.1 | DEP Affected System Upgrades | American Beech | 140 | 6.28 |
| A.2 | DEP Affected System Upgrades | American Beech, Edgecombe | 215 | 4.09 |
| | | American Beech, Edgecombe, | | |
| A.3 | DEP Affected System Upgrades | Halifax County, SunEnergy1 | 555 | 1.58 |
| В | PJM Upgrades (ICSA) | American Beech | 140 | 1.34 |
| | PJM Upgrades & Attachment | | | |
| С | Facilities (ICSA) | American Beech | 140 | 1.46 |

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

|s| Benjamin L. Snowden

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