



**NORTH CAROLINA
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UTILITIES COMMISSION**

July 2, 2021

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Interim Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. EMP-109, Sub 0 – Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 20-MW Solar Facility in Camden County, North Carolina

Dear Ms. Dunston:

On September 14, 2020, the Commission issued a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to Camden Solar LLC (Applicant) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-63.

On June 11, 2021, BayWa r.e. Solar Projects, LLC (BayWa), filed an amended site plan on behalf of the Applicant, along with a letter explaining the reasons for the revisions to the site plan. In the letter, BayWa states that the access road depicted on the original site plan filed with the CPCN application has been partially re-routed to avoid crossing a FEMA-designated floodplain and a jurisdictional waterway. BayWa further states that there has been a reduction in the number of inverters required for the facility, which has resulted in small shifts in the layout of the photovoltaic modules near the inverters. BayWa states that both the rerouted access road and the relocated photovoltaic modules are within the “Maximum Potential Area of Development” as designated on the original site plan.

BayWa requests that “the Commission approve an amendment to the project site plan” without requiring additional public notice or further State Clearinghouse review because the revisions to the site plan “fall entirely within the areas depicted as subject to development on [the] project’s Application.”

Based on its review of BayWa’s June 11, 2021 filing, and on N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-63, the Public Staff respectfully recommends that

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the Commission consider BayWa's June 11, 2021 filing an information filing, and that the Commission not require any further action as a result of the filing, including additional public notice or further review by the State Clearinghouse. In addition, the Public Staff does not believe it is necessary for the Commission to issue an amended certificate.

Sincerely,

Electronically submitted
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