STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. SP-5092, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

BY THE COMMISSION: On February 25, 2015, Flowers 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_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located on the east side of Baileys Crossroads Road, south of the intersection with Chic Ennis Road and north of the intersection with Hilda Drive near Benson, in Harnett County, North Carolina. The application stated the Applicant planned to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP).

On March 2, 2015, Flowers 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 11, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On March 12, 2015, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that the public notice and a copy of the application were provided to Duke Energy Progress on March 12, 2015.

On April 17, 2015, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The Daily Record (Dunn, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on April 3, 2015. No complaints have been received.

On April 22, 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.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on May 4, 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 (http://www.ncrets.org) in order to facilitate the issuance of RECs.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That the application of Flowers 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 Flowers Solar, LLC, for the 4.998-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on the east side of Baileys Crossroads Road, south of the intersection with Chic Ennis Road and north of the intersection with Hilda Drive near Benson, in Harnett County, North Carolina.
- 3. That the registration statement filed by Flowers 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 Flowers 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 $\underline{5}^{th}$ day of May, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Hail L. Mount

Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

Chairman Edward S. Finley, Jr., and Commissioners Susan W. Rabon and James G. Patterson did not participate in this decision.

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Flowers Solar, LLC 3250 Ocean Park Boulevard, Suite 355 Santa Monica, California 90405

is hereby issued this

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

for a 4.998-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located at

the east side of Baileys Crossroads Road, south of the intersection with Chic Ennis Road and north of the intersection with Hilda Drive, near Benson, in 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 5th day of May, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

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