## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

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## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Application of Pecan Solar, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 74.9-MW Solar Array in Northampton County, North Carolina	) ) ) ) ORDER TRANSFERING ) CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC ) CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
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In the Matter of Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina, and Pecan Solar, LLC, to Transfer the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 74.9-MW Solar Array in Northampton County, North Carolina	) ) ) ) )

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 13, 2017, in Docket No. SP-5273, Sub 0, the Commission issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to Pecan Solar, LLC (Pecan Solar), for the construction of a 74.9 MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility (Pecan Facility) in Northampton County, North Carolina.

On October 11, 2017, Pecan Solar and Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC) (collectively, Applicants), filed a verified joint notice and request for approval of the transfer of the CPCN for the Pecan Facility to DENC based on an Asset Purchase Agreement (APA) executed by Applicants.

On December 8, 2017, the Commission issued an order approving the transfer of the CPCN for the Pecan Facility from Pecan Solar to DENC, subject to certain conditions specified in the order. In addition, the Commission issued a CPCN for the Pecan Facility to DENC. On February 2, 2018, at the request of Applicants, the Commission issued an amended order cancelling the CPCN issued to DENC, reinstating the CPCN issued to Pecan Solar, and directing Applicants to notify the Commission when the APA was final and the CPCN was to be transferred to DENC.

On October 12, 2018, DENC filed a verified Notice and Motion informing the Commission that the APA was finalized on October 12, 2018, and requesting that the

CPCN for the Pecan Facility be transferred to DENC effective that date. In addition, DENC noted that one of the conditions of the CPCN for the Pecan Facility was that Pecan Solar would construct and operate the facility consistent with the findings of the archeologist's report filed in Docket No. SP-5273, Sub 0 on February 27, 2017. DENC stated that the archeologist's report recommended that a historically significant cemetery located within the boundaries of the original Pecan Facility site be marked and avoided during any land alteration and construction, and that information regarding how to access the cemetery be provided to descendants or others who wished to visit. DENC further stated that Pecan Solar subsequently amended its lease for the parcel on which the cemetery is located such that the cemetery is no longer located on Pecan Solar's leasehold, and, therefore, the Pecan Facility site no longer includes the cemetery. As a result, descendants or others who wish to visit the cemetery need not contact DENC for access to the cemetery, and that condition of the CPCN no longer applies. DENC stated that it will continue to comply with the other conditions and requirements associated with the Pecan Facility.

Based on the foregoing and the record, the Commission finds good cause to transfer the CPCN for the Pecan Facility from Pecan Solar to DENC effective October 12, 2018, with the condition regarding the cemetery removed from the CPCN. Further, the Commission finds good cause to cancel the CPCN issued to Pecan Solar, and to close Docket No. SP-5273, Sub 0.

## IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

- 1. That the transfer of the CPCN for the Pecan Facility from Pecan Solar to DENC shall be, and is hereby, approved.
- 2. That the CPCN for the Pecan Facility is hereby transferred to DENC effective October 12, 2018, and the CPCN shall not include the previous condition regarding the cemetery that is no longer a part of the project site.
- 3. That Appendix A shall constitute the CPCN issued to DENC for the Pecan Facility.
  - 4. That the CPCN issued to Pecan Solar shall be, and is hereby, cancelled.
  - 5. That the Chief Clerk shall close Docket No. SP-5273, Sub 0.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 18th day of October, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Virginia Electric and Power Company d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina 120 Tredegar Street, RS-2 Richmond, Virginia 23219

is hereby issued this

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY PURSUANT TO N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1

for a 74.9 MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic generating facility

to be located at

289 Bethel Church Road, Pleasant Hill, Seaboard, Northampton 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.

The effective date of this certificate shall be October 12, 2018.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION,

This the 18th day of October, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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