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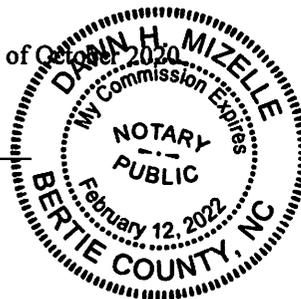
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This the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

*Judy H. Farmer*  
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(Signature of representative making affidavit)

Sworn to and subscribed before to me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020

*Dawn H. Mizelle*  
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(Notary Public)



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# Sgt. Jeff Barnes retires from NCSO

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The Northampton County Sheriff's Office congratulates Sgt. Jeff Barnes on his recent retirement from law enforcement. Barnes, who worked for 10 years with the Northampton Sheriff's Office, retired effective Oct. 1. "We would like to thank him for his service and dedication to our citizens and the Sheriff's Office throughout his career," stated Northampton Sheriff Jack Smith, who is shown at left presenting Barnes (right) with his retirement plaque while Chief Deputy Daryl Harmon looks on.

# NCDHHS to provide extra help buying food for more than 600,000 children

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services announced it will provide additional benefits through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program to help families purchase food for children whose access to free and reduced-priced meals at school has been impacted by remote learning this fall due to COVID-19. The program provides a benefit on an EBT card that can be used to buy food at authorized retailers, including most major grocery stores.

"This program will provide extra help buying groceries for children who would normally have access to free and reduced lunch at school but are now doing remote learning at home," said NCDHHS Secretary K. Mandy Cohen, M.D.

In the P-EBT program this fall, children are eligible if they had

access to free or reduced-priced meals at school last year; their school district or charter school is eligible to provide free or reduced-priced meals at school this year; and their school district or charter school utilized remote learning for all students for at least five consecutive school days between Aug. 17 and Sept. 30.

This is different than the eligibility criteria for P-EBT benefits in the spring, which was available to all children who normally access free or reduced-priced meals, regardless of school circumstance. The new eligibility criteria are based on requirements from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Families do not need to apply for P-EBT. Eligible families already receiving Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) benefits will receive an additional benefit on their ex-

isting EBT card. Families who received P-EBT in the spring and are eligible under the new criteria will receive additional benefit on their original P-EBT card. Eligible families who do not have an FNS or P-EBT card will be mailed a card. Families being mailed a new card will receive the card within the next two to three weeks.

If someone has lost or destroyed their original P-EBT card, they can order a new card at [www.webt-edge.com](http://www.webt-edge.com), on the EBT Edge mobile app or by contacting the North Carolina EBT Call Center at 1-866-719-0141.

P-EBT benefits are entirely federally funded. Earlier this year, North Carolina was the fourth state to receive federal approval to provide P-EBT benefits. More information about the P-EBT program can be found at [www.ncdhhs.gov/PEBT](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/PEBT).



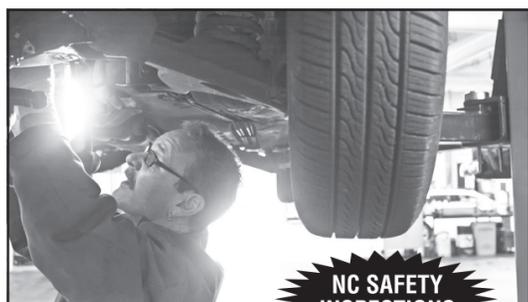
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## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. EMP-112, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Gaston Green Acres Solar, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 300-MW Solar Facility in Northampton County, North Carolina ) PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing to be held online via Webex on Thursday, November 5, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public witness testimony regarding the application of Gaston Green Acres Solar, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to construct a 300-MW<sub>ac</sub> solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating facility to be located in Northampton County, North Carolina, and to be operated as a merchant generating facility. A link to view the hearing will be available at [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net). Members of the public that would like to testify must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2020, by contacting the Public Staff by calling 866-380-9816.

In support of its application, the Applicant filed the direct testimony of Linda Nwadike, as well as several exhibits. In summary, construction of the 300-MW solar PV facility is anticipated to begin on or about the second quarter of 2022, with the expected commercial operation date being as early as the fourth quarter of 2022. The location of the proposed facility is 207 Summit Trail, 922 Oak Grove Church Road, 131 Oak Grove Church Road, 1315 Oak Grove Church Road, 172 Oak Grove Church Road, 105 Crossvine Lane, and 610 Cherry Tree Road, in the Town of Gaston, North Carolina. The facility will interconnect with the electric transmission system owned by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC), affording it access to the PJM regional transmission organization, and the Applicant is negotiating a long-term power purchase agreement with a load-serving entity. The expected service life of the facility is 50 years.

On July 29, 2020, the Public Staff filed a Notice of Completeness stating that the Public Staff has reviewed the application as required by Commission Rule R8-63(d) and that the Public Staff considers the application to be complete.

Additional information about the application is available for review by the public on the Commission's website and online docket system at [www.ncuc.net](http://www.ncuc.net).

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4326.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to [utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov](mailto:utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov).

Written statements will be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision but do not receive the same consideration as testimony provided by public witnesses at a hearing.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Monday, November 2, 2020. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, November 2, 2020.

The Commission may cancel the public witness hearing if no substantial written complaints regarding the proposed facility are received by the Commission's Chief Clerk on or before Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 28th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

*Janice H. Fulmore*

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk

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