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## **COMMISSION STAFF**

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# **PUBLIC STAFF AGENDA**

# ELECTRIC

### Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

 <u>Docket No. SP-3957, Sub 0</u> – Application of Old Pageland-Monroe Road Solar Farm, LLC, for an amended certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 5-MW solar photovoltaic facility in Union County, North Carolina

### Duke Energy Progress, LLC

- Docket No. SP-3675, Sub 0 Application of Highwater Solar I, LLC, for an amended certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 5-MW solar photovoltaic facility in Wayne County, North Carolina
- <u>Docket No. SP-3895, Sub 0</u> Application of Innovative Solar 63, LLC, for an amended certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 4.995-MW solar photovoltaic facility in Greene County, North Carolina

The Public Staff recommends approval of the following agenda items as described below and reflected in proposed orders provided to the Commission Staff.

DOCKET NO. SP-3957, SUB 0

#### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Old Pageland-Monroe Road Solar Farm, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 5-MW Solar Facility in Union County, North Carolina

) ORDER ISSUING AMENDED ) CERTIFICATE

BY THE COMMISSION: On December 2, 2014, the Commission issued an order granting Old Pageland-Monroe Road Solar Farm, LLC (Applicant), a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 for construction of a 5-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic generating facility to be located at 919 and 1023 Old Pageland Monroe Road, Monroe, Union County, North Carolina.

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On August 20, 2021, the Applicant filed an amended site plan with a new configuration of the facility.

On September 10, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Further Review by the State Clearinghouse.

On October 18, 2021, 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 March 21, 2022. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the amendment and determined it to be in compliance with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1(a) and Commission Rule R8-64. Therefore, the Public Staff recommended that the Commission issue an amended CPCN to the Applicant.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds good cause to approve the application and issue the attached amended certificate for the solar photovoltaic generating facility.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application of Old Pageland-Monroe Road Solar Farm, LLC, for an amended 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 Old Pageland-Monroe Road Solar Farm, LLC, for the 5-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic generating facility to be located at 919 and 1023 Old Pageland Monroe Road, Monroe, Union County, North Carolina.

3. That the amended certificate of public convenience and necessity shall expire five years following the date of the issuance of the original or renewal Order if construction has not begun, unless it is revoked pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64(d)(1).

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2022.

### NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

#### APPENDIX A

#### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. SP-3957, Sub 0

Old Pageland-Monroe Road Solar Farm, LLC 3250 Ocean Park Boulevard, Suite 355 Santa Monica, California 90405

is hereby issued this

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

for a 5-MWAC solar photovoltaic generating facility

located

at 919 and 1023 Old Pageland Monroe Road, Monroe, Union 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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DOCKET NO. SP-3675, SUB 0

#### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Highwater Solar I, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 5-MW Solar Facility in Wayne County, North Carolina

ORDER ISSUING AMENDED CERTIFICATE

BY THE COMMISSION: On September 9, 2014, the Commission issued an order granting Highwater Solar I, LLC (Applicant), a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 for construction of a 5-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic generating facility to be located on Belfast Road in Stoney Creek, Wayne County, North Carolina.

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On August 20, 2021, the Applicant filed an amended site plan with a new configuration of the facility.

On September 16, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Further Review by the State Clearinghouse.

On October 21, 2021, 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 March 21, 2022. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the amendment and determined it to be in compliance with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1(a) and Commission Rule R8-64. Therefore, the Public Staff recommended that the Commission issue an amended CPCN to the Applicant.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds good cause to approve the application and issue the attached amended certificate for the solar photovoltaic generating facility.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application of Highwater Solar I, LLC, for an amended 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 Highwater Solar I, LLC, for the 5-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic generating facility to be located on Belfast Road in Stoney Creek, Wayne County, North Carolina.

3. That the amended certificate of public convenience and necessity shall expire five years following the date of the issuance of the original or renewal Order if construction has not begun, unless it is revoked pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64(d)(1).

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2022.

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DOCKET NO. SP-3675, Sub 0

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

is hereby issued this

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

for a 5-MWAC solar photovoltaic generating facility

located

on Belfast Road in Stoney Creek, Wayne 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2022.

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DOCKET NO. SP-3895, SUB 0

#### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Innovative Solar 63, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 4.995-MW Solar Facility in Greene County, North Carolina

) ORDER ISSUING AMENDED CERTIFICATE

BY THE COMMISSION: On December 18, 2014, the Commission issued an order granting Innovative Solar 63, LLC (Applicant), a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 for construction of a 4.995-MWac solar photovoltaic generating facility to be located at 2958 Glenfield Road, Snow Hill, Greene County, North Carolina.

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On August 23, 2021, the Applicant filed an amended site plan with a new configuration of the facility.

On September 16, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Further Review by the State Clearinghouse.

On October 21, 2021, 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 March 21, 2022. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the amendment and determined it to be in compliance with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1(a) and Commission Rule R8-64. Therefore, the Public Staff recommended that the Commission issue an amended CPCN to the Applicant.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds good cause to approve the application and issue the attached amended certificate for the solar photovoltaic generating facility.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

That the application of Innovative Solar 63, LLC, for an amended 1. 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 Innovative Solar 63, LLC, for the 4.995-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic generating facility to be located at 2958 Glenfield Road, Snow Hill, Greene County, North Carolina.

3. That the amended certificate of public convenience and necessity shall expire five years following the date of the issuance of the original or renewal Order if construction has not begun, unless it is revoked pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64(d)(1).

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2022.

### NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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#### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. SP-3895, Sub 0

Innovative Solar 63, LLC 3250 Ocean Park Boulevard, Suite 355 Santa Monica, California 90405

is hereby issued this

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

for a 4.995-MWAC solar photovoltaic generating facility

located

at 2958 Glenfield Road, Snow Hill, Greene 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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