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June 5, 2015

Ms. Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

Re: Docket No. SP-5271 Sub 0
Cork Oak Solar, LLC – Application to Register a New Renewable Energy Facility,
20-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic array in Halifax County, North Carolina

Dear Ms. Mount:

The Public Staff is still in the process of reviewing the Application and Registration Statement filed by Cork Oak Solar, LLC on March 3, 2015, in the above-referenced docket. It has come to our attention that the Public Staff prematurely filed a recommendation for the Commission to approve the Registration Statement on April 30, 2015. Unfortunately, there are items identified below, which are still pending:

1. The applicant needs to provide the city and county in North Carolina where the facility will be located.
2. The application indicated that the applicant “[p]lan[s] to enter into [a] lease agreement” with the site owner. The applicant must demonstrate current site control (e.g., secure a lease) prior to receiving a Certificate. The applicant should address this matter and file an amendment to the application indicating its current level of site control.
3. There are North Carolina State Clearinghouse concerns (request for additional information) filed in this docket. These concerns need to be addressed prior to moving forward with the approval of the application.

As a result, the Public Staff respectfully requests to withdraw its filing of April 30, 2015 in this docket. Once the pending items have been resolved, the Public Staff will proceed with presenting its recommendations at the Commission’s weekly Staff Conference.

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I certify that a copy of this letter has been served on the applicant by email. If necessary, please contact me at (919) 733-1540 or at peter.batista@psncuc.nc.gov. If the applicant has any questions regarding the Commission's review of the application or the order on acceptance of the Registration Statement, he or she should contact Mr. Dan Conrad of the Commission Staff at (919) 733-0835 or dconrad@ncuc.net.

Regards,

Peter J. Batista
/s/ Peter Batista

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