

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. EMP-108, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of American Beech Solar, LLC)
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and) ORDER REQUIRING FILING OF
Necessity to Construct a 140 MW Solar) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Facility in Halifax County, North Carolina)

BY THE COMMISSION: On January 28, 2020, American Beech Solar, LLC (American Beech or Applicant) filed an application pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-63 for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to construct a 140 MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic (PV) electric merchant generating facility (Facility) in Halifax County, North Carolina (Application). American Beech noted that the Facility is part of PJM Interconnection Clusters AC1 and AC2 (AC1 Cluster and AC2 Cluster).

On January 31, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Granting Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with Conditions granting American Beech a CPCN to construct the Facility (CPCN Order). Commission Rule R8-63(f) requires American Beech to file Annual Progress Reports on the construction of the Facility, and the CPCN Order requires American Beech to file any revisions to cost estimates for the construction of the Facility and any network upgrades within 30 days of becoming aware of the revisions (Annual Progress Reports).

On September 5, 2023, American Beech filed an Interconnection Cost Update letter with the Commission. In the letter, American Beech stated that PJM has provided revised cost estimates for work to be performed under the Interconnection Service Agreement (ISA). According to American Beech, the estimates have been increased by \$3,934,547 but the scope of work to be performed under the ISA has not changed. American Beech has not yet filed an Annual Progress Report as required under Rule R8-63(f).

To aid the Commission's oversight of these projects and their impacts on North Carolina ratepayers, all progress reports must include affirmative and specific statements of costs. American Beech's first Annual Progress Report must include affirmative and specific statements of costs. The Commission directs American Beech to include in its Annual Progress Report itemization of the construction costs to show: (1) the cost of the generating plant; (2) the cost of the interconnection facilities; (3) the cost of network upgrades; and (4) the cost of affected system upgrades.

American Beech is also directed to provide an updated LCOT calculation assuming that the Facility is responsible for all affected system costs necessitated by the facilities in its cluster, regardless of whether any of those costs presently are assigned or allocated to the Facility or to any other facility in the cluster, or whether any facility has a signed ASOA, and using the expected annual generator output in MWh of only the Facility.

The Commission further directs American Beech to update the Commission on the date on which the Facility was placed into service or is anticipated to be placed in service. To the extent the Facility is not yet in service and additional Annual Progress Reports must be filed, the reports should follow the directives set forth in this Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that American Beech shall file an Annual Progress Report on or before Monday, May 6, 2024.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 4th day of April, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "A." and last name "Dunston" clearly distinguishable.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk