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North Carolina Utilities Commission c/o: Ms. A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk (adunston@ncuc.net) 430 North Salisbury Street **Dobbs Building** Raleigh, NC 27603-5918

Re: Docket No. EMP-112, Sub 0

Dear Ms. Dunston:

On April 28, 2021, Oak Solar, LLC, the Applicant, filed in this docket its Consent Motion To Excuse Witnesses, Admit Testimony and Exhibits and Cancel Hearing (the "Consent Motion"). The Public Staff, through counsel, had reviewed and approved the Consent Motion and had confirmed that the Applicant was authorized to represent that "...the Public Staff consents to the Commission granting the relief requested by the Applicant, subject to the conditions recommended in the ... testimony of Public Staff Witness Lucas." (Consent Motion filed April 28, 2021, ¶ 12).

On May 3, 2021, the Presiding Commissioner issued an Order which partially granted the relief requested in the Consent Motion, by cancelling the evidentiary hearing then scheduled for May 6, 2021. At that time, the records of the Commission included comments submitted by letter from the Clearinghouse dated January 21, 2021, which indicated that the North Carolina Department of Natural And Cultural Resources had requested additional information prior to concurrence with the application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (a "CPCN").

On September 30, 2021, the Clearinghouse filed the additional comments of the North Carolina Department of Natural And Cultural Resources accepting and approving the additional information supplied by the Applicant in response to the original comments of January, 2021. The Applicant previously filed a copy of that additional information in this docket pursuant to its Notice of Filing submitted on September 16, 2021.

In light of all of the foregoing, as well as the testimony and materials of record, the Applicant respectfully renews its request made via the Consent Motion that the Commission close the evidentiary record in this proceeding and issue the requested North Carolina Utilities Commission October 4, 2021 Page 2

CPCN pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 and NCUC Rule R8-63. The record confirms that the proposed 120MW facility will not create material risks to North Carolina ratepayers in connection with network or affected system upgrade costs. Prompt issuance of the proposed 120 MW solar facility CPCN, on the other hand, will allow the Applicant to lawfully commence work on the site of the facility, in order to maintain its trained workforce, move towards compliance with its out-take contract, and preserve its queue position at PJM.

As in the case of the Consent Motion, the Public Staff, through counsel, has authorized the Applicant to confirm that the Public Staff continues to consent to the Commission granting the CPCN requested by the Applicant in the Consent Motion, subject to the conditions recommended by Mr. Lucas on pages 8-9 of his testimony filed in this docket on March 23, 2021. The Applicant continues to consent to the issuance of the requested CPCN subject to those conditions.

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully renews its request that the Commission immediately consider the entire record and grant the Applicant its requested CPCN, subject to the agreed conditions, at its earliest opportunity.

With best regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Joseph W. Eason

CC: North Carolina Public Staff