STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

UTILITIES COMMISSION

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. EMP 112 Sub 0

In the Matter of Application of Oak Solar,)	
LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience)	MOTION TO CONTINUE
and Necessity to Construct a 300-MW Solar)	PUBLIC HEARING
Facility in Northhampton County,)	
North Carolina)	

NOW COMES Oak Solar, LLC, (the "Applicant"), by and through its undersigned counsel, and respectfully moves to continue the public hearing currently scheduled in this proceeding for November 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., until further order of the Commission. In support of its motion, the Applicant shows unto the Commission the following:

- 1. On July 15, 2020, an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a renewable electric merchant plant was filed pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1 and NCUC Rule R8-63 on behalf of Gaston Green Acres Solar, LLC, n/k/a Oak Solar, LLC.
- 2. The Public Staff filed its Notice of Completeness on July 29, 2020. By Order issued September 28, 2020, the Commission established a schedule of deadlines in this proceeding, including a deadline of November 2, 2020 for direct testimony and exhibits of the Public Staff and other intervenors, a public hearing on November 5, 2020, and a hearing on December 7, 2020 for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony.
- 3. Due to requests of the counterparty to certain off-take contracts, Applicant anticipates seeking leave to amend its pending Application and divide the project into two separate applications by separate applicants. It is possible that such an amendment will necessitate separate scheduling for each new application, including the potential necessity of scheduling additional public and expert witness hearings.
- 4. Applicant has informed the Public Staff that it intends to file modifications to its pending application in this docket. The amendment may require additional review and investigation by the Public Staff before it can file testimony. On October 26, 2020, the Public Staff filed its motion for a 2-week extension of time to file testimony, without objection by Applicant.
- 5. By Order dated October 30, 2020, the Commission granted the Public Staff's motion, extending the deadlines for the direct testimony and exhibits of the Public Staff to November 16, 2020, for the Applicant's rebuttal testimony and exhibits to November 30,

2020, and cancelling the expert witness hearing scheduled for December 7, 2020 pending further order of the Commission.

- 6. The Applicant respectfully submits that the public hearing currently scheduled for November 5, 2020, should be continued pending further order of the Commission, given the expected amendments to its application, and respectfully moves the Commission to continue that hearing until rescheduled by subsequent order.
- 7. Applicant contacted the Public Staff regarding this motion. The Public Staff responded that it does not object to the requested continuance, and also stated that the individual who has registered to speak at the public hearing scheduled for November 5 has indicated that he does not object to this motion to reschedule.

Wherefore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the public hearing currently scheduled for November 5, 2020 be continued indefinitely, until rescheduled by subsequent order of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of November, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing Motion to Continue Public Hearing was served upon the following by electronic mail:

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This the 3rd day of November, 2020.

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