STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. SP-5273, SUB 0

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Pecan Solar, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 74.9-MW Solar Facility in Northampton County, North Carolina

THIRD AMENDED ORDER REQUIRING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

BY THE COMMISSION: On August 24, 2015, the Commission issued an amended order granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to Pecan Solar, LLC (Applicant) for construction of a 74.9-MW solar generating facility to be located east and west of Bethel Church Road approximately 0.6 to 2 miles north of the intersection of Bethel Church Road and Highway 186 in an unincorporated area approximately 2 miles east of Seaboard, Northampton County, North Carolina.

On July 27, 2016, the Applicant filed an amendment to its application for a CPCN stating, among other things, that the Applicant has decided to add additional parcels of land to be used in the construction of the facility, and that the location has been assigned an E911 address. The Applicant also filed a site plan map showing the additional parcels of land adjacent to the original project site and including a proposed substation.

On July 28, 2016, the Commission issued a Second Amended Order Requiring Publication of Notice in response to the additional land added to the facility site.

On September 23, 2016, the Applicant filed another amendment to its application for a CPCN stating, among other things, that the Applicant has decided to add additional parcels of land to be used in the construction of the facility. The Applicant also filed a site plan map showing the additional parcels of land adjacent to the project site.

Based on the foregoing amendment to the application, the Commission finds good cause to issue this Third Amended Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On the basis of this application, the Commission concludes that the Applicant should be required (1) to publish notice of the application in the manner required by G.S. 62-82(a) and file an affidavit of publication with the Commission and (2) to mail a copy of the application and notice, no later than the first date that such notice is published, to the electric utility to which the Applicant plans to sell and distribute the electricity and file a signed and verified certificate of service that the application and notice have been provided to the utility.

In addition, the Chief Clerk of the Commission will deliver copies of the notice to the Clearinghouse Coordinator of the Office of Policy and Planning of the Department of Administration for distribution by the Coordinator to State agencies having an interest in the application.

If a complaint is received within ten days after the last date of the publication of the notice, the Commission will schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded, will give reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing to the Applicant and to each complaining party, and will require the Applicant to publish notice of the hearing in the newspaper in which the notice of the application was published. If no complaint is received within the time specified above, the Commission may, upon its own initiative, order and schedule a hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded. If the Commission orders a hearing upon its own initiative, it will require notice of the hearing to be published by the Applicant in the newspaper in which the notice of the application was published. If no complaint is received within the time specified above, the Commission orders a hearing upon its own initiative, it will require notice of the hearing to be published. If no complaint is received within the time specified and the commission does not order a hearing upon its own initiative, the Commission will enter an order awarding the certificate.

<u>The Commission cannot take any action until after the Applicant has filed both the</u> <u>affidavit of publication and the certificate of service. Pursuant to Commission</u> <u>Rule R8-64(c)(2), the Commission will automatically dismiss the application, without</u> <u>prejudice to refile, if the Applicant does not file the affidavit of publication and certificate</u> <u>of service within twelve months of the date of this Order.</u>

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the Applicant shall publish the Public Notice, attached as Attachment A hereto, once each week for four successive weeks in the manner required by G.S. 62-82(a) and shall file an affidavit of publication with the Commission;

2. That the Applicant shall mail a copy of the application and notice, no later than the first date that such notice is published, to the electric utility to which the Applicant plans to sell and distribute the electricity and file a signed and verified certificate of service that the application and notice have been provided to the utility;

3. That the Chief Clerk of the Utilities Commission will deliver copies of the notice to the Clearinghouse Coordinator of the Office of Policy and Planning of the Department of Administration for distribution by the Coordinator to State agencies having an interest in the application;

4. That the Applicant shall not begin construction on any portion of the additional land being proposed for the facility unless and until the Commission issues an order authorizing construction on the additional land; and

5. That the Commission will proceed as it deems appropriate after the filing of the affidavit of publication and the certificate of service.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 4^{th} day of October, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Janice H. Fulmore

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCKET NO. SP-5273, SUB 0 APPLICATION OF PECAN SOLAR, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 30, 2015, Pecan Solar, LLC (Applicant), filed an application, as amended on June 15, 2015, July 27, 2016, and September 23, 2016, seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 74.9-MW solar photovoltaic electric generating facility and substation to be located east and west of Bethel Church Road, approximately 0.6 to 2 miles north of the intersection of Bethel Church Road and Highway 186, in an unincorporated area approximately 2 miles east of Seaboard, Northampton County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity to Dominion North Carolina Power or to other wholesale or retail customers.

Details of the application may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 N. Salisbury Street, 5th Floor, Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 or 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325 or on the Commission's website at <u>www.ncuc.net</u>.

If a complaint is received within ten days after the last date of the publication of this notice, the Commission will schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded, will give reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing to the Applicant and to each complaining party, and will require the Applicant to publish notice of the hearing in this newspaper. If no complaint is received within the time specified above and if the Commission does not order a hearing upon its own initiative, the Commission will enter an order awarding the certificate sought by the Applicant.

Persons desiring to lodge complaints may file statements to that effect with the Commission. Such statements should reference Docket No. SP-5273, Sub 0 and be addressed as follows: Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325.

Statements may also be directed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4326 or to The Honorable Roy Cooper, Attorney General of North Carolina, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001.

NOTE TO PRINTER: Advertising cost shall be paid by the Applicant. It is required that the Affidavit of Publication be filed with the Commission by the Applicant.