

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-3475, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application by Innovative Solar 34, LLC,)
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity to Construct a 50-MW Solar)
Facility in Richmond County, North Carolina,)
and Registration Statement)
	ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
	AND ACCEPTING
	REGISTRATION OF NEW
	RENEWABLE ENERGY
	FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 23, 2014, Innovative Solar 34, LLC (Applicant), filed an application with the Commission seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1 for construction of a 50-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at the intersection of Currie Road and Derby Road in Jackson Springs, Richmond County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP).

Contemporaneously with the application, the Applicant filed a registration statement for a new renewable energy facility. The registration statement included certified attestations that (1) the facility is in substantial compliance with all federal and state laws, regulations, and rules for the protection of the environment and conservation of natural resources; (2) the facility will be operated as a new renewable energy facility; (3) the Applicant will not remarket or otherwise resell any renewable energy certificates (RECs) sold to an electric power supplier to comply with G.S. 62-133.8; and (4) the Applicant will consent to the auditing of its books and records by the Public Staff insofar as those records relate to transactions with North Carolina electric power suppliers.

On April 30, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice, which required the Applicant to (1) publish notice of the application as required by G.S. 62-82(a) and file an affidavit of publication with the Commission, (2) 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 (3) file a certificate of service of the mailing to the utility. The Order also specified that if a complaint was received within 10 days after the last date of the publication of the notice, the Commission would schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate of public convenience and necessity should be awarded. The Order further specified that if the Commission received no complaints within the time specified above and if the Commission did not order a hearing upon its own initiative, it would enter an order awarding the certificate.

On May 26, 2014, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the application and the related public notice were provided to DEP.

On June 5, 2014, the State Clearinghouse filed comments. Because of the nature of the comments, the cover letter indicated that no further State Clearinghouse review action by the Commission was required for compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act.

On June 30, 2014, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The Richmond County Daily Journal stating that the publication of notice was completed on June 20, 2014. No complaints have been received.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on August 4, 2014. The Public Staff recommended that the Commission approve the application, issue the requested certificate, and accept the registration statement.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds good cause to approve the application and issue the attached certificate of public convenience and necessity for the proposed solar photovoltaic electric generating facility. The Commission further finds good cause, based upon the foregoing and the entire record in this proceeding, to accept registration of the facility as a new renewable energy facility. The Applicant should annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year and will be required to participate in the NC-RETS REC tracking system (<http://www.ncrets.org>) in order to facilitate the issuance of RECs.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

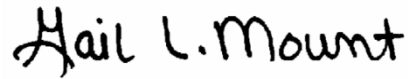
1. That the application filed by Innovative Solar 34, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be, and is hereby, approved.
2. That Appendix A shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Innovative Solar 34, LLC, for the 50-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at the intersection of Currie Road and Derby Road in Jackson Springs, Richmond County, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by Innovative Solar 34, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Richmond County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility shall be, and is hereby, accepted.

4. That Innovative Solar 34, LLC, annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 6th day of August, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

Commissioner Jerry C. Dockham did not participate in this decision.

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Innovative Solar 34, LLC
171 Rolling Meadows Road
Fletcher, North Carolina 28732

is hereby issued this

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
PURSUANT TO G.S. 62-110.1**

for a 50-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located at

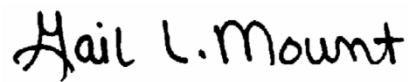
the intersection of Currie Road and Derby Road in Jackson Springs,
Richmond County, North Carolina,

subject to all orders, rules, regulations and conditions
as are now or may hereafter be lawfully made
by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

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Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk