

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-11723, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Apex Solar, LLC, for a) AMENDED ORDER REQUIRING
Certificate of Public Convenience and) PUBLICATION OF NOTICE AND
Necessity to Construct a 30-MW Solar Facility) FURTHER CLEARINGHOUSE
in Cleveland County, North Carolina) REVIEW

BY THE COMMISSION: On February 28, 2017, the Commission issued an Order granting Apex Solar, LLC (Applicant), a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for the construction of a 30-MW solar generating facility to be located on the west side of Plainsview Church Road, approximately 0.5 miles west of the intersection with East Stage Coach Trail, Lawndale, Cleveland County, North Carolina.

On September 13, 2019, Applicant filed an amendment to its application. The amendment stated that additional land has been added to the facility. In addition, Applicant filed an updated site plan map showing the new boundaries of the facility, as well as information about the new owner of Applicant, Silver Creek Energy, LLC.

On the basis of the amended application, the Commission concludes that the Applicant should be required (1) to publish notice of the application in the manner required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 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. 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 an amended 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 an amended 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 and the Commission does not order a hearing upon its own initiative, the Commission will enter an order awarding the amended certificate.

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

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 N.C.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 amended 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;

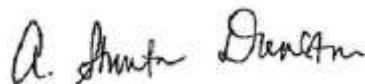
4. That Applicant shall not begin construction on the additional land proposed for the facility until the Commission issues an amended certificate of public convenience and necessity, or otherwise grants authority for such construction; and

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 18th day of September, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



A. Shonta Dunston, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

**DOCKET NO. SP-11723, SUB 0
APPLICATION OF APEX SOLAR, LLC
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 7, 2018, Apex Solar, LLC (Applicant), filed an application, as amended on September 13, 2019, seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 30-MW solar generating facility to be located on the west side of Plainsview Church Road, approximately 0.5 miles west of the intersection with East Stage Coach Trail, and including a section bordering on the west side of Fallston Waco Road, Lawndale, Cleveland County, North Carolina. Applicant's site layout illustrating the footprint of the facility may change to some degree based on government land use requirements, interconnection requirements, or similar factors. The Applicant stated that it plans to sell the electricity to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.

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 27699-4300 or on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

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-11723, Sub 0 and be addressed as follows: Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

Statements may also be directed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 or to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General of North Carolina, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 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.