STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. SP-5339, SUB 0

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Bullock Solar, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 50-MW Solar Facility in Vance County, North Carolina

ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 16, 2015, Bullock Solar, LLC (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 50-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located on the south side of Wilson Brother Road, on the west side of Jacksontown Road, and across from Culpepper Road near Manson, Vance County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Duke Energy Progress (DEP).

Contemporaneously with the application, Bullock Solar, LLC filed a registration statement for a renewable energy facility.

On March 25, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On April 27, 2015, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the application and the related public notice were provided to DEP on April 27, 2015.

On May 5, 2015, the State Clearinghouse filed comments. The comments included a letter from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services dated April 22, 2015, which stated its general concern with the conversion of land from agricultural production to nonagricultural use, and the resulting impacts on agribusiness jobs and associated economic activity. The letter stated that the "total negative impact on the environmental and agribusiness economy will be proportionately related to the total acres of farm and forest land taken out of production." 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 May 28, 2015, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The Daily Dispatch (Henderson, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on May 19, 2015. No complaints have been received.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on July 6, 2015. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the application and determined it to be in compliance with the requirements of G.S. 62-110.1(a) and Commission Rule R8-64. The Public Staff further stated that the registration statement contains the certified attestations required by Commission Rule R8-66(b). Therefore, the Public Staff recommended approval of the certificate and registration for the facility.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds good cause to approve the application and issue the attached certificate 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 shall 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 (<u>http://www.ncrets.org</u>) in order to facilitate the issuance of RECs.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application filed by Bullock Solar, 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 Bullock Solar, LLC, for the 50-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on the south side of Wilson Brother Road, on the west side of Jacksontown Road, and across from Culpepper Road near Manson, Vance County, North Carolina.

3. That the registration statement filed by Bullock Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Vance County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility shall be, and is hereby, accepted.

4. That Bullock Solar, 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 $\underline{7^{\text{th}}}$ day of July, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Susan W. Rabon did not participate in this decision.

APPENDIX A

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Bullock Solar, LLC 3250 Ocean Park Boulevard, Suite 355 Santa Monica, California 90405

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

on the south side of Wilson Brother Road, on the west side of Jacksontown Road, and across from Culpepper Road near Manson, Vance 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.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the <u>7th</u> day of July, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk