

NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC STAFF UTILITIES COMMISSION

November 10, 2015

Ms. Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. SP-5154, Sub 0

Rowan Solar NC, LLC – Application to Register a New Renewable Energy Facility 1.99-MW_{AC} Solar Photovoltaic Facility at 611 Peeler Road, Salisbury, in Rowan County, North Carolina.

Dear Ms. Mount:

The Public Staff – Electric Division has completed its review of the Registration Statement for a New Renewable Energy Facility filed by Rowan Solar NC, LLC, on February 18, 2015, in the above-referenced docket pursuant to Commission Rule R8-66. On May 8, 2015, as a result of our initial review, the Public Staff requested additional information from the Applicant regarding the facility and a similar project proposed in Docket No. SP-5155, Sub 0, (Catawba Solar LLC), and recommended that the Commission hold both filings in abeyance until the applicants provide a sufficient basis for treating the two facilities as separate, amend their applications to seek a certificate for the facility, or withdraw their applications.

On November 9, 2015, the applicants in both dockets submitted additional information regarding the ownership and management of Rowan Solar LLC (d/b/a as Rowan Solar NC, LLC) and Catawba Solar LLC, including verified statements indicating that there is no common ownership, control, or affiliation between Rowan Solar LLC and Catawba Solar LLC.

Based on our review and the additional information provided, we recommend that the Registration Statement for Rowan Solar NC, LLC be considered complete and that the facility be considered a new renewable energy facility.

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If the applicant has any questions regarding the Commission's review of the application or the order on acceptance of the Registration Statement, he or she should contact Mr. Dan Conrad of the Commission Staff at (919) 733-0835 or DConrad@ncuc.net.

Regards,

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