

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. EMP-107, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Halifax County Solar LLC)
for a Certificate of Public Convenience) ORDER CANCELLING HEARING AND
and Necessity to Construct a 80-MW Solar) ADMITTING PRE-FILED TESTIMONY
Facility in Halifax County, North Carolina)

BY THE HEARING EXAMINER: On August 30, 2019, Halifax County Solar LLC (Applicant), filed an application pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-63 for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to construct a 80-MWAC solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating facility located in Halifax County, North Carolina, to be operated as a merchant generating facility.

In support of its application, the Applicant filed the direct testimony of Christopher Killenberg, as well as several exhibits. In summary, construction of the 80-MW solar PV facility is anticipated to begin in late 2021, with the expected commercial operation date being as early as the fourth quarter of 2022. The location of the proposed facility is on seven contiguous parcels of land approximately 5 miles north of Enfield, North Carolina, on the east side of Beaverdam Road, between the intersections of Beaverdam Road and Neville Farm Road to the south and Richneck Road to the north in Halifax County, North Carolina. The facility will interconnect with the electric transmission system owned by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (Dominion), affording it access to the PJM regional transmission organization, and the Applicant is negotiating a contract for the sale of the output of the facility with an out-of-state corporate buyer. The expected service life of the facility is 20 or more years.

On September 16, 2019, the Public Staff filed a Notice of Completeness stating that the Public Staff has reviewed the application as required by Commission Rule R8-63(d) and that the Public Staff considers the application to be complete. In addition, the Public Staff requested that the Commission issue a procedural order setting the application for hearing, requiring public notice pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-82, and addressing other procedural matters.

On September 25, 2019, the Commission issued an Order scheduling a hearing in this matter, requiring the filing of testimony, establishing procedural deadlines, and requiring the Applicant to publish notice of the hearing. That Order provided that the Commission may cancel the public hearing if no substantial written complaints regarding the proposed facility are filed with the Commission on or before November 5, 2019.

On October 11, 2019, the State Environmental Review Clearinghouse of the North Carolina Department of Administration filed a letter stating that the comments of state agencies should be complete on October 31, 2019.

On October 18, 2019, the Applicant filed the supplemental testimony of Christopher Killenberg.

On October 25, 2019, the Public Staff filed the testimony of Jay Lucas.

On October 28, 2019, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication evidencing that the public notice was published in The Daily Herald as required by the Commission's September 25 Order.

No complaints regarding the proposed facility have been filed with the Commission.

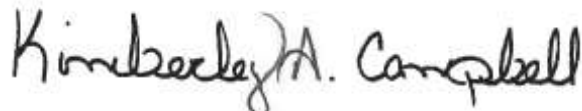
Based upon the foregoing and the entire record herein, the Hearing Examiner finds good cause to cancel the hearing scheduled in this proceeding and admit the pre-filed testimony into the record. The Commission will proceed as appropriate in its consideration of the application.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 6th day of November, 2019.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk