

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NOS. EMP-110, SUB 0; EMP-111, SUB 0;  
and EMP-119, SUBS 0 and 1

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Sumac Solar LLC for a )  
Certificate of Public Convenience and )  
Necessity to Construct a 120-MW Solar )  
Facility in Bertie County, North Carolina )

In the Matter of )  
Application of Sweetleaf Solar LLC for a )  
Certificate of Public Convenience and )  
Necessity to Construct a 94-MW Solar )  
Facility in Halifax County, North Carolina )

In the Matter of )  
Application of Macadamia Solar LLC for a )  
Certificate of Public Convenience and )  
Necessity to Construct a 484-MW Solar )  
Facility in Washington County, North Carolina )

In the Matter of )  
Application of Macadamia Solar LLC for a )  
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility )  
and Public Convenience and Necessity to )  
Construct a Transmission Line in )  
Washington County, North Carolina )

PUBLIC STAFF'S  
CONSENT MOTION FOR  
PROCEDURAL ORDER

NOW COMES THE PUBLIC STAFF – North Carolina Utilities Commission (Public Staff), by and through its Executive Director, Christopher J. Ayers, and pursuant to North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission) Rule R1-7 respectfully moves the Commission to issue an order adopting the proposed procedural schedule set out below. The Applicants in all the above-captioned

dockets have agreed to this motion and the proposed schedule. In support of its motion, the Public Staff states the following:

1. This matter relates to the requests for approval of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCNs) for solar photovoltaic facilities by Sumac Solar LLC (Sumac Solar), Sweetleaf Solar LLC (Sweetleaf Solar), and Macadamia Solar LLC (Macadamia Solar) (together the Applicants), and Macadamia Solar's request for approval of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity (CECPCN), all of which are in the PJM AD1 cluster and triggered an affected system upgrade on the Greenville-Everetts transmission line in Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) territory.

2. On June 3, 2021, the Commission issued Orders Granting Request for a Stay of Proceedings in both EMP-110, Sub 0, and EMP-111, Sub 0.

3. On June 1, 2022, Sumac Solar filed the Supplemental Testimony of Amanda Mack and Donna Robichaud to provide additional information related to updated interconnection studies for the facility.

4. On June 14, 2022, the Commission scheduled a hearing in EMP-119, Subs 0 and 1, to receive expert witness testimony regarding Macadamia Solar's applications for a CPCN and CECPCN.

5. On June 24, 2022, Sweetleaf Solar filed the Supplemental Testimony of Amanda Mack and Donna Robichaud to provide additional information related to updated interconnection studies received by the facility.

6. On June 29, 2022, the Public Staff filed the Supplemental Testimony of Jay Lucas in EMP-119, Sub 0, recommending approval of Macadamia Solar's CPCN request. On July 13, 2022, Macadamia Solar filed the Reply Testimony of Donna Robichaud.

7. Geenex Solar, LLC (Geenex) has primary responsibility for the development of all three projects. Sumac Solar and Sweetleaf Solar were formerly owned by Geenex but were subsequently acquired by EDF Renewables Development, Inc. (EDF). Geenex owns Macadamia Solar, but EDF is partnering with Geenex in the development of that project and has an option to acquire the facility.

8. With some exceptions, the same expert witnesses have filed testimony in all three CPCN dockets on behalf of the Applicants.<sup>1</sup>

9. Given the relationship between the Applicants and the overlap in witnesses, the Public Staff moves to hold all three CPCN hearings on the same day, September 6, 2022.

10. The CPCN hearing for Macadamia Solar is already scheduled for the afternoon of September 6, 2022, and because Sumac Solar and Sweetleaf Solar have the same witnesses and triggered the same affected system upgrade, the Public Staff believes that it would be most efficient for the Commission to hold these hearings on the same day.

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<sup>1</sup> Witness Amanda Mack testified on behalf of Sumac Solar and Sweetleaf Solar, but not Macadamia Solar. Witnesses Sami Abdulsalam and Amanda Corll testified on behalf of Macadamia Solar but not Sweetleaf Solar or Sumac Solar.

11. If the Commission agrees with the Public Staff that the CPCN applications in EMP-110, Sub 0, EMP-111, Sub 0, and EMP-119, Sub 0 and the CECPCN application in EMP-119, Sub 1, should be heard on September 6, 2022, then the Public Staff proposes the following procedural schedule.

- a. The Public Staff shall file its supplemental testimony in Docket Nos. EMP-110, Sub 0 and EMP 111, Sub 0 on or before July 29, 2022;
- b. Sumac Solar and Sweetleaf Solar may file supplemental reply testimony in their respective dockets on or before August 12, 2022;
- c. An expert witness hearing in EMP-110, Sub 0, EMP-111, Sub 0, and EMP-119, Subs 0 and 1, if required, shall be held on September 6, 2022.

WHEREFORE, the Public Staff requests that the Commission issue an Order adopting the procedural schedule proposed above.

Respectfully submitted this the 25th day of July, 2022.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Motion on all parties of record in accordance with Commission Rule R1-39, by United States mail, postage prepaid, first class; by hand delivery; or by means of facsimile or electronic delivery upon agreement of the receiving party.

This the 25th day of July, 2022.

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