

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-5271, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Application of Cork Oak Solar, LLC, for)	ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
a Certificate of Public Convenience and)	AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION
Necessity to Construct a 20-MW Solar)	OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY
Facility in Halifax County, North Carolina)	FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 3, 2015 (amended June 8, 2015), Cork Oak 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 20-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located one mile east of the intersection of White Hill Road and Highway 301, near Halifax, Halifax County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Dominion North Carolina Power (DNCP).

Contemporaneously with the application, the Applicant filed a registration statement for a new renewable energy facility.

On March 24, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On May 4, 2015, the State Clearinghouse filed comments stating that the Department of Cultural Resources had requested additional information.

On May 5, 2015, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the application and the related public notice were provided to DNCP on March 25, 2015.

Also on May 5, 2015, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The Daily Herald (Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on April 19, 2015. No complaints have been received.

On June 8, 2015, the Applicant filed a letter clarifying the location of the facility and specifying that it had entered into a lease with the site owner.

On July 29, 2015, the State Clearinghouse filed additional comments. Because of the nature of the comments, the State Clearinghouse cover letter indicated that no further State Clearinghouse review action by the Commission was required for compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on August 17, 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 (<http://www.ncrets.org>) in order to facilitate the issuance of RECs.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application of Cork Oak 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 Cork Oak Solar, LLC, for the 20-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located one mile east of the intersection of White Hill Road and Highway 301, near Halifax, Halifax County, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by Cork Oak Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Halifax County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
4. That Cork Oak Solar, LLC, shall 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 19th day of August, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Jackie Cox, Deputy Clerk

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Cork Oak Solar, LLC
7804 - C Fairview Road #257
Charlotte, North Carolina 28226

is hereby issued this

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
PURSUANT TO G.S. 62-110.1**

for a 20-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

one mile east of the intersection of White Hill Road and Highway 301, near Halifax,
Halifax 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.

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This the 19th day of August, 2015.

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Jackie Cox, Deputy Clerk