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July 16, 2020

Ms. Kimberley A. Campbell Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 430 N. Salisbury Street Raleigh, NC 27603

RE: VERIFIED CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC In the matter of the Application of Apex Solar, LLC to amend the CPCN to Construct a 30-MW Solar Facility in Cleveland County, NC Docket No. SP-11723, Sub 0

Dear Ms. Campbell:

On behalf of Apex Solar, LLC, in the above referenced matter and docket, I herewith provide the Verified Certificate of Service certifying to the service of the Public Notice of Hearing on Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, the electric utility to which Apex Solar, LLC plans to sell and distribute electricity produced by the above referenced facility.

Should you have any questions concerning this Certificate of Service, or exhibits attached thereto, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Karen M. Kemerail

Karen M. Kemerait

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. SP-11723, Sub 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Apex Solar, LLC to Amend the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 30-MW Solar Facility in Cleveland County, North Carolina

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with Ordering Paragraph No. 4 of the Commission's June 26, 2020 Order Scheduling Remote Hearing and Requiring Public Notice, I hereby certify that Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, the electric utility to which Apex Solar, LLC plans to sell and distribute electricity produced by the above referenced facility, has been properly served with a copy of the Public Notice of Hearing, "Attachment A" to the above referenced Order.

The letter and Public Notice, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2 respectively, were mailed by first class, certified mail, return receipt requested and deposited in the U.S. mail, postage pre-paid, on July 2, 2020, in advance of the date of the publication of same, July 7, 2020, in The Shelby Star. Please see the Certified Mail Receipt (Exhibit 3).

As further evidenced by the executed return receipt (Exhibit 4), copies of the aforementioned documents were received on behalf of the utility in c/o Mr. Lawrence B. Somers, Deputy General Counsel.

This the 16th day of July, 2020.

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E-mail: <u>kkemerait@foxrothschild.com</u> Attorneys for Silver Creek Energy, LLC and Apex Solar, LLC

State of North Carolina

Wake County

I, Patricia B. Butler, a Notary Public in and for Wake County, North Carolina, certify that Karen M. Kemerait, known to me personally, appeared before me this day and executed / signed the above Certificate of Service.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 16th day of July, 2020.

Patricia B Butler

My Commission Expires: 3-10-2023





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July 2, 2020

Mr. Lawrence B. Somers Deputy General Counsel Duke Energy Corporation Post Office Box 1551 / NCRH20 Raleigh, NC 27602-1551 via: Certified Mail / Return Receipt Requested

Re:

Public Notice of Remote Hearing Scheduled for July 22, 2020 via WebEx In the Matter of Amended CPCN Application of Apex Solar, LLC-NC Utilities Commission Docket SP-11723, Sub 0

Mr. Somers:

Pursuant to Commission's Order Scheduling Remote Hearing and Requiring Public Notice dated June 26, 2020, a copy of the Public Notice of Hearing in the above referenced docket is herewith being provided to your attention, accepting service of same on behalf of Duke Energy, the electric utility to which Apex Solar, LLC intends to sell and distribute electricity from its facility located in Cleveland County.

If you should have any questions upon receipt of this Public Notice, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/Karen M. Kemerail

Karen M. Kemerait

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCKET NO. SP-11723, SUB 0 AMENDED APPLICATION OF APEX SOLAR, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 13, 2019, Apex Solar, LLC (Applicant), filed an amended application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 30-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located on the west side of Plainsview Church Road, approximately 0.5 miles west of the intersection with East Stage Coach Trail, and including a section bordering on the west side of Fallston Waco Road, Lawndale, Cleveland County, North Carolina.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on or after September 26, 2019, complaints were filed with the Commission in this docket. Based upon the complaints and the record herein, the Commission has scheduled a remote hearing to receive public witness testimony regarding the Applicant's application for a CPCN. The remote hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., and will be conducted via WebEx. *Members of the public who would like to testify via video conference or by telephone at the remote hearing must register in advance of the hearing by contacting the North Public Staff via email Carolina Utilities Commission ApexSolarPublicHearing@psncuc.nc.gov or by calling 1-866-380-9816 to register their name, physical address, and contact information on or before 4:00 p.m. on July 17, 2020. Only members of the public who register with the Public Staff by 4:00 p.m. on July 17, 2020, will be permitted to testify during the remote hearing. A member of the Public Staff will contact you to provide instructions for providing your testimony. Members of the public who want to observe the remote hearing but do not wish to provide testimony may do so via a link to the remote hearing that will be available on the day of the hearing on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

Details of the application may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 N. Salisbury Street, 5th Floor, Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 or 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325 or on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

NOTE TO PRINTER: Advertising cost shall be paid by the Applicant. It is required that the Affidavit of Publication be filed with the Commission by the Applicant.



EXHIBIT 4 - Return Receipt Docket No. SP-11723, Sub 0

or on the front if space permits. 1. Article Addressed to: Lawrence B. Somers Deputy General Counsel Duke Energy Corporation P. O. BOX 15601/NCR H20 Raleigh, NC 27602-1551 3. Service Ty Adult Signatu Adult Signatu Certified Mail		COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY	
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