

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. EMP-108, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of American Beech Solar LLC,)	ORDER SCHEDULING HEARING
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and)	AND THE FILING OF TESTIMONY
Necessity to Construct a 110-MW Solar)	
Facility in Halifax County, North Carolina)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On January 28, 2020, American Beech Solar LLC (American Beech or 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 110-MW solar facility (Facility) in Halifax County, North Carolina.

On June 25, 2021, the Applicant filed a Motion to Stay the proceeding.

On August 9, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Denying Stay and Requesting Further Information. In its order, the Commission required the Applicant to provide answers to a list of questions in the Order when the Applicant was able to provide such answers. The Commission further required the Applicant to notify the Commission when sufficient information was available to provide additional testimony addressing the Commission's questions.

On May 20, 2022, the Applicant filed a Consent Motion for Procedural Order requesting that the Commission adopt a proposed procedural schedule agreed to by the Applicant and the Public Staff. The Applicant states that it has received final interconnection studies and agreements for the proposed Facility and that another entity, Edgecombe Solar LLC, has entered into an ASOA with Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) which provides for the construction of Affected System Upgrades required to interconnect certain projects in the AC1 and AC2 cluster. The Applicant states that it now has sufficient information to provide additional testimony addressing the questions set forth in the Commission's Order Denying Stay and Requesting Further Information.

Considering the foregoing, the Commission finds good cause to issue a new procedural schedule regarding the filing of testimony.

Further, the Commission finds good cause to schedule an expert witness hearing in this matter for 10:00 a.m. on August 2, 2022. The hearing shall be held in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony regarding the Applicant's application for a CPCN.

IT IS, THEREFORE ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That a hearing shall be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony regarding the Applicant's application for a CPCN;
2. That the additional testimony of the Public Staff shall be filed on or before June 27, 2022; and
3. That the reply testimony of the Applicant shall be filed on or before July 15, 2022.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 8th day of June, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erica N. Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk