

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of  
Application of Macadamia Solar, LLC for )  
a Certificate of Public Convenience and )  
Necessity to Construct a Merchant Plant )  
Solar Energy Facility in Washington )  
County, North Carolina ) ORDER SCHEDULING HEARING  
) AND THE FILING OF TESTIMONY  
DOCKET NO. EMP-119, SUB 1 )

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

BY THE CHAIR: On August 30, 2021, Macadamia 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 merchant plant solar photovoltaic facility with a capacity up to 484 MWAC to be located in Washington County, North Carolina.

On September 13, 2021, the Applicant filed an application pursuant to N.C.G.S. §§ 62-101, 62-102, and 62-104 and Commission Rule R8-62 for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity (CEPCN) to construct an approximately 6.53-mile 230 kV transmission line to allow interconnection of the Applicant's proposed facility to the transmission grid.

On September 24, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Consolidating Dockets, Scheduling Hearings, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Procedural Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice in the above-captioned dockets scheduling an expert witness hearing on January 25, 2022.

On January 4, 2022, the Applicant filed a Consent Motion to Continue Hearing. The Applicant requested a continuance of the expert witness hearing pending receipt of

additional interconnection studies and the issuance of a revised procedural order in the above-captioned dockets. That order was granted on January 5, 2022.

On May 25, 2022, the Applicant filed supplemental prefiled testimony and exhibits of witnesses Donna Robichaud and Amanda Corll discussing the interconnection studies received for the project and providing additional updates.

On June 1, 2022, the Applicant filed a Consent Motion for Procedural Schedule that contained a proposed procedural schedule. Applicant represents that the Public Staff does not oppose the proposed schedule. In the motion, the Applicant asserts that it is now appropriate to proceed with an expert witness hearing on the Application as the Applicant has received final interconnection studies from PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM).

Considering the motion and the record, the Commission finds good cause to schedule a hearing in this matter for Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. 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 applications for a CPCN for a solar voltaic facility and for a CECPCN for a transmission line.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That a hearing shall be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony regarding the Applicant's applications for a CPCN and for a CECPCN;
2. That the additional testimony of the Public Staff shall be filed on or before June 29, 2022; and
3. That the reply testimony of the Applicant shall be filed on or before July 13, 2022.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of June, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk