

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. EMP-119, SUB 0
DOCKET NO. EMP-119, SUB 1

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)	ORDER AMENDING
County, North Carolina)	PUBLIC NOTICE
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DOCKET NO. EMP-119, SUB 1)	
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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 September 27, 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. Among other things, the Order scheduled a hearing for the purpose of receiving public witness testimony on the application of Macadamia Solar, LLC (Macadamia), for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to construct a merchant plant solar photovoltaic (PV) facility with a capacity up to 484 MW_{AC} to be located in Washington County, North Carolina (Facility).

The hearing was scheduled to be held contemporaneously with the previously scheduled hearing for the purpose of receiving public witness testimony on the application of Macadamia for a CPCN for to construct an approximately 6.53-mile 230kV transmission line (Macadamia Line) to allow interconnection of the proposed Facility to the transmission grid via an existing 230kV/115kV Trowbridge Substation operated by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC). The hearing for the purpose of receiving public witness testimony is scheduled to be held remotely via Webex at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. The Order directed Macadamia to publish the Public Notice attached to the Order in a newspaper having general circulation in

Washington County once a week for four successive weeks beginning at least 30 days prior to October 28, 2021.

The Chair finds good cause to amend the public notice to include additional information regarding how to register to speak at the remote public hearing. Macadamia is directed to publish the Public Notice attached to this Order as Attachment A for the remaining public notice period subsequent to this Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of October, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing to be held Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. remotely via Webex. The public witness hearing may be cancelled if no significant protests are filed with the Commission after the publication of the Public Notice.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public witness testimony regarding the application of Macadamia Solar, LLC (Applicant), for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to construct a merchant plant solar energy facility (Facility) with a capacity of up to 484 MW_{AC} to be located in Washington County, North Carolina (Sub 0 Application). The proceeding to consider the application for this Facility has been consolidated with the proceeding to consider the Applicant's request for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to construct an approximately 6.53-mile 230kV transmission line (Macadamia Line). The Macadamia line will allow the Applicant's proposed Facility to interconnect to the transmission grid via an existing 230kV/115kV Trowbridge Substation operated by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC) (Sub 1 Application).

On September 15, 2021, the Commission issued an order in the Sub 1 docket scheduling a public hearing and requiring public notice and clearinghouse review. The public witness hearing for the Sub 1 Application will take place remotely via Webex on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving public witness testimony regarding the Applicant's CPCN application for the transmission line in the Sub 1 docket. The public witness hearing may be cancelled if no significant protests are filed with the Commission after the publication of the Public Notice. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net.

This hearing may be canceled if no significant protests are received subsequent to the publication of this Public Notice.

Members of the public who would like to testify must register in advance of the hearing, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, by calling 919-604-9866 or sending an email to ncucpublichearing@ncuc.net. When registering, provide your name, docket number (EMP-119, Sub 0), telephone number, and the topic of your testimony.

Only individuals registered by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, will be allowed to testify at the public witness hearing.

In support of its Sub 0 Application, the Applicant filed the direct testimony of Kara Price and Donna Robichaud. In summary, construction of the 484 MW_{AC} merchant plant solar energy facility is anticipated to begin in the fourth quarter of 2023 with the expected commercial operation date being in the fourth quarter of 2025. The Facility is to be located on approximately 4,813 fenced areas of privately-owned land located generally on and around Highway 32 and Highway 99 outside of Plymouth in Washington County, North Carolina. The Facility will interconnect, via the 6.53-mile 230kV transmission line for which the Applicant is seeking a CPCN in EMP-119, Sub 1, to the transmission grid via an existing 230kV/115kV Trowbridge Substation operated by DENC. The expected life of the Facility is 35 years.

On September 9, 2021, the Public Staff filed a Notice of Completeness stating that the Public Staff has reviewed Sub 0 Application as required by Commission Rule R8-63(d) and that the Public Staff considers the application to be complete.

Additional information about the applications is available for review by the public on the Commission's website and online docket system at www.ncuc.net.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4326.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

Written statements will be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision but do not receive the same consideration as testimony provided by public witnesses at a hearing.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Thursday, October 28, 2021. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

The Commission may cancel the public witness hearing if no substantial written complaints regarding the proposed facility or proposed transmission line are received by the Commission's Chief Clerk on or before Friday, October 29, 2021.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 14th day of October, 2021.

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Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk