STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Runway Farm, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 5-MW Solar Facility in Warren County, North Carolina

ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On February 27, 2015, Runway Farm, 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 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located on the north side of Airport Road, east of the intersection with Warren Plains Road, near Warrenton, Warren County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP).

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

On March 4, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On March 6, 2015, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the Application and the related public notice were provided to DEP on March 6, 2015.

On April 13, 2015, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The Warren Record (Warrenton, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on April 1, 2015.

On April 21, 2015, the State Clearinghouse filed comments. Because of the nature of the comments, the 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 May 4, 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 (<u>http://www.ncrets.org</u>) in order to facilitate the issuance of RECs.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application of Runway Farm, 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 Runway Farm, LLC, for the $5-MW_{AC}$ solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on the north side of Airport Road, east of the intersection with Warren Plains Road, near Warrenton, Warren County, North Carolina.

3. That the registration statement filed by Runway Farm, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Warren County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.

4. That Runway Farm, 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 $\underline{5^{\text{th}}}$ day of May, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

Chairman Edward S. Finley, Jr., and Commissioners Susan W. Rabon and James G. Patterson did not participate in this decision.

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Runway Farm, LLC 50101 Governors Drive, Suite 280 Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517

is hereby issued this

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

for a 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

on the north side of Airport Road, east of the intersection with Warren Plains Road, near Warrenton, Warren 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.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the <u>5th</u> day of May, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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