STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Red Cedar Solar, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 3-MW Solar Facility in Guilford County, North Carolina

ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On February 27, 2015, Red Cedar Solar, 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 3-MW_{AC} solar generating facility to be located at 4290 Red Cedar Road, Gibsonville, Guilford County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC).

Contemporaneously with the application, the Applicant filed a registration statement for a new renewable energy facility. The registration statement included certified attestations that: (1) the facility is in substantial compliance with all federal and state laws, regulations, and rules for the protection of the environment and conservation of natural resources; (2) the facility will be operated as a new renewable energy facility; (3) the Applicant will not remarket or otherwise resell any renewable energy certificates sold to an electric power supplier to comply with G.S. 62-133.8; and (4) the Applicant will consent to the auditing of its books and records by the Public Staff insofar as those records relate to transactions with North Carolina electric power suppliers.

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

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.

On June 15, 2015, the Applicant filed an affidavit clarifying that it has entered into a lease agreement for the site where the proposed facility is to be built.

On July 12, 2016, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from the Greensboro News Record stating that the publication of notice was completed on June 30, 2016. No complaints have been received.

Also on July 12, 2016, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the Application and the related public notice were provided to DEC on July 30, 2015.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on September 6, 2016. 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 Red Cedar Solar, 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 Red Cedar Solar, LLC, for the 3-MW_{AC} solar generating facility to be located at 4290 Red Cedar Road, Gibsonville, Guilford County, North Carolina.

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

4. That Red Cedar Solar, 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 <u>6th</u> day of September, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Paige L. Morris Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Bryan E. Beatty did not participate in this decision.

APPENDIX A

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Red Cedar Solar, LLC 130 Roberts Street Asheville, North Carolina 28801

is hereby issued this

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

for a 3-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located at

4290 Red Cedar Road, Gibsonville, Guilford 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>6th</u> day of September, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk