

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. EMP-111, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Sweetleaf Solar LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 94-MW Solar Facility in Halifax County, North Carolina)))))	ORDER RESCHEDULING HEARING AND PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR REMOTE HEARING
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BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On July 8, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Procedural Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice, which in part scheduled a hearing to be held on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony regarding the application of Sweetleaf Solar LLC (Applicant) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to construct a 94-MW solar photovoltaic facility in Halifax County, North Carolina. The order provided that the Commission would confirm by subsequent order whether the hearing will be held remotely via Webex or in person.

In March 2020, Governor Roy Cooper issued a progression of Executive Orders that declared a State of Emergency in North Carolina to coordinate the response and protective actions to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Although the latest Executive Orders have eased some restrictions on business operations and mass gatherings, face-to-face indoor meetings continue to be limited to no more than 25 people and require social distancing between individuals of at least six feet.

Based on the current state of uncertainty regarding future requirements to assist in preventing the spread of COVID-19, the Commission finds good cause to schedule the hearing for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony remotely via Webex. Further, due to the press of other business, the Commission finds good cause to reschedule the hearing to begin on Thursday, October 29, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that a remote hearing shall be held via Webex on October 29, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony regarding the Applicant's application for a CPCN. A link to view the hearing will be available at www.ncuc.net. The hearing will be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) On or before Thursday, October 15, 2020, all parties shall file a statement consenting to holding the expert witness hearing by remote means, or a statement objecting to same;

- (2) On or before Thursday, October 15, 2020, all parties shall send the email addresses of the attorneys, witnesses, and other persons who will participate in the hearing on the party's behalf directly to the Commission via email at ncucwebex@ncuc.net;
- (3) On or before Friday, October 23, 2020, parties shall file a list of potential cross-examination exhibits and provide written copies of said exhibits, pre-marked but not numbered, to the other parties and to the Commission via email at ncucexhibits@ncuc.net;
- (4) On or before Tuesday, October 27, 2020, the parties shall file a list of potential redirect examination exhibits and provide written copies of said exhibits, pre-marked but not numbered, to the other parties and the Commission via email at ncucexhibits@ncuc.net;
- (5) Within three business days after the hearing, parties shall file their cross-examination and redirect exhibits used in the hearing marked as indicated during the hearing; and
- (6) Parties and witnesses will be required to refrain from disclosing confidential information during the hearing, including during direct examination, cross-examination, and redirect examination. If a party believes that this requirement will materially affect the party's presentation of evidence or examination of a witness, the party shall bring this to the attention of the Presiding Commissioner at the beginning of the hearing.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 18th day of September, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberley A. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk