

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-5273, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
Application of Pecan Solar, LLC,)	
for a Certificate of Public Convenience)	ORDER SCHEDULING HEARING
and Necessity to Construct a 74.9-MW)	AND REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE
Solar Facility in Northampton County,)	
North Carolina)	

BY THE HEARING EXAMINER: On August 24, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Issuing Amended Certificate and Accepting Registration of New Renewable Energy Facility, approving the amended application filed by Pecan Solar, LLC (Applicant), for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for construction of a 74.9-MW solar photovoltaic generating facility to be located east and west of Bethel Church Road approximately 0.6 to 2 miles north of the intersection of Bethel Church Road and Highway 186 in an unincorporated area approximately 2 miles east of Seaboard in Northampton County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated at the facility to Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power, or one or more wholesale or retail customers in deregulated states that allow for such sales, or to the PJM market.

On July 27, 2016, the Applicant filed an amendment to its application for a CPCN stating, among other things, that the Applicant has decided to add additional parcels of land to be used in the construction of the facility, and that the location has been assigned an E911 address. The Applicant also filed a site plan map showing the additional parcels of land adjacent to the original project site and a proposed substation. On July 28, 2016, the Commission issued a Second Amended Order Requiring Publication of Notice in response to the additional land added to the facility site.

On September 23, 2016, the Applicant filed another amendment to its application for a CPCN stating, among other things, that the Applicant has decided to add additional parcels of land to be used in the construction of the facility. The Applicant also filed a site plan map showing the additional parcels of land adjacent to the project site. On October 4, 2016, the Commission issued a Third Amended Order Requiring Publication of Notice in response to the additional land added to the facility site.

The Third Amended Order Requiring Publication of Notice required the Applicant (1) to publish notice of the application in the manner required by G.S. 62-82(a) and file an affidavit of publication with the Commission, and (2) to mail a copy of the application and notice to the electric utility to which the Applicant plans to sell and distribute the electricity.

and file a signed and verified certificate of service that the application and notice have been provided to the utility. In addition, the Third Amended Order Requiring Publication of Notice directed the Chief Clerk of the Commission to deliver copies of the notice to the Clearinghouse Coordinator of the Office of Policy and Planning of the Department of Administration for distribution by the Coordinator to State agencies having an interest in the application.

On August 25, 2016, Verlene Stephenson filed a complaint in this docket.

Based upon the complaint and the record herein, the Hearing Examiner finds good cause to schedule a public hearing in this docket on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at the Northampton County Courthouse, 102 West Jefferson Street, Jackson, North Carolina to receive evidence as to whether a CPCN should be issued to the Applicant. Further, the Hearing Examiner finds good cause to require the Applicant to publish notice of the public hearing and to pre-file testimony in this docket.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

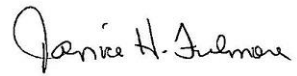
1. That a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public witness testimony and expert witness testimony from the parties shall be, and is hereby, scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at the Northampton County Courthouse, 102 West Jefferson Street, Jackson, North Carolina;
2. That the Applicant shall publish the Public Notice attached as Attachment A hereto one time at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing in the newspaper in which the Applicant previously published notice of the application, and the Applicant shall file an affidavit of publication with the Commission on or before the date of the hearing;
3. That the Applicant shall mail a copy of the attached Public Notice, no later than the date that such notice is published, to the electric utility to which the Applicant plans to sell and distribute the electricity and file a signed and verified certificate of service that the Public Notice has been provided to the utility on or before the date of the hearing;
4. That the Applicant shall prefile its direct expert witness testimony and exhibits in support of its application on or before Friday, November 18, 2016;
5. That other persons desiring to become formal participants and parties of record in this proceeding shall file verified petitions to intervene in accordance with the applicable Commission rules on or before Tuesday, November 29, 2016;
6. That the Public Staff and other intervenors shall prefile their direct expert witness testimony and exhibits on or before Tuesday, November 29, 2016;
7. That the Applicant shall prefile its rebuttal testimony and exhibits, if any, on or before Monday, December 5, 2016; and

8. That the Chief Clerk of the Utilities Commission shall mail a copy of this Order to Verlene Stephenson.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 2nd day of November, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice H. Fulmore".

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

**DOCKET NO. SP-5273, SUB 0
APPLICATION OF PECAN SOLAR, LLC
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 27, 2016, Pecan Solar, LLC (Applicant), filed an amended application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 74.9-MW_{AC} solar generating facility to be located east and west of Bethel Church Road approximately 0.6 to 2 miles north of the intersection of Bethel Church Road and Highway 186 in an unincorporated area approximately 2 miles east of Seaboard in Northampton County, North Carolina.

On August 25, 2016, a complaint was filed with the Commission in this docket. Based upon the complaint and the record herein, the Commission has scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence as to whether a CPCN should be awarded to the Applicant. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at the Northampton County Courthouse, 102 West Jefferson Street, Jackson, North Carolina.

Details of the application may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 N. Salisbury Street, 5th Floor, Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 or 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 or on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

NOTE TO PRINTER: Advertising cost shall be paid by the Applicant. It is required that the Affidavit of Publication be filed with the Commission by the Applicant.