

NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC STAFF UTILITIES COMMISSION

November 10, 2015

Ms. Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 4325 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Docket No. SP-5155 Sub 0

Catawba Solar LLC – Application to Register a New Renewable Energy Facility 1.99-MW_{AC} Solar Photovoltaic Facility at 611 Peeler Road, Salisbury, in Rowan County, North Carolina.

Dear Ms. Mount:

The Public Staff – Electric Division has completed its review of the Registration Statement for a New Renewable Energy Facility filed by Catawba Solar LLC, on February 18, 2015, in the above-referenced docket pursuant to Commission Rule R8-66. On May 8, 2015, as a result of our initial review, the Public Staff requested additional information from the Applicant regarding the facility and a similar project proposed in Docket No. SP-5154, Sub 0, (Rowan Solar NC, LLC), and recommended that the Commission hold both filings in abeyance until the applicants provide a sufficient basis for treating the two facilities as separate, amend their applications to seek a certificate for the facility, or withdraw their applications.

On November 9, 2015, the applicants in both dockets submitted additional information regarding the ownership and management of Catawba Solar LLC and Rowan Solar LLC (d/b/a as Rowan Solar NC, LLC), including verified statements indicating that there is no common ownership, control, or affiliation between Rowan Solar LLC and Catawba Solar LLC.

Based on our review and the additional information provided, we recommend that the Registration Statement for Catawba Solar LLC be considered complete and that the facility be considered a new renewable energy facility.

I certify that a copy of this letter has been served on the individuals or businesses shown below by e-mail. If necessary, please contact me at <u>William.Britt@psncuc.nc.gov</u> or at (919) 733-0884.

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Regards,

William J. Britt, Jr. Utilities Engineer

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