

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-5422, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of North 301 Solar, LLC, for) ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE AND
a Certificate of Public Convenience and) ACCEPTING REGISTRATION OF
Necessity to Construct a 20-MW Solar) NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY
Facility in Halifax County, North Carolina) FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 30, 2015, North 301 Solar, LLC (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity (certificate) pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 20-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at 15919 Hwy 301, near Enfield, Halifax County, North Carolina. The application stated that the Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by the facility into the PJM Interconnection (PJM) network under a power purchase agreement.

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

On April 7, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On May 18, 2015, the State Clearinghouse filed comments stating that the Department of Cultural Resources had requested additional information.

On May 22, 2015, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The Daily Herald (Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on May 14, 2015. No complaints have been received.

On May 26, 2015, the State Clearinghouse filed additional comments from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

On May 28, 2015, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the application and the related public notice were provided to Dominion Resources.

On June 15, 2015, the Applicant filed an amendment verifying that it will interconnect to the Virginia Electric Power Company transmission system, and sell power into PJM as a merchant seller and/or sell power to a third party under a bilateral power purchase agreement pursuant to a wholesale distribution agreement with PJM.

Also, on June 15, 2015, the Applicant filed a second certificate of service stating that a copy of the application and the related public notice were provided to Dominion North Carolina Power (DNCP), on June 15, 2015, which was after the first date of publication of the notice. The Public Staff contacted DNCP and DNCP indicated that it

did not object to the lack of timely service of the application and the related public notice.

On September 28, 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 October 5, 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 (<http://www.ncrets.org>) in order to facilitate the issuance of RECs.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application of North 301 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 North 301 Solar, LLC, for the 20-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 15919 Hwy 301, near Enfield, Halifax County, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by North 301 Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Halifax County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
4. That North 301 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 6th day of October, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Jackie Cox, Deputy Clerk

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North 301 Solar, LLC
17115 Kenton Drive, Suite 206A
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is hereby issued this

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

for a 20-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

at 15919 Hwy 301, near Enfield, Halifax 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 6th day of October, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackie Cox", is written over the printed name.

Jackie Cox, Deputy Clerk