

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. EMP-108, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of American Beech Solar LLC,)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and)	CANCEL EXPERT WITNESS
Necessity to Construct a 140-MW Solar)	HEARING AND REQUIRING FILING
Facility in Halifax County, North Carolina)	OF ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE

BY THE COMMISSION: On January 28, 2020, American Beech Solar LLC (American Beech or Applicant) filed an application pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-63 for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to construct a 110-MW solar facility (Facility) in Halifax County, North Carolina.¹

On June 8, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Hearing and the Filing of Testimony. According to that Order, an expert witness hearing is scheduled in this matter for 10:00 a.m. on August 2, 2022, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony regarding the American Beech's application for a CPCN.

On July 27, 2022, the Applicant filed a Consent Motion to Cancel Expert Witness Hearing. The Applicant, with the consent of the Public Staff, moves the Commission to cancel the August 2, 2022 expert witness hearing, accept into the record all prefiled testimony and exhibits of the Applicant and the Public Staff, and decide the application based on the record. The Applicant states that the Public Staff has recommended that the Commission approve the application subject to certain conditions and that American Beech has accepted those conditions. There are no other parties to this docket and the Commission has not received written complaints regarding the proposed Facility.

Considering the foregoing, the Commission finds good cause to cancel the expert witness hearing scheduled for August 2, 2022, accept into the record all prefiled testimony and exhibits of the Applicant and the Public Staff, and decide the application based on the record.

However, the Commission also directs the Applicant to file additional evidence in the docket that the Commission will consider when reaching its decision on the application. Specifically, the Applicant is directed to file Levelized Cost of Transmission (LCOT)

¹ In testimony filed on May 24, 2022, Applicant witness Stanton describes a change made to the planned Facility that results in the Facility being a 140-MW Facility rather than a 110-MW Facility. The area of the project that was included in the Public Notice of the original application has not been expanded.

calculations, including the costs assigned to the Facility by PJM Interconnection LLC in its Interconnection Construction Service Agreement and Affected Systems Costs, for the following scenarios: (1) American Beech is the only party in the AC1/AC2 PJM clusters funding the Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) Affected Systems Costs; (2) American Beech and Edgecombe Solar LLC², a project in the AC1 cluster that has signed an Affected System Operating Agreement (ASOA) with DEP, both participate in funding the DEP Affected Systems Costs; and (3) American Beech and all projects in the AC1/AC2 clusters that show in their interconnection studies that they require the DEP Affected System Upgrades prior to commencing operation participate in funding the DEP Affected System Costs.

American Beech shall work with the Public Staff on the calculations and file the required information and, if it so desires, accompanying testimony, on or before August 5, 2022. If the Public Staff does not agree with the calculations, it may file a response on or before August 12, 2022.

IT IS, THEREFORE ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the hearing scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, for the purpose of receiving expert witness testimony regarding the Applicant's application for a CPCN is canceled;

2. That the Applicant file additional information as described above on or before August 5, 2022; and

3. That the Public Staff file any response to the Applicant's additional information on or before August 12, 2022.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 29th day of July, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erica N. Green". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Erica" and last name "Green" clearly distinguishable.

Erica N. Green, Deputy Clerk

² Edgecombe Solar LLC was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a 75-MW solar photovoltaic electric generating facility on November 13, 2020, in Docket No. EMP-101, Sub 0.