STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. SP-5272, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Sunflower Solar, LLC,)	
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and)	ORDER SCHEDULING HEARING
Necessity to Construct a 20-MW Solar)	AND REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE
Facility in Halifax County, North Carolina)	

BY THE HEARING EXAMINER: On March 3, 2015, Sunflower Solar, LLC (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 20-MW solar generating facility to be located off Highway 301 Road, approximately 0.17 miles east of the intersection of Dickens-Wildwood Road and Highway 301 Road in an unincorporated area approximately 2 miles south of Weldon, Halifax County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity to Dominion North Carolina Power.

On March 24, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice requiring 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 Order 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 April 30, 2015, an e-mail designated as a complaint was received from Mr. Paul Walden and filed 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 Thursday, May 28, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., at the Halifax Historic Courthouse, 10 N King Street, Halifax, 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 Thursday, May 28, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., in the Halifax Historic Courthouse, 10 N King Street, Halifax, 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 Monday, May 18, 2015;
- 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 Friday, May 22, 2015;
- 6. That the Public Staff and other intervenors shall prefile their direct expert witness testimony and exhibits on or before Friday, May 22, 2015;
- 7. That the Applicant shall prefile its rebuttal testimony and exhibits, if any, on or before Wednesday, May 27, 2015; and
- 8. That the Chief Clerk of the Utilities Commission shall mail a copy of this Order to Mr. Walden.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the ___<u>13th</u>_ day of May, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Paige S. Morris, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCKET NO. SP-5272, SUB 0 APPLICATION OF SUNFLOWER SOLAR, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 3, 2015, Sunflower Solar, LLC (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 20-MW solar generating facility to be located off Highway 301 Road, approximately 0.17 miles east of the intersection of Dickens-Wildwood Road and Highway 301 Road in an unincorporated area approximately 2 miles south of Weldon, Halifax County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity to Dominion North Carolina Power.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 30, 2015, an e-mail designated as a complaint was received by the North Carolina Utilities Commission and filed 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 issued to the Applicant. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., in the Halifax Historic Courthouse, 10 N King Street, Halifax, 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 the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Friday, May 22, 2015. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Friday, May 22, 2015.

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.