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May 26, 2015

Ms. Gail Mount
North Carolina Department of Commerce
Utilities Commission
4325 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325

Re: SCH File # 15-E-4600-0570; Application of North 301 Solar, LLC for Certificate to construct a 20 MW Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility in Halifax Co. Docket #SP-5422 Sub 0.

Dear Ms. Mount:

The above referenced environmental impact information has been reviewed through the State Clearinghouse under the provisions of the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act.

Attached to this letter are additional comments made in the review of this document. Because of the nature of the comments, it has been determined that no further State Clearinghouse review action on your part is needed for compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act. The attached comments should be taken into consideration in project development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Crystal Best".

Crystal Best
State Environmental Review Clearinghouse

Attachments

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE CLEARINGHOUSE
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW

COUNTY: HALIFAX

H11: ENERGY RELATED
FACILITIES/ACTIVITIES

STATE NUMBER: 15-E-4600-0570
DATE RECEIVED: 04/14/2015
AGENCY RESPONSE: 05/11/2015
REVIEW CLOSED: 05/14/2015

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PROJECT INFORMATION

APPLICANT: N.C. Department of Commerce
TYPE: State Environmental Policy Act
Environmental Review

DESC: Application of North 301 Solar, LLC for Certificate to construct a 20 MW Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility in Halifax Co. Docket #SP-5422 Sub 0. -
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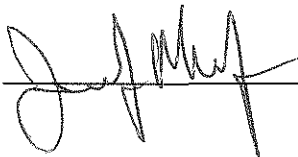
Located on US 301 North in Enfield, NC

The attached project has been submitted to the N. C. State Clearinghouse for intergovernmental review. Please review and submit your response by the above indicated date to 1301 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1301.

If additional review time is needed, please contact this office at (919)807-2425.

AS A RESULT OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED: ☐ NO COMMENT ☒ COMMENTS ATTACHED

SIGNED BY:



DATE:

5/7/2015



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May 26 2015



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Assistant Commissioner

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May 7th, 2015

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State #: 15-E-4600-0570
RE: Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility – on Hwy 301 North, Enfield, NC

Dear Mr. Creech:

The footprint of the proposed Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility has the potential of irreversible damage and may increase the loss of state important farm and forest land thereby negatively impacting agricultural environmental balance in the immediate area. The NCDA&CS encourages due consideration be given to potential negative environmental and economic impacts on farm and forest land in the proposed area.

Agricultural production incomes from locally grown products have a considerable multiplier influence. It is estimated that for every 40 acres converted from agricultural production, one agribusiness job and its associated economic activity is lost indefinitely. Furthermore the costs of community services used by agribusiness are usually minimal and therefore are net contributors to county budgets. Both current and future cost for the conversion land from production agriculture is needed for an accurate evaluation.

Based on the secondary, cumulative, and direct impacts, this project has potential to adversely impact the agricultural environmental and economic resources in the proposed study area. The total negative impact on the environmental and agribusiness economy will be proportionately related to the total acres of farm and forest land taken out of production.

Respectfully,

Joseph Hudyncia
Environmental Programs Specialist