

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-11723, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Apex Solar, LLC, for a)
Certificate of Public Convenience and)
Necessity to Construct a 30-MW Solar) ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
Facility in Cleveland County, North Carolina)

BY THE COMMISSION: On May 7, 2018, Apex Solar, LLC (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 30-MW_{AC} solar generating facility to be located on the west side of Plainsview Church Road, approximately 0.5 miles west of the intersection with East Stage Coach Trail, Lawndale, Cleveland County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC).

On May 21, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On May 22, 2018, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the application and the related public notice were provided to DEC on May 21, 2018.

On May 24, 2018, the Applicant filed a statement from DEC assessing the facility's impact pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64(b)(6)(i)c.

On July 2, 2018, 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.

On July 10, 2018, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The Star (Shelby, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on June 13, 2018. No complaints have been received.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on July 23, 2018. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the application and determined it to be in compliance with the requirements of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1(a) and Commission Rule R8-64. Therefore, the Public Staff recommended approval of the certificate 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.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application of Apex Solar, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be, and is hereby, approved; and

2. That Appendix A shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Apex Solar, LLC, for the 30-MW_{AC} solar generating facility to be located on the west side of Plainsview Church Road, approximately 0.5 miles west of the intersection with East Stage Coach Trail, Lawndale, Cleveland County, North Carolina.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 23rd day of July, 2018.

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Linnetta Threatt, Deputy Clerk

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Apex Solar, LLC
c/o Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC
3250 Ocean Park Boulevard, Suite 355
Santa Monica, California 90405

is hereby issued this

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
PURSUANT TO N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1**

for a 30-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

on the west side of Plainsview Church Road, approximately 0.5 miles west of the intersection with East Stage Coach Trail, Lawndale, Cleveland 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 23rd day of July, 2018.

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