## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

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## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Application of Timbermill Wind, LLC, for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Merchant Plant Wind Energy Facility in Chowan County, North Carolina, and Registration as a New Renewable Energy Facility	) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ) ORDER REQUIRING FILING OF ) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION )
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In the Matter of Application of Timbermill Wind, LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct A 230 kV Transmission Line in Chowan County, North Carolina	) ) ) ) ) ) )

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 14, 2021, Timbermill Wind, LLC (Timbermill 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 wind energy facility with a capacity of up to 189 MW<sub>AC</sub> to be operated as an electric merchant generating facility (Facility) in Chowan County, North Carolina (Application). Timbermill noted that the Facility was assigned PJM Queue Number Z1-036 in 2013. Timbermill also filed its registration as a New Renewable Energy Facility in accordance with Commission Rule R8-66. On June 21, 2021, Timbermill also filed an application in Docket No. EMP-118, Sub 1 for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity (CECPCN) to construct a 230 kV transmission line in Chowan County to allow interconnection of the Facility to an existing 230 kV Winfall-Mackeys transmission line operated by Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC).

On May 4, 2022, the Commission issued an Order Granting Certificates and Accepting Registration granting Timbermill a CPCN to construct the Facility and a CECPCN to construct the transmission line (CPCN Order). Commission Rule R8-63(f)

requires Timbermill to file Annual Progress Reports on the construction of the Facility, and the CPCN Order requires Timbermill to file any revisions to cost estimates for the construction of the Facility and any network upgrades within 30 days of becoming aware of the revisions (Annual Progress Reports).

On August 30, 2023, Timbermill filed confidential and public versions of an Annual Progress Report. Timbermill reported that on March 14, 2023, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality issued a permit to Timbermill pursuant to N.C.G.S.§ 143-215.115 et. seq. On March 24, 2023, Chowan County issued building and electrical permits for the Facility. Timbermill has received all permits necessary for the Facility and has commenced construction. Timbermill stated that the Facility is expected to reach commercial operations in the fourth guarter of 2024 barring unforeseen delays. The report contains a single number for construction costs, without any breakdown of specific categories of costs for construction of the Facility, interconnection facilities, network upgrades, and affected system upgrades. To aid the Commission's oversight of the construction of merchant generating facilities and their impacts on North Carolina ratepayers, all Annual Progress Reports must include affirmative and specific statements of costs. The Commission directs Timbermill to amend its most recently filed Annual Progress Report to itemize the construction costs to show: (1) the cost of the generating plant; (2) the cost of the interconnection facilities; (3) the cost of network upgrades; and (4) the cost of affected system upgrades.

Timbermill is also directed to provide an updated LCOT calculation assuming that the Facility is responsible for all affected system costs necessitated by the facilities in its cluster, regardless of whether any of those costs presently are assigned or allocated to the Facility or to any other facility in the cluster, or whether any facility has a signed ASOA, and using the expected annual generator output in MWh of only the Facility.

The Commission further directs Timbermill to update the Commission on the date on which the Facility was placed into service or is anticipated to be placed in service. To the extent the Facility is not yet in service and additional Annual Progress Reports must be filed, the reports should follow the directives set forth in this Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Timbermill shall file a revised Annual Progress Report on or before Monday, May 6, 2024.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 4th day of April, 2024.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk