

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. EMP-93, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Wilkinson Solar LLC for a)
Certificate of Public Convenience and) ORDER RESCHEDULING
Necessity to Construct a 74-MW Solar) HEARING
Facility in Beaufort County, North Carolina)

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On October 11, 2017, the Commission issued an Order granting Wilkinson Solar, LLC (Applicant), a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) for the construction of a 74-MW solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating merchant plant facility to be located in Beaufort County, North Carolina.

On November 29, 2017, the Applicant filed a letter with the Commission stating that the footprint of the facility has been expanded to the south and will incorporate additional land south of Terra Ceia Road, as shown on the revised site plan map attached thereto. The Applicant further states that, consistent with the Applicant's letter filed in this proceeding on October 9, 2017, the solar PV panels proposed to be located on the Respress property north of Terra Ceia Road have been removed from the site plan.

Considering the Applicant's November 29, 2017 letter and revised site plan as an application to amend the CPCN previously granted in this docket, the Commission issued an Amended Order Requiring Publication of Notice and Further Review by State Clearinghouse on December 6, 2017, requiring the Applicant to publish notice of the application and requesting further review by the State Clearinghouse. In its Order, the Commission stated that if a complaint is received within ten days after the last date of the publication of the notice, the Commission would schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded, give reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing to the Applicant and to each complainant, and require the Applicant to publish notice of the hearing in the newspaper in which the notice of the application was published.

On February 1, 2018, the Applicant filed its affidavit of publication stating that it had published notice of the application in The Washington (N.C.) Daily News on December 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2017, as required by the Commission's December 6, 2017 Order.

On February 7, 2018, based upon numerous letters of complaint that were filed in this docket in response to the proposed amendment subsequent to the initial newspaper publication, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Further Hearings, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Procedural Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice, scheduling

a public witness hearing on Monday, March 19, 2018, in Washington, North Carolina, and an expert witness hearing on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Due to scheduling conflicts that have arisen in the Commission's calendar since the Commission issued its February 7 Order, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to reschedule the hearing in Raleigh for the purpose of receiving testimony from the parties' witnesses to begin on April 11, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The hearing in Washington for the purpose of receiving testimony from public witnesses regarding the application will be held as scheduled on March 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Beaufort County Courthouse, District Courtroom 211, 112 W. Second Street, Washington, North Carolina.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 16th day of March, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Linnetta Threatt, Deputy Clerk