

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-5262, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Henry Gibson Solar, LLC, for)	ORDER REQUIRING
a Certificate of Public Convenience and)	FURTHER REVIEW BY
Necessity to Construct a 4.99-MW Solar)	STATE CLEARINGHOUSE
Facility in Scotland County, North Carolina)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On February 27, 2015, Henry Gibson Solar, LLC (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 4.99-MW solar generating facility to be located at 8081 Henry Gibson Road, Gibson, Scotland County, North Carolina. In addition, Applicant filed a registration statement requesting that the Commission accept registration of the facility as a new renewable energy facility.

On August 16, 2016, based upon findings that Applicant had complied with the statutory requirement for publication of notice and other requirements, and based on the recommendation of the Public Staff, the Commission issued an order granting a CPCN to Applicant. In addition, the Commission accepted registration of the facility as a new renewable energy facility.

On July 30, 2021, Applicant filed a motion to renew the CPCN pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64(d)(2).

On October 7, 2021, Applicant filed a supplemental site plan map. Applicant stated that in response to discussions with the Public Staff it updated the site plan map to include the proposed location of the generation tie line within a corridor.

Applicant, Commission Staff, and the Public Staff engaged in an email discussion about Applicant's supplemental site plan map regarding whether there was a need for further publication of notice or Clearinghouse Review based on Applicant's addition of the generation tie line corridor.

On November 5, 2021, the Public Staff filed a letter stating that its review of the supplemental site plan map indicates that Applicant has added new land to the east of the original site boundary and a proposed corridor for an underground generation tie line that extends approximately 4,000 feet south to Gibson Road. The Public Staff attached a map highlighting the updates to the site plan. The Public Staff stated that based on the changes to the site plan it recommends that the Commission send the application to the State Clearinghouse for further review and, if the Commission believes additional notice is warranted, issue an order requiring publication of notice.

Based on the foregoing and the record in this docket, the Commission finds good cause to send Applicant's CPCN renewal application, supplemental site plan map, and the Public Staff's map highlighting the updates to the site plan to the State Clearinghouse for further review by the State agencies having an interest in the renewal application and supplemental site plan map.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the Chief Clerk of the Utilities Commission will deliver copies of the Applicant's renewal application, supplemental site plan map, the Public Staff's map highlighting the updates to the site plan, and this Order 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 renewal application and supplemental site plan;
2. That Applicant shall not begin construction on the added land or generation tie line until further Order of the Commission; and
3. That the Commission will proceed as it deems appropriate after the filing of comments, if any, by the State agencies having an interest in the renewal application and supplemental site plan.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 9th day of November, 2021.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Joann R. Snyder, Deputy Clerk