

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. EMP-110, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Sumac Solar, LLC for a)	
Certificate of Public Convenience and)	ORDER REQUIRING FILING OF
Necessity to Construct an 80 MW Solar)	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Facility in Bertie County, North Carolina)	

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 16, 2020, Sumac Solar, LLC (Sumac 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 an 80 MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic (PV) electric merchant generating facility (Facility) in Bertie County, North Carolina (Application).¹ Sumac noted that the Facility is part of PJM Interconnection Cluster AD1 (AD1 Cluster).

On January 31, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Granting Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity with Conditions granting Sumac a CPCN to construct the Facility (CPCN Order). Commission Rule R8-63(f) requires Sumac to file Annual Progress Reports on the construction of the Facility, and the CPCN Order requires Sumac 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).

Sumac has not yet filed an Annual Progress Report as required under Rule R8-63(f). To aid the Commission's oversight of these projects and their impacts on North Carolina ratepayers, all Annual Progress Reports must include affirmative and specific statements of costs. The Commission directs Sumac to include in its first Annual Progress Report itemization of 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.

Sumac 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 Sumac 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

¹ Sumac originally proposed a 120 MW facility but later downsized it to 80 MW.

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 Sumac shall file an 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 handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Shonta Dunston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" at the end.

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk