

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-5472, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Application of Innovative Solar 79, LLC,)	ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
for a Certificate of Public Convenience)	AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION
and Necessity to Construct a 25-MW Solar)	OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY
Facility in Craven County, North Carolina)	FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On April 24, 2015, Innovative Solar 79, LLC (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 25-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at 595 Tebo Road, near New Bern, Craven County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP).

Contemporaneously with the application, the Applicant filed a registration statement for a new renewable energy facility.

On April 27, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On April 29, 2015, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the application and the related public notice were provided to DEP on April 28, 2015.

On June 8, 2015, the Applicant filed an amendment to its application. The amendment clarified that the Applicant has a lease for the site of the proposed facility.

Also on June 8, 2015, 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 June 17, 2015, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from the New Bern Sun Journal stating that the publication of notice was completed on May 23, 2015. No complaints have been received.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on August 31, 2015. The Public Staff stated that it had reviewed the application and determined it to be in compliance with the requirements of G.S. 62-110.1(a) and Commission Rule R8-64. The Public Staff further stated that the

registration statement contains the certified attestations required by Commission Rule R8-66(b). Therefore, the Public Staff recommended approval of the certificate and registration 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. The Commission further finds good cause, based upon the foregoing and the entire record in this proceeding, to accept registration of the facility as a new renewable energy facility. The Applicant shall annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year and will be required to participate in the NC-RETS REC tracking system (<http://www.ncrets.org>) in order to facilitate the issuance of RECs.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application of Innovative Solar 79, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be, and is hereby, approved.

2. That Appendix A shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Innovative Solar 79, LLC, for the 25-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 595 Tebo Road, near New Bern, Craven County, North Carolina.

3. That the registration statement filed by Innovative Solar 79, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Craven County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.

4. That Innovative Solar 79, LLC, shall annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 31st day of August, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Jackie Cox, Deputy Clerk

Commissioners Bryan E. Beatty and James G. Patterson did not participate in this decision.

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Innovative Solar 79, LLC
171 Rolling Meadows Road
Fletcher, North Carolina 28732

is hereby issued this

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
PURSUANT TO G.S. 62-110.1**

for a 25-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

at 595 Tebo Road, near New Bern,
Craven 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 31st day of August, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jackie Cox", is written over the printed name.

Jackie Cox, Deputy Clerk