

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-4326, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Butternut Solar Farm, LLC,)
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and) ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
Necessity to Construct a 5-MW Solar Facility)
in Chowan County, North Carolina)

BY THE COMMISSION: On September 22, 2014, Butternut Solar Farm, LLC (Applicant), filed an application pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64 seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1 for construction of a 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located in Chowan County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Dominion North Carolina Power (DNCP).

On October 3, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On October 30, 2014, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the application and the related public notice were provided to DNCP on October 8, 2014.

Also on October 30, 2014, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The Daily Advance (Elizabeth City, NC) stating that the publication of notice was completed on October 28, 2014. No complaints have been received.

On November 19, 2014, 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.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on December 1, 2014. 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. Therefore, the Public Staff recommended issuance of the requested certificate for the facility.

Based upon the foregoing, and the recommendation of the Public Staff, the Commission finds good cause to approve the application and issue the requested certificate.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

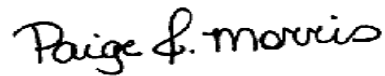
1. That the application filed by Butternut Solar Farm, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be, and is hereby, approved.

2. That Appendix A shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Butternut Solar Farm, LLC, for the 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located in Chowan County, at 115 Butternut Lane, Edenton, North Carolina.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 2nd day of December, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Don M. Bailey did not participate in this decision.

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Butternut Solar Farm, LLC
176 Mine Lake Court, Suite #100
Raleigh, North Carolina 27615

is hereby issued this

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

for a 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

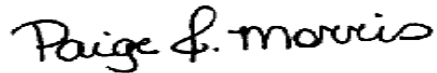
in Chowan County,
at 115 Butternut Lane, Edenton, North Carolina,

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 2nd day of December, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk