STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. SP-4280, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Caswell Solar, LLC, for a)	ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
Certificate of Public Convenience and)	AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION
Necessity to Construct a 5-MW Solar)	OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY
Facility in Caswell County, North Carolina)	FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On September 12, 2014, Caswell Solar, 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 $_{\rm AC}$ solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located in Caswell County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP).

Contemporaneously with the application, the Applicant filed a registration statement for a new renewable energy facility. The registration statement included the certified attestations required by Commission Rule R8-66(b).

On September 17, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On September 19, 2014, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the application and the public notice was provided to DEP on September 18, 2014.

On October 23, 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.

On October 28, 2014, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The Caswell Messenger (Yanceyville, NC) stating that the publication of notice was completed on October 15, 2014. No complaints have been received.

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. 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 issuance of the requested certificate and acceptance of the registration statement for the facility.

Based upon the foregoing, and the recommendation of the Public Staff, the Commission finds good cause to approve the application, issue the requested certificate, and accept the registration statement. The Applicant should 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 filed by Caswell Solar, 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 Caswell Solar, LLC, for the 5-MW $_{\rm AC}$ solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located in Caswell County at the intersection of Fire Tower Rd and NC Hwy 86 N, Yanceyville, North Carolina.
- 3. That the registration statement filed by Caswell Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Caswell County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
- 4. That Caswell Solar, LLC, 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 <u>2nd</u> day of December, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

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Caswell Solar, LLC 3250 Ocean Park Blvd. Suite 355 Santa Monica, CA 90405

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 Caswell County at the intersection of Fire Tower Rd and Hwy 86 N, Yanceyville, 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 $\underline{2^{nd}}$ day of December, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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