

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-4411, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Tar Heel Solar, LLC, for a            )    ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE  
Certificate of Public Convenience and            )    AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION  
Necessity to Construct a 12-MW Solar            )    OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY  
Facility in Bladen County, North Carolina        )    FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On October 6, 2014, Tar Heel Solar, LLC (Applicant), filed an application pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64 with the Commission seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 12-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located in Bladen County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC).

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 October 8, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On October 29, 2014, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that the public notice and a copy of the application were provided to Four County Electric Membership Corporation and to NCEMC on October 14, 2014.

On November 19, 2014, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from the Bladen Journal stating that the publication of notice was completed on November 4, 2014. No complaints have been received.

Also 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. 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 that the requested certificate be issued and the registration for the facility be accepted.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds good cause to approve the application and issue the attached certificate of public convenience and necessity 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 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 of Tar Heel 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 Tar Heel Solar, LLC for the 12-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located in Bladen County, on the west side of NC 87 Highway West, two miles north of the intersection of Tar Heel Road and NC 87 Highway West, near Tar Heel, North Carolina.

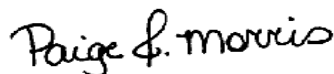
3. That the registration statement filed by Tar Heel Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Bladen County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility shall be, and is hereby, accepted.

4. That Tar Heel 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk

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

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Tar Heel Solar, LLC  
3250 Ocean Park Boulevard, Suite 355  
Santa Monica, California 90405

is hereby issued this

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

for a 12-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

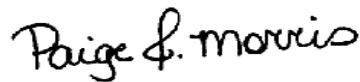
in Bladen County, on the west side of NC 87 Highway West, two miles north of the intersection of Tar Heel Road and NC 87 Highway West, near Tar Heel, North Carolina,

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk