

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-7782, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Howardtown Farm, LLC,            ) ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE  
for a Certificate of Public Convenience        ) AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION  
and Necessity to Construct a 10-MW Solar    ) OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY  
Facility in Robeson County, North Carolina ) FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On October 12, 2016, Howardtown Farm, 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 10-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at 479 Shaw Mill Road, St. Pauls, Robeson County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to 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 certified attestations that: (1) the facility is in substantial compliance with all federal and state laws, regulations, and rules for the protection of the environment and conservation of natural resources; (2) the facility will be operated as a new renewable energy facility; (3) the Applicant will not remarket or otherwise resell any renewable energy certificates sold to an electric power supplier to comply with G.S. 62-133.8; and (4) the Applicant will consent to the auditing of its books and records by the Public Staff insofar as those records relate to transactions with North Carolina electric power suppliers.

On October 14, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On October 19, 2016, the Applicant filed a verified certificate of service stating that the application and the related public notice were provided to NCEMC on October 19, 2016.

On November 14, 2016, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The Robesonian (Lumberton, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on November 11, 2016. No complaints have been received.

On November 29, 2016, 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 19, 2016. 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 Howardtown 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 Howardtown Farm, LLC, for the 10-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 479 Shaw Mill Road, St. Pauls, Robeson County, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by Howardtown Farm, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Robeson County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
4. That Howardtown Farm, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Linnetta Threatt, Acting Deputy Clerk

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Howardtown Farm, LLC  
1125 East Morehead Street, Suite 202  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28204

is hereby issued this

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

for a 10-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

at 479 Shaw Mill Road, St. Pauls, Robeson 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.

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This the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Linnetta Threatt, Acting Deputy Clerk