

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-6991, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of |) | |
| Application of Old Road Solar, LLC, |) | ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE |
| for a Certificate of Public Convenience |) | AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION |
| and Necessity to Construct a 4.99-MW |) | OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY |
| Solar Facility in Rockingham County, |) | FACILITY |
| North Carolina |) | |

BY THE COMMISSION: On December 14, 2015, Old Road Solar, 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 4.99-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located off Mt. Herman Church Road, approximately 0.8 miles from the intersection of Mt. Herman Church Road and Mayfield Road, Ruffin, Rockingham County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC).

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 December 16, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On January 20, 2016, and again on February 2, 2016, the State Clearinghouse filed comments. Because of the nature of the comments, the cover letter indicated that additional comments were requested by the Department of Cultural and Natural Resources.

On March 8, 2016, the Applicant filed a verified certificate of service stating that the application and the related public notice were provided to DEC on January 22, 2016.

Also on March 8, 2016, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from the Reidsville Review stating that the publication of notice was completed on February 24, 2016. No complaints have been received.

On December 12, 2016, the State Clearinghouse filed additional 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 January 9, 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:

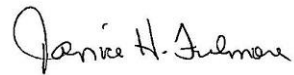
1. That the application of Old Road Solar, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be, and is hereby, approved;
2. That Appendix A shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Old Road Solar, LLC, for the 4.99-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located off Mt. Herman Church Road, approximately 0.8 miles from the intersection of Mt. Herman Church Road and Mayfield Road, Ruffin, Rockingham County, North Carolina;
3. That the registration statement filed by Old Road Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Rockingham County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted; and

4. That Old Road Solar, 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 10th day of January, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice H. Fulmore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk

Commissioners ToNola D. Brown-Bland, Jerry C. Dockham and James G. Patterson did not participate in this decision.

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Old Road Solar, LLC
130 Roberts Street
Asheville, North Carolina 28801

is hereby issued this

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

for a 4.99-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

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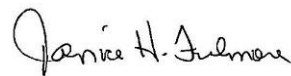
off Mt. Herman Church Road, approximately 0.8 miles from the intersection of Mt. Herman Church Road and Mayfield Road, Ruffin, Rockingham County, North Carolina,

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 10th day of January, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk