

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-7624, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Sawtell 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 Henderson County, North Carolina) FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 28, 2016, Sawtell 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 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located off of Chimney Rock Road, approximately 0.35 miles west of the intersection of Carrie Drive and Bowden Lane, Hendersonville, Henderson 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.

On March 30, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On May 2, 2016, the Applicant filed a verified certificate of service stating that the application and the related public notice were provided to DEC on April 29, 2016.

On May 4, 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.

On June 7, 2016, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from the Times-News (Hendersonville, NC) stating that the publication of notice was completed on May 27, 2016. No complaints have been received.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on June 20, 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 Sawtell 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 Sawtell Solar, LLC, for the 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located off of Chimney Rock Road, approximately 0.35 miles west of the intersection of Carrie Drive and Bowden Lane, Hendersonville, Henderson County, North Carolina.

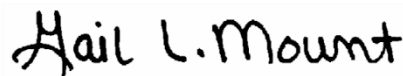
3. That the registration statement filed by Sawtell Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Henderson County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.

4. That Sawtell 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 21st day of June, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

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Sawtell 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 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

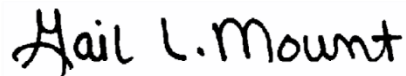
off of Chimney Rock Road, approximately 0.35 miles west of the intersection of Carrie Drive and Bowden Lane, Hendersonville, Henderson County, North Carolina,

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 21st day of June, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



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