

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-5220, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of	
Application of Bladen Solar, LLC, for a	)
Certificate of Public Convenience and	)
Necessity to Construct a 50-MW Solar	)
Facility in Bladen County, North Carolina	)
	ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
	AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION
	OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY
	FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On February 23, 2015, Bladen 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 50-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar generating facility to be located on the west side of Braxton Edge Road, east and west of the intersection with Old Fayetteville Road, and east of Walter West Road near Fayetteville, Bladen County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity to Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP).

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

On March 3, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On March 16, 2015, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the CPCN application and related public notice were delivered on March 16, 2015, to DEP.

On April 7, 2015, the State Clearinghouse filed comments. On April 27, 2015, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication.

On May 6, 2015, the Applicant filed an amended site location stating that portions of the facility will be on both the east and west sides of Old Fayetteville Road, east of the intersection with Walter West Road near Fayetteville, Bladen County, North Carolina.

On May 8, 2015, the Commission issued an Amended Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On May 11, 2015, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the amended CPCN application, registration statement, and related public notice were served on May 11, 2015, to DEP.

On June 15, 2015, the State Clearinghouse filed comments. Because of the nature of these 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 17, 2015, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from the Bladen Journal (Elizabethtown, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on June 5, 2015. No complaints have been received.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on June 29, 2015. 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 of 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 entire record in this proceeding, to the 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:

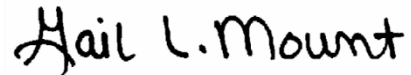
1. That the application filed by Bladen Solar, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be, and is hereby, approved.
2. That Appendix A shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Bladen Solar, LLC, for the 50-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located on the east and west sides of Braxton Edge Road, east and west of the intersection with Old Fayetteville Road, and east of Walter West Road, near Fayetteville, Bladen County, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by Bladen Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility to be located in Bladen County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility shall be, and is hereby, accepted.

4. That Bladen 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail L. Mount". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

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Bladen Solar, LLC  
3250 Ocean Park Blvd., 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 50-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

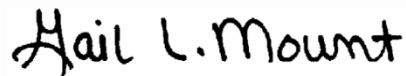
on the east and west sides of Braxton Edge Road, east and west of the intersection with  
Old Fayetteville Road, and east of Walter West Road, near Fayetteville, Bladen County,  
North Carolina,

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 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk