

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-5186, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Red Mountain Solar, LLC,            ) ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE  
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and        ) AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION  
Necessity to Construct a 65-MW Solar            ) OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY  
Facility in Columbus County, North Carolina    ) FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On February 18, 2015, Red Mountain 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 65-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located north of Andrew Jackson Highway and west of Chauncey Town Road, near Lake Waccamaw, Columbus County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP).

Contemporaneously with the application, the Applicant filed a registration statement for a new renewable energy facility.

On February 24, 2015, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On February 27, 2015, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that the public notice and a copy of the application were provided to DEP on February 25, 2015.

On April 2, 2015, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The News Reporter (Whiteville, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on March 23, 2015. No complaints have been received.

On April 7, 2015, 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 May 11, 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 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.

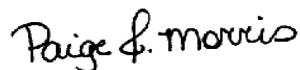
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application of Red Mountain 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 Red Mountain Solar, LLC, for the 65-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located north of Andrew Jackson Highway and west of Chauncey Town Road, near Lake Waccamaw, Columbus County, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by Red Mountain Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Columbus County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
4. That Red Mountain 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk

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Red Mountain 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 65-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

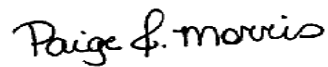
north of Andrew Jackson Highway and west of Chauncey Town Road,  
near Lake Waccamaw, Columbus County, North Carolina,

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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