

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-7726, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Gladstone Farm, LLC,)	ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
for a Certificate of Public Convenience)	AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION
and Necessity to Construct a 5-MW Solar)	OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY
Facility in Moore County, North Carolina)	FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On March 22, 2016, Gladstone 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 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located on the east side of Hoffman Road (also known as State Road 1004), north of the intersection with Meredith Lane, West End, Moore County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP).

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

On March 24, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On March 28, 2016, the Applicant filed a verified certificate of service stating that a copy of the application and the related public notice were provided to DEP on March 28, 2016.

On May 2, 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 May 9, 2016, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The Pilot (Southern Pines, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on April 20, 2016. No complaints have been received.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on May 23, 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.

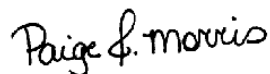
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application of Gladstone 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 Gladstone Farm, LLC, for the 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on the east side of Hoffman Road (also known as State Road 1004), north of the intersection with Meredith Lane, West End, Moore County, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by Gladstone Farm, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Moore County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
4. That Gladstone 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 23rd day of May, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk

Commissioners Bryan E. Beatty and James G. Patterson did not participate in this decision.

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Gladstone Farm, LLC
50101 Governors Drive, Suite 280
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27517

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

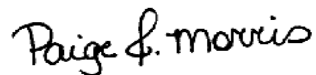
on the east side of Hoffman Road (also known as State Road 1004), north of the
intersection with Meredith Lane, West End, Moore County, North Carolina,

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 23rd day of May, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Paige J. Morris, Deputy Clerk