

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-3834, SUB 22  
DOCKET NO. SP-4402, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Coats 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 Harnett County, North Carolina	)	FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 28, 2014, in Docket No. SP-3834, Sub 22, Pine Gate Holdings, LLC (Pine Gate), filed an application pursuant to Commission Rule R8-64(b) seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 5-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located in Harnett County, North Carolina. The application states that Pine Gate plans to sell the electricity to Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP).

On August 1, 2014, Pine Gate filed a registration statement for a new renewable energy facility. The registration statement included the certified attestations required by Commission Rule R8-66(b).

On August 7, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On August 26, 2014, Pine Gate filed a certificate of service stating that the public notice and a copy of the application were provided to DEP on August 11, 2014.

On September 11, 2014, Pine Gate filed an affidavit of publication from The Daily Record (Dunn, NC) stating that the publication of notice was completed on September 2, 2014. No complaints have been received.

On September 18, 2014, 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 September 25, 2014, Pine Gate and Coats Solar, LLC, filed in Docket Nos. SP-3834, Sub 22, and SP-4402, Sub 0, an amendment to the application and registration statement filed in SP-3834, Sub 22, to reflect the applicant as Coats Solar, LLC, formed on August 6, 2014, for the purpose of owning the facility.

On November 7, 2014, Coats Solar, LLC, filed additional information clarifying the site control relationship between Pine Gate, Coats Solar, LLC, and Dogwood Creek Land Holdings, LLC.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on November 10, 2014. 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. Coats Solar, LLC, 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 renewable energy certificate (REC) tracking system (<http://www.ncrets.org>) in order to facilitate the issuance of RECs.

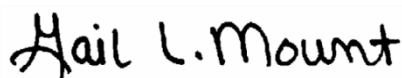
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application of Coats 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 Coats Solar, LLC, for the 5-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located in Harnett County at 3099 NC Highway 27 East, Coats, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by Coats Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Harnett County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
4. That Coats Solar, LLC, shall annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year.
5. That the Chief Clerk shall close Docket No. SP-3834, Sub 22.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

Commissioner Jerry C. Dockham did not participate in this decision.

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DOCKET NO. SP-4402, SUB 0

Coats Solar, LLC  
c/o Cypress Creek Renewables  
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<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

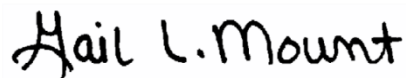
in Harnett County at 3099 NC Highway 27 East, Coats, North Carolina,

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk