

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-3834, SUB 47
DOCKET NO. SP-4450, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Creech Solar 2, LLC, for a) ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
Certificate of Public Convenience and) AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION
Necessity to Construct a 4.998-MW Solar) OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY
Facility in Wake County, North Carolina) FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On September 3, 2014, in Docket No. SP-3834, Sub 47, 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 4.998-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located in Wake County, North Carolina. The application states that Pine Gate plans to sell the electricity to Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP).

Contemporaneously with the application, 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 September 10, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On September 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 September 12, 2014.

On October 1, 2014, Pine Gate and Creech Solar 2, LLC, filed in Docket Nos. SP-3834, Sub 47, and SP-4450, Sub 0, an amendment to the application and registration statement filed in SP-3834, Sub 47, to reflect the applicant as Creech Solar 2, LLC, formed on August 25, 2014, for the purpose of owning the facility.

On October 9, 2014, Pine Gate filed an affidavit of publication from The News & Observer (Raleigh, NC) stating that the publication of notice was completed on October 3, 2014. No complaints have been received.

On October 23, 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 November 7, 2014, Creech Solar 2, LLC, filed additional information clarifying the site control relationship between Pine Gate, Creech Solar 2, 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. Creech Solar 2, 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.

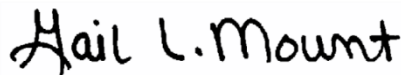
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That the application of Creech Solar 2, 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 Creech Solar 2, LLC, for the 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located in Wake County on Creech Road, Garner, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by Creech Solar 2, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Wake County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
4. That Creech Solar 2, 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 47.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 12th 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-4450, SUB 0

Creech Solar 2, 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_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

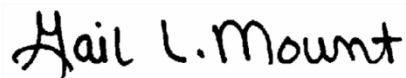
in Wake County on Creech Road, Garner, North Carolina,

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 12th day of November, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk