

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-2363, SUB 11
DOCKET NO. SP-4343, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Stephenson Farm Solar, LLC,) ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and) AND ACCEPTING
Necessity to Construct a 4.99-MW Solar) REGISTRATION OF NEW
Facility in Northampton County, North Carolina) RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On June 3, 2014, Carolina Solar Energy II, LLC (Carolina Solar), 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 for construction of a 4.99-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located in Northampton County, North Carolina. The application stated that Carolina Solar plans to sell the electricity generated by the facility to Dominion North Carolina Power (DNCP).

On June 5, 2014, Carolina Solar filed a registration statement for a new renewable energy facility. The registration statement included the certified attestations required by Commission Rule R8-66(b).

Also on June 5, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On July 15, 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 July 24, 2014, Carolina Solar filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the application and the related public notice were provided to DNCP on July 22, 2014.

On September 12, 2014, Carolina Solar filed an affidavit of publication from the Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald (Ahoskie, NC) stating that the publication of notice was completed on August 19, 2014. No complaints have been received.

On September 23, 2014, Carolina Solar and Stephenson Farm Solar, LLC, filed in Docket Nos. SP-2363, Sub 11, and SP-4343, Sub 0, an amendment to the application and registration statement to provide that Stephenson Farm Solar, LLC, a

wholly owned subsidiary of Carolina Solar, would own the proposed facility and should receive the certificate of public convenience and necessity.

On October 30, 2014 Carolina Solar and Stephenson Farm Solar, LLC, filed an amendment to the registration statement clarifying that the correct address of the facility is 820 Buck Howell Road as stated in the certificate application.

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. Stephenson Farm 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:

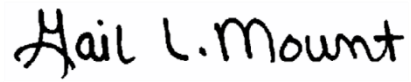
1. That the application of Stephenson Farm Solar, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be, and is hereby, approved.
2. That Appendix A shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Stephenson Farm Solar, LLC, for the 4.99-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located in Northampton County at 820 Buck Howell Road in Seaboard, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by Stephenson Farm Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Northampton County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
4. That Stephenson Farm Solar, LLC, 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-2363, Sub 11.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 12th day of November, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

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

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DOCKET NO. SP-4343, SUB 0

Stephenson Farm Solar, LLC
c/o Carolina Solar Energy II, LLC
400 West Main Street, Suite 503
Durham, North Carolina 27701

is hereby issued this

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
PURSUANT TO G.S. 62-110.1**

for a 4.99-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

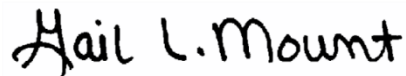
in Northampton County at 820 Buck Howell Road in Seaboard, North Carolina,

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