

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-2758, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Holstein Holdings LLC for a)
Certificate of Public Convenience and) ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
Necessity to Construct a 14.8-MW Solar)
Facility in Scotland County, North Carolina)

BY THE COMMISSION: On May 30, 2013, Holstein Holdings LLC (Applicant) filed an application with the Commission seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1 for construction of a 20-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located on a parcel of land lying on the north and south sides of Skyway Church Road between Airbase Road and Sycamore Church Road in Maxton, Scotland County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity generated by this facility to Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP).

On June 11, 2013, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice, which required the Applicant to (1) publish notice of the application as required by G.S. 62-82(a) and file an affidavit of publication with the Commission, (2) mail a copy of the application and notice, no later than the first date that such notice is published, to the electric utility to which the Applicant plans to sell and distribute the electricity, and (3) file a certificate of service of such mailing to the utility. The Order also specified that if a complaint was received within 10 days after the last date of the publication of the notice, the Commission would schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate of public convenience and necessity should be awarded. The Order further specified that if the Commission received no complaints within the time specified above and if the Commission did not order a hearing upon its own initiative, it would enter an order awarding the certificate of public convenience and necessity.

On July 16, 2013, 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 30, 2013, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that the public notice and a copy of the application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity were provided to DEP.

On October 22, 2013, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The Laurinburg Exchange stating that the publication of notice was completed on October 8, 2013. No complaints have been received.

On November 5, 2013, the Applicant filed a letter with the Commission amending the capacity of the facility from 20 MW_{AC} to 14.8 MW_{AC}. The Applicant stated that all other information contained in the application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity remained the same.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on November 12, 2013. The Public Staff recommended that the Commission approve the application and issue the requested certificate of public convenience and necessity.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds good cause to approve the application and issue the attached certificate of public convenience and necessity for the proposed solar photovoltaic electric generating facility.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

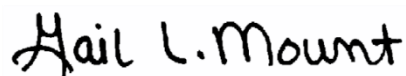
1. That the application filed by Holstein Holdings LLC for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be, and is hereby, approved.

2. That Appendix A shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Holstein Holdings LLC for the 14.8-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located on a parcel of land lying on the north and south sides of Skyway Church Road between Airbase Road and Sycamore Church Road in Maxton, Scotland County, North Carolina.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 15th day of November, 2013.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

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Holstein Holdings LLC
1125 East Morehead Street, Suite 206
Charlotte, North Carolina 28204

is hereby issued this

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

for a 14.8-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located on

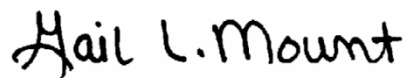
a parcel of land lying on the north and south sides of Skyway Church Road between
Airbase Road and Sycamore Church Road in Maxton, Scotland County, North Carolina,

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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