

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-8427, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Mt. Olive Solar 2, LLC, for) ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
a Certificate of Public Convenience and) AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION
Necessity to Construct a 20-MW Solar) OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY
Facility in Wayne County, North Carolina) FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On August 2, 2016, Mt. Olive Solar 2, 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 20-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located at 1144 S Breazeale Avenue, Mount Olive, Wayne 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. The registration statement included certified attestations that: (1) the facility is in substantial compliance with all federal and state laws, regulations, and rules for the protection of the environment and conservation of natural resources; (2) the facility will be operated as a new renewable energy facility; (3) the Applicant will not remarket or otherwise resell any renewable energy certificates sold to an electric power supplier to comply with G.S. 62-133.8; and (4) the Applicant will consent to the auditing of its books and records by the Public Staff insofar as those records relate to transactions with North Carolina electric power suppliers.

On September 9, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On September 13, 2016, the Applicant filed a verified certificate of service, stating that the application and the related public notice were provided to Duke Energy on September 12, 2016. On October 13, 2016, the Applicant filed an amended verified certificate of service, clarifying that the utility on which the application and notice were served is DEP.

On October 24, 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 November 15, 2016, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from the Goldsboro News-Argus stating that the publication of notice was completed on October 7, 2016. No complaints have been received.

On November 22, 2016, the Applicant filed an amendment to its application, clarifying its control of the site of the proposed facility.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on November 28, 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 Mt. Olive 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 Mt. Olive Solar 2, LLC, for the 20-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located at 1144 S Breazeale Avenue, Mount Olive, Wayne County, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by Mt. Olive Solar 2, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Wayne County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.
4. That Mt. Olive Solar 2, 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 29th day of November, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Linnetta Threatt, Acting Deputy Clerk

Commissioners Jerry C. Dockham and James G. Patterson did not participate in this decision.

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Mt. Olive Solar 2, LLC
130 Roberts Street
Asheville, North Carolina 28801

is hereby issued this

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

for a 20-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

at 1144 S Breazeale Avenue, Mount Olive, Wayne 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 29th day of November, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Linnetta Threatt, Acting Deputy Clerk