

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-7729, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of U. S. EcoGen Polk, LLC, for	)	ORDER ACCEPTING
Registration of a Renewable Energy	)	REGISTRATION OF RENEWABLE
Facility	)	ENERGY FACILITY

BY THE CHAIRMAN: On April 12, 2016, U. S. EcoGen Polk, LLC (Applicant), filed a registration statement pursuant to Commission Rule R8-66 for a renewable energy facility located in Fort Meade, Florida. Applicant states that its 74.9-MW<sub>AC</sub> biomass-fueled facility will become operational on January 1, 2019, and that the facility will use wood-waste and plantation grown wood as a source of fuel and fire small amounts of natural gas for boiler start-up and stability control. Applicant's filing included a spreadsheet showing various load sources at the electric generating facility. Further, Applicant states that it will participate in the North Carolina Renewable Energy Tracking System (NC-RETS) to facilitate the issuance of RECs.

Applicant's filing 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) Applicant will not remarket or otherwise resell any RECs sold to an electric power supplier to comply with G.S. 62-133.8; and 4) 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 June 22, 2016, as amended June 23, 2016, the Public Staff filed the recommendation required by Commission Rule R8-66(e) stating that Applicant's registration statement as a new renewable energy facility should be considered complete and be accepted by the Commission. The Public Staff further states that Applicant should be aware of Commission Rule R8-67(h)(4), providing, in part, that "no facility's meter data for the same time period shall be used for simultaneous REC issuance in two [REC tracking] systems."

Based upon the foregoing and the entire record in this proceeding, including the source of fuels stated in the registration statement, the Chairman finds good cause to accept registration of Applicant's biomass-fueled facility as a new renewable energy facility. Further, consistent with the Commission's consideration of registrations of combined heat and power facilities, Applicant will be eligible to earn RECs for the electricity produced at its facility net of "station service," as defined by the Commission in

its July 1, 2010 Order Adopting Interim 2 Operating Procedures for REC Tracking System, issued in Docket No. E-100, Sub 121, and clarified in the Commission's August 10, 2012 Order in Docket No. SP-729, Sub 1. Pursuant to Commission Rule R8-67(d)(2), because Applicant is using multiple fuels to generate electricity, the facility shall earn RECs based only upon the energy derived from the renewable energy resources in proportion to the relative energy content of the fuels used. Applicant shall annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

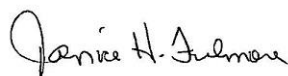
1. That the registration statement filed by US EcoGen Polk, LLC, for its biomass-fueled electric generating facility located in Fort Meade, Florida as a renewable energy facility shall be, and is hereby, accepted; and

2. That US EcoGen Polk, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk