

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-7931, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Catherine Lake Solar, LLC,     )   ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE  
for a Certificate of Public Convenience and    )   AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION  
Necessity to Construct a 5-MW Solar         )   OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY  
Facility in Onslow County, North Carolina   )   FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 6, 2016, Catherine Lake Solar, LLC (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity (certificate) pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 5-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located approximately at 1141 Pony Farm Road, on the east side of Pony Farm Road, 1,440 feet northwest of the intersection of Pony Farm Road and Richlands Highway, Jacksonville, Onslow 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 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 July 8, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On July 8, 2016, the Applicant filed a verified certificate of service stating that the application and the related public notice were provided to DEP on July 8, 2016.

On July 12, 2016, the Applicant filed an amended registration statement clarifying that the proposed facility will be operated as a new renewable energy facility.

On July 25, 2016, the Applicant filed a revised certificate of service.

On August 11, 2016, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from the Jacksonville Daily News (Jacksonville, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on August 2, 2016. No complaints have been received.

On August 17, 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.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on September 19, 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 Catherine Lake 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 Catherine Lake Solar, LLC, for the 5-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility located approximately at 1141 Pony Farm Road, on the east side of Pony Farm Road, 1,440 feet northwest of the intersection of Pony Farm Road and Richlands Highway, Jacksonville, Onslow County, North Carolina.

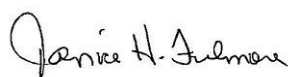
3. That the registration statement filed by Catherine Lake Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Onslow County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.

4. That Catherine Lake Solar, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



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Chairman Edward S. Finley, Jr., did not participate in this decision.

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Catherine Lake Solar, LLC  
34 Wall Street, Suite 604  
Asheville, North Carolina 28801

is hereby issued this

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

for a 5-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

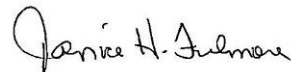
approximately at 1141 Pony Farm Road, on the east side of Pony Farm Road, 1,440  
feet northwest of the intersection of Pony Farm Road and Richlands Highway,  
Jacksonville, Onslow County, North Carolina,

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk