

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-8056, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of  
Application of Homer Solar, LLC, for a )  
Certificate of Public Convenience and )  
Necessity to Construct a 75-MW<sub>AC</sub> Solar )  
Facility in Richmond and Montgomery )  
Counties, North Carolina )  
) ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE  
) AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION  
) OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY  
) FACILITY  
)

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 5, 2016, Homer Solar, 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 75-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar generating facility to be located off of Swan Road, east of McKay Hill Road, south of Ingold Road, and approximately 0.4 miles north of the intersection of Grassy Island Road and Homer Andrews Road, Mt. Gilead, Richmond and Montgomery Counties, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity to Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP).

Contemporaneously with the application, the Applicant also 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 July 5, 2016, the Applicant filed a statement from DEP assessing the impact of the power purchase on the utility's capacity, reserves, generation mix, capacity expansion plan, and avoided costs.

On July 8, 2016, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

On July 19, 2016, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that a copy of the Application and the related public notice were provided to DEP on July 8, 2016.

On August 12, 2016, and August 17, 2016, the State Clearinghouse filed comments. Because of the nature of the comments, the cover letters indicate that no further State Clearinghouse review action by the Commission was required for compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act.

## APPENDIX A

On August 30, 2016, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from the Richmond County Daily Journal (Richmond, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on August 23, 2016. No complaints have been received.

On September 13, 2016, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from the Montgomery Herald (Montgomery, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on August 17, 2016. No complaints have been received.

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:

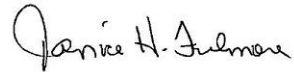
1. That the application of Homer Solar, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be, and is hereby, approved.
2. That Appendix A shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Homer Solar, LLC, for the 75-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar generating facility to be located off of Swan Road, east of McKay Hill Road, south of Ingold Road, and approximately 0.4 miles north of the intersection of Grassy Island Road and Homer Andrews Road, Mt. Gilead, Richmond and Montgomery Counties, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by Homer Solar, LLC, for its solar photovoltaic facility located in Richmond and Montgomery Counties, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, accepted.

4. That Homer 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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Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk

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

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Homer Solar, LLC  
3250 Ocean Park Blvd., Suite 355  
Santa Monica, CA 90405

is hereby issued this

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

for a 75-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

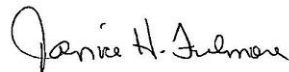
off of Swan Road, east of McKay Hill Road, south of Ingold Road, and approximately  
0.4 miles north of the intersection of Grassy Island Road and Homer Andrews Road, Mt.  
Gilead, Richmond and Montgomery Counties, North Carolina,

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.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk