

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-3701, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

BY THE COMMISSION: On May 22, 2014, Mount Olive I, 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 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located near Wayne County near the intersection of Lees Country Club Road and Leonard Sasser Road in Mount Olive, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity to Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP).

On May 30, 2014, 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 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.

On July 31, 2014, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication stating that the publication of notice was completed on July 2, 2014. No complaints have been received.

On July 11 and August 22, 2014, the State Clearinghouse filed comments. Because of the nature of the comments, the cover letter for the August 22 comments indicated that no further State Clearinghouse review action by the Commission was required for compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act.

On September 2, 2014, the Applicant filed a certificate of service stating that the public notice and a copy of the application were provided to DEP. These documents were not served on DEP by the date of first publication of the public notice, as required by Commission Rule R8-64(c)(1); however, DEP has agreed to waive its right to timely service.

On September 3, 2014, 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.

The Public Staff presented this matter to the Commission at its Regular Staff Conference on September 22, 2014. The Public Staff recommended that the Commission approve the application, issue the requested certificate, and accept the registration statement.

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:

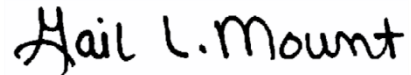
1. That the application filed by Mount Olive I, LLC, for a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be, and is hereby, approved.
2. That Appendix A shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to Mount Olive I, LLC, for the 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility to be located in Wayne County near the intersection of Lees Country Club Road and Leonard Sasser Road near Mount Olive, North Carolina.
3. That the registration statement filed by Mount Olive I, 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 Mount Olive I, 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 23rd day of September, 2014.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail L. Mount". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk

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Mount Olive I, LLC
133 Strawberry Lane
Saint Johns, Florida 32259

is hereby issued this

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

for a 5-MW_{AC} solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located in

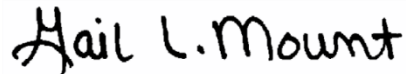
Wayne County near the intersection of
Lees Country Club Road and Leonard Sasser Road near Mount Olive, North Carolina,

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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Gail L. Mount, Chief Clerk