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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING
Ms. Martha Lynn Jarvis
Chief Clerk
North Carolina Utilities Commission
430 North Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

Re: **Docket No. EMP-104, Sub 0**
Fern Solar LLC's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Merchant Plant

Dear Ms. Jarvis:

Enclosed for filing is Applicant's Affidavit of Publication of Notice in the above-referenced docket. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Snowden

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Tylanda Randolph

Affirmed and subscribed before me this 30th day of January, 2019

Kealey Stortz
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH
DOCKET NO. EMP-104, SUB 0
BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Fern Solar, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a 100-MW Solar Facility in Edgecombe County, North Carolina	)))))	**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Edgecombe County Courthouse, 301 St. Andrews Street, Tarboro, North Carolina. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public witness testimony regarding the application of Fern Solar, LLC (Applicant). Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

On November 27, 2018, the Applicant filed an application pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-63 for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to construct a 100-MWAC solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating facility to be located in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, and to be operated as a merchant plant. The Applicant also filed a registration statement seeking registration of the facility as a new renewable energy facility.

In support of the application for a CPCN, the Applicant filed the direct testimony of Benjamin Lindermeier and Kara Price, as well as several exhibits. In summary, construction of the 100-MWAC solar PV facility is anticipated to begin on June 1, 2019, with the expected commercial operation date being as early as January 1, 2020. The location of the proposed facility is on non-contiguous parcels of land located generally between Battleboro-Leggett Road, Cool Spring Road, and Speights Chapel Road, approximately 3.2 miles northeast of Rocky Mount and 6.7 miles northwest of Tarboro, in Edgecombe County, North Carolina. The facility will interconnect with the electric transmission system owned by Dominion North Carolina Power. The expected service life of the facility is 20 or more years.

On December 7, 2018, the Public Staff filed a Notice of Completeness stating that the Public Staff has reviewed the application as required by Commission Rule R8-63(d) and that the Public Staff considers the application to be complete. In addition, the Public Staff requested that the Commission issue a procedural order setting the application for hearing, requiring public notice pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-82, and addressing other procedural matters.

Specific information about the application for a CPCN may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of the application, exhibits and supporting testimony are available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4326.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001.

Written statements are not evidence unless persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Monday, January 28, 2019. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4325. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, January 28, 2019.

The Commission may cancel the public witness hearing if no substantial written complaints regarding the proposed facility are received by the Commission's Chief Clerk on or before Monday, January 28, 2019.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.
This the 20th day of December, 2018.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
A. Shonta Dunston, Acting Deputy Clerk