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Ms. Janice Fulmore Deputy Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 430 N. Salisbury Street Raleigh, NC 27603

RE: In the matter of the Application of Apex Solar, LLC to Amend the CPCN to construct a 30-MW Solar Facility in Cleveland County, NC Docket No. SP-11723, Sub 0

Dear Ms. Fulmore:

On behalf of Apex Solar, LLC, (Applicant") we hereby submit applicant's **Motion to** Amend Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in the above referenced matter.

Should you have any questions concerning this Certificate of Service or exhibits attached thereto, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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**Enclosures** 

A Pennsylvania Limited Liability Partnership

California

Colorado Delaware District of Columbia

Florida

Georgia

Illinois

Minnesota

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. SP-11723, SUB 0

## BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Apex Solar, LLC to Amend
the Certificate of Public Convenience and
Necessity to Construct an
30-MW Solar Facility in Cleveland
County, North Carolina

# MOTION TO AMEND CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

NOW COMES Apex Solar, LLC ("Apex Solar" or "Applicant"), by and through its undersigned counsel, and respectfully requests that the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("Commission") amend the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for Apex Solar in the above-referenced docket. In support of this request, the Applicant shows the following:

- 1. On May 7, 2018, the Applicant filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") for construction of a 30-MW solar generating facility to be located on the west side of Plainsville Church Road, approximately 0.5 miles west of the intersection with East Stage Coach Trail, Lawndale, Cleveland County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.
- 2. On July 23, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Issuing Certificate ("Order").
- 3. After the Commission's Order was issued, Silver Creek Energy, LLC, a
  North Carolina limited liability company, obtained ownership of the Applicant. Updated

information about the owner of the facility is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u>, and information about the experience and expertise of Silver Creek Energy, LLC is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 6</u>.

- 4. After the Commission's Order was issued, the Apex Solar facility has been amended to add additional land to the facility. The amended color site map, attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit 2">Exhibit 2</a>, shows the updated project boundary and the additional land that is part of the facility.
- 5. Also, the updated date on which the project is expected to be placed in service is November 2, 2021.
- 6. In compliance with Rule R8-64(d)(3), this Application lists all significant changes in the information set forth in subsections (b)(1) through (b)(5) of Rule R8-64 that was provided in the original application for a CPCN.

WHEREFORE, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order amending the Apex Solar CPCN to reflect the new owner of the facility and to include the additional land as depicted in the attached color map

Respectfully submitted this 13th day September, 2019.

FOX ROTHSCHILD LLP

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#### **COUNTY OF WAKE**

#### **VERIFICATION**

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

I, Matt McGovern, Principal of Silver Creek Energy, LLC, verify that I have read the foregoing Application for Amendment to Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, and know the contents thereof as they pertain to Silver Creek Energy, LLC, and that the same are true of my own knowledge.

Matt McGovern

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of <u>California</u> County of <u>Los Angeles</u>

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 12th day of September , 2019 ,

(1) Matthew McGovern

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person() who appeared before me.

Signature

Signature of Notary Public-



Place Notary Seal and/or Stamp Above

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that all persons on the docket service list have been served true and accurate copies of the foregoing MOTION TO AMEND CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY by first class mail deposited in the U.S. mail, postage pre-paid, or by email transmission to all parties of record.

This the 13th day of September, 2019.

/s/ Karen M. Kemerait
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## Application of Apex Solar, LLC to Amend the CPCN Application

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## EXHIBIT 1

The full and correct name, business address, business telephone number, and electronic mailing address of the McCraw Solar, LLC facility owner is:

Apex Solar, LLC 3402 Pico Boulevard, Suite 200 Santa Monica, CA 90405

Telephone Number: 424-284-9080

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**EXHIBIT** 





#### NOTES

- THIS PLAN IS PRELIMINARY AND WILL NOT BE RELEASED FOR CONSTRUCTION.







EXHIBIT 6 SP-11723, Sub 0

## Exhibit 6

Silver Creek Energy, LLC ("Silver Creek") is the new owner of Apex Solar, LLC. Silver Creek will manage the development process, and Pine Gate Renewables will construct the project.

Matt McGovern	Co-Founder & Principal
Mike Cohen	Co-Founder & Principal

Matt McGovern was most recently the co-founder and CEO of Cypress Creek Renewables. Prior to forming Cypress, he served as the CFO of Paramount Equity from December 2012 through April 2014. Before joining Paramount, he was the CFO of Gehrlicher Solar America Corporation from 2009 to 2012, where he developed and financed a large portfolio of utility-scale and commercial solar projects. From 2001 through 2008 McGovern was a Managing Director of SBI Group, an investment banking and asset management firm. Before joining SBI Group, McGovern was a member of Cap Gemini Ernst & Young's private equity arm. McGovern holds a master's degree in Organizational Behavior and a doctorate in Organizational Development from the College of Organizational Studies at CSPP. McGovern received his BS from Miami University, in Oxford, Ohio.

Mike Cohen was most recently the co-founder and President of Cypress Creek Renewables. Prior to Cypress, Mike led business development and project finance for Strata Solar from 2011 to 2014. Before leading Strata's development and project finance activities he was an attorney with Kirkland & Ellis from 2008 to 2011, where he focused on the development, financing and purchase/sale of renewable energy projects both domestically and abroad. Cohen has a J.D. from Georgetown University Law School, as well as a Masters and Bachelors in Accounting from the University of Florida.

Pine Gate Renewables develops, owns, and operates utility-scale solar farms across the U.S. Pine Gate specializes in project siting, development, financing, construction, and operation. Pine Gate Renewables has 400+ MW of operational solar farms across the country.