

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UTILITIES COMMISSION
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. EMP-103, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Amended Application of Albemarle Beach)	
Solar, LLC, for a Certificate of Public)	ORDER GRANTING
Convenience and Necessity to Construct)	MOTION TO STAY
a 140-MW Solar Facility in Washington)	PROCEEDINGS
County, North Carolina)	

BY THE PRESIDING COMMISSIONER: On July 15, 2019, the Commission issued a Recommended Order Issuing Certificate granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) to Albemarle Beach Solar, LLC (Applicant), to construct an 80-MW merchant plant solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating facility in Washington County, North Carolina, subject to certain conditions.

On January 21, 2020, the Applicant filed an amended application for a CPCN pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1 and Commission Rule R8-63 to increase the capacity of the facility to 140 MW.

On June 22, 2020, the Public Staff filed a letter pursuant to Commission Rule R8-63(d) stating that the Public Staff found the Applicant's amended application to be deficient. The Public Staff recommended that the Applicant be required to file a complete amended application, with all required exhibits. The Public Staff further recommended that the Applicant be required to file testimony on the application, including testimony regarding the need for the additional capacity and the cost of any required system upgrades.

On August 13, 2020, the Presiding Commissioner issued an Order Determining Amended Application To Be Incomplete and required the Applicant to file the information necessary to complete its application on or before Friday, October 16, 2020, or the amended application pending in this proceeding would be deemed withdrawn.

On October 15, 2020, the Applicant filed a Motion to Stay Proceedings requesting that all activities in this docket be stayed until further order of the Commission. In support of its Motion the Applicant has advised the Commission, among other things, that certain PJM studies associated with potential transmission upgrades that may become relevant to the proposed uprate of the Applicant's facility have not been completed and will not be available before an indefinite date in 2021. In addition, the Applicant has advised the Commission that the Public Staff, through its assigned counsel, has consented to the Commission granting the relief requested in the Applicant's Motion.

After careful consideration, the Presiding Commissioner finds good cause to grant the Applicant's Motion.

IT IS, THEREFORE, SO ORDERED.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 20th day of October, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberley A. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk