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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Kim Campbell Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 430 North Salisbury Street Raleigh, NC 27603

Re: Docket No. EMP-108, Sub 0

American Beech Solar LLC's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Merchant Plant and Registration as a New Renewable Energy Facility

Dear Ms. Campbell:

Applicant American Beech Solar LLC ("Applicant") writes to request that the Commission reschedule the public hearing and/or the evidentiary hearing in this matter, currently scheduled for May 20 and May 21, respectively. Pursuant to the *Order Scheduling Hearing, Requiring Filing of Testimony, Establishing Procedural Guidelines, and Requiring Public Notice* issued on March 12, 2020, Applicant submitted a request to the newspaper of general circulation in Halifax County to publish Notice of the application and hearing dates once a week for four weeks, starting on April 3, 2020. However, due to an administrative error the Notice was published only once, on April 3. Unfortunately, the error was not discovered until after the Applicant reviewed the Affidavit of Publication provided by the paper, which was requested by the Applicant on May 1 (the last day that Notice was supposed to have run) and received on May 12.

Because the published notice does not meet the Commission's requirements, Applicant believes that it would be appropriate to reschedule the public hearing and/or evidentiary hearing in this matter. Applicant will re-publish notice once the Commission has established new dates. If required by the Commission, Applicant will separately publish notice of the cancellation of the meetings currently scheduled.

Applicant regrets this error and apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Very truly yours,

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