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Martha Lynn Jarvis Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 430 N. Salisbury Street Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Re:

Annual Progress Report and Request for Ruling on Pending Application for Amended Certificate for Wilkinson Solar; EMP-93, Sub 0

## Dear Clerk Jarvis:

The Applicant provides this construction update to satisfy the requirement in R8-63(f) for an annual progress report. On October 11, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Issuing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity granting the application filed by Wilkinson Solar LLC (Wilkinson) for a certificate to construct a 74-MW solar photovoltaic facility (the "October CPCN Order"). On November 29, 2017, Wilkinson filed an amendment to the certificate (the "CPCN Amendment").

Since the October CPCN Order, Wilkinson has engaged in development activity, including but not limited to, continued environmental assessments and stream identification, technical design, survey and geotechnical work, and coordination with Dominion Power North Carolina on interconnection facilities. Wilkinson anticipates commencing a limited amount of land clearing and grading work as early as in the next thirty (30) days, with full construction following shortly thereafter.

Therefore, Wilkson requests that the Commission rule on the pending CPCN Amendment. Proposed Orders on the CPCN Amendment were filed on May 21, 2018. Wilkinson has delayed construction activity on the facility for the past four (4) months in anticipation of the Commission's action on the CPCN Amendment. Wilkinson must move forward soon with construction of the facility in order to fulfill contractual commercial operation deadlines. Thus, we respectfully request that the Commission rule on the CPCN Amendment at its earliest convenience.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On October 12, 2017, the Commission entered an errata order which removed a condition that was inadvertently imposed on the Certificate and issued a corrected certificate.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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