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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

A. Shonta Dunston Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission 430 North Salisbury Street Raleigh, N.C. 27603

## Re: Docket No. EMP-119, Sub 1

Macadamia Solar LLC's Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct approximately 6.53 Miles of a Transmission Line in Washington County, North Carolina

## Dear Ms. Dunston:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 62-101 et seq. and Commission Rule R8-62, Macadamia Solar LLC ("Macadamia") submits for filing an Application, draft public notice summary of the Application<sup>1</sup>, and supporting testimony for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity to construct approximately 6.53 miles of new 230 kV transmission line in Washington County, North Carolina ("Transmission Line").

<sup>1</sup> The draft public notice summary has been approved by Commission Staff.

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On August 31, 2021, Macadamia filed, in docket no. EMP-119, Sub 0, an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for a merchant plant solar energy facility with a capacity up to 484 MWac.<sup>2</sup> Macadamia requests that proceedings on the CPCN and CECPN applications be consolidated and that any required hearing(s) be held jointly. Macadamia has discussed this with the Public Staff the Public Staff does not oppose such consolidation.

Macadamia proposes the following schedule for the Commission's consideration in this application:

Sept. 16, 2021	Commission notifies Applicant of approval or any required changes to the draft public notice summary
	Procedural Order issued
Nov. 2, 2021	Public Hearing
Dec. 22, 2021	Petitions to Intervene due
Dec. 22, 2021	Direct Testimony of Public Staff and Intervenors
Jan. 12, 2022	Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony
Week of Jan. 31, 2022	Evidentiary hearing in Raleigh

In the event that the Commission decides that a virtual public hearing is appropriate, the Applicant consents to a virtual hearing. We have discussed the proposed schedule with the Public Staff and understand they are in general agreement with this proposed schedule.

The parties identified in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-102(b) will be served in the manner provided in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 1A-1, Rule 4, and notice will be published in the appropriate newspapers, once the Commission approves the draft public notice summary pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-102(c). Pursuant to Commission Rule R8-62(f), Macadamia respectfully requests that the Commission please either notify Macadamia of the Commission's approval of such notice or of any required changes within three (3) business days of the filing of this Application.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Docket EMP-119, Sub 0

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Thank you for your assistance. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Benjamin L. Snowden

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## Enclosure

cc: Christopher Ayers, Public Staff
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