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**EXHIBIT 13**

**NC Utilities Commission CPCN**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
UTILITIES COMMISSION  
RALEIGH**

DOCKET NO. SP-26028, SUB 0

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of		
Application of Okra Holdings, LLC, for a	)	ORDER ISSUING CERTIFICATE
Certificate of Public Convenience and	)	AND ACCEPTING REGISTRATION
Necessity to Construct a 69-MW Solar	)	OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY
Facility in Rowan County, North Carolina	)	FACILITY

BY THE COMMISSION: On July 31, 2020, Okra Holdings, LLC (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 69-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar generating facility to be located at the East side of U.S. Highway 52, approximately one half mile North of Old Beatty Ford Road near Gold Hill, in Rowan County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC).

Contemporaneously with the application, the Applicant filed a registration statement for a renewable energy facility or new renewable energy facility. The registration statement included certified attestations that: (1) the facility is in substantial compliance with all federal and state laws, regulations, and rules for the protection of the environment and conservation of natural resources; (2) the facility will be operated as a renewable energy facility; (3) the Applicant will not remarket or otherwise resell any renewable energy certificates sold to an electric power supplier to comply with N.C.G.S. § 62-133.8; and (4) the Applicant will consent to the auditing of its books and records by the Public Staff insofar as those records relate to transactions with North Carolina electric power suppliers.

On August 3, 2020, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Publication of Notice.

Also on August 3, 2020, the Applicant filed a verified certificate of service stating that the application and the related public notice were provided to DEC on August 3, 2020.

On September 2, 2020, the Applicant filed an affidavit of publication from The Salisbury Post (Rowan County, North Carolina) stating that the publication of notice was completed on August 25, 2020.

On September 18, 2020, the State Clearinghouse filed comments. The cover letter indicated that, because of the nature of the comments, no further State Clearinghouse review action by the Commission was required for compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act.

The Public Staff has reviewed the application and determined it to be in compliance with the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 62-110.1(a) and Commission Rule R8-64. The Public

Staff further stated that the registration statement contains the certified attestations required by Commission Rule R8-66(b). Therefore, the Public Staff recommended approval of the certificate and registration for the facility.

The Public Staff noted that it inquired of the Applicant whether the project was planned for participation in the Competitive Procurement of Renewable Energy (CPRE) Program pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-110.8, and the Applicant responded that it does not plan for the project to be bid into current or future CPRE Program tranches.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds good cause to approve the application and issue the attached certificate for the proposed solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating facility. The Commission further finds good cause, based upon the foregoing and the entire record in this proceeding, to accept registration of the facility as a new renewable energy facility. The Applicant shall annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year and will be required to participate in the NC-RETS REC tracking system (<http://www.ncrets.org>) in order to facilitate the issuance of RECs.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED as follows:

1. That a certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be, and is hereby, issued to Okra Holdings, LLC, for the construction of a 69-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar PV electric generating facility to be located at the East side of U.S. Highway 52, approximately one half mile North of Old Beatty Ford Road near Gold Hill, in Rowan County, North Carolina;
2. That Appendix A hereto shall constitute the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued for the facility;
3. That the registration statement filed by Okra Holdings, LLC, for its solar PV electric generating facility to be located at the East side of U.S. Highway 52, approximately one half mile North of Old Beatty Ford Road near Gold Hill, in Rowan County, North Carolina, as a new renewable energy facility, shall be, and is hereby, be accepted; and
4. That Okra Holdings, LLC, shall annually file the information required by Commission Rule R8-66 on or before April 1 of each year.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 13th day of October, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



Kimberley A. Campbell, Chief Clerk

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Okra Holdings, LLC  
1125 E Morehead Street, Suite 202  
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is hereby issued this

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY  
PURSUANT TO N.C. GEN. STAT. § 62-110.1**

for a 69-MW<sub>AC</sub> solar photovoltaic electric generating facility

located

at the East side of U.S. Highway 52, approximately one half mile North of Old Beatty  
Ford Road near Gold Hill, in Rowan County, North Carolina

subject to all orders, rules, regulations, and conditions  
as are now or may hereafter be lawfully made  
by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 13th day of October, 2020.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION



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