

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
1325 G STREET N.W., 8TH FLOOR,
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20005**

CLOSING ORDER

August 24, 2017

**FORMAL CASE NO. 1131, IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO
SOLAR SOLUTION, LLC'S POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF COMMISSION
REGULATIONS AND THE TERMS OF USE OF PJM-ENVIRONMENTAL
INFORMATION SERVICES' GENERATION ATTRIBUTE TRACKING
SYSTEM, Order No. 19078**

1. On January 25, 2015, the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia ("Commission") opened an investigation into the business practices of Solar Solution, LLC ("Solar Solution" or "Company") to determine whether and to what extent Solar Solution had violated Commission regulations and the terms of use of PJM-Environmental Services' Generation Attribute Tracking System ("GATS").¹

2. In 2011 and 2012, the Commission granted Solar Solution approval for the installation of two solar energy facilities and later discovered that Solar Solution never installed these two solar systems. Nevertheless, the Company entered generation production data for the systems into GATS and sold Solar Renewable Energy Credits ("SRECs") to energy suppliers that needed the SRECs to comply with the District's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard. Following an investigation, the Commission determined that Solar Solution's actions violated D.C. Code § 34-1433 (a), 15 D.C.M.R. §§ 2902.5 and 2902.6, and PJM's GATS Operating Rules Section 6.2, Subsection 5(e).²

3. To resolve the violations without administrative delay and maintain the integrity of the SREC market³, Solar Solution agreed to settle the matter, and pay \$20,000 in civil penalties and \$119,986 in restitution. Solar Solution also took voluntary actions to prevent the same or similar violations in the future.⁴

4. After reviewing the status of the above-captioned matter, the Commission finds that Solar Solution has satisfied the settlement agreement terms and, therefore, the

¹ *Formal Case No. 1131, In the Matter of the Investigation into Solar Solution, LLC's Possible Violations and the Terms of Use of PJM-Environmental Information Services' Generation Attribute Tracking System ("Formal Case No. 1131")*, Order No. 17929, rel. July 24, 2015.

² *Formal Case No. 1131*, Order No. 18284 at 2, ¶6, rel. July 22, 2016 ("Order No. 18284").

³ *Formal Case No. 1131*, Settlement Agreement at 11, ¶52, filed July 22, 2016 ("Settlement Agreement").

⁴ Order No. 18284 at 2, ¶7, *See* Settlement Agreement ¶¶14, 37 and 41.

case should be closed. If any interested person objects to closing this case, then that person has 10 days from the date of this Order to file an objection setting forth the basis of its objection. If no objection is filed within 10 days, then this case shall be closed without further action by the Commission.⁵

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

5. *Formal Case No. 1131* shall be **CLOSED** 10 days from the date of this Order unless an objection is filed in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Order.

A TRUE COPY:

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brinda Westbrook-Sedgwick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CHIEF CLERK:

**BRINDA WESTBROOK-SEDGWICK
COMMISSION SECRETARY**

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15 DCMR § 105.1(1981)