

1 business relationships that are beneficial to all participants persist between
2 the tracts.

3 (3) The owners of the park plan to attract at least 250 new jobs to the site.

4 (4) The owners of the park have an active solid waste facility permit with the
5 Department of Environment and Natural Resources pursuant to Chapter
6 130A of the General Statutes.

7 (5) The creation of the park is for the purpose of featuring clean energy
8 facilities, laboratories, and companies, thereby spurring economic growth by
9 attracting renewable energy and alternative fuel industries.

10 (6) The development plan for the park must include at least three renewable
11 energy or alternative fuel facilities.

12 (7) The development plan for the park must include a wood gasification
13 renewable energy facility that utilizes unadulterated wood fuel derived from
14 within the park or through the synergetic relationships fostered by the park.

15 (8) The wood gasification renewable energy facility will not be a major source,
16 as that term is defined in 40 C.F.R. § 70.2 (July 1, 2009 edition), for air
17 quality purposes. The biomass renewable energy facility will remain in
18 compliance with all applicable State and federal emissions requirements
19 throughout its operating life.

20 **SECTION 3.** Certification. – The owner of a parcel or tract of land or a group of
21 owners of contiguous properties that seeks to establish an ecocomplex renewable energy
22 demonstration park shall submit to the Secretary of State an application for designation. The
23 Secretary shall examine the application and may request any additional information from the
24 owner of the parcel(s) or tract(s) of land or the Department of Environment and Natural
25 Resources needed to verify that the project meets all of the criteria for designation. The
26 Secretary may rely on certifications provided by the owner or the Department of Environment
27 and Natural Resources that the criteria are met. If the Secretary determines that the project
28 meets all of the criteria, the Secretary shall make and issue a certificate to the owner(s)
29 designating the parcel(s) or tract(s) of land as an ecocomplex renewable energy demonstration
30 park and shall file and record the application and certificate in an appropriate book of record.
31 The parcel(s) or tract(s) of land shall be designated as an ecocomplex renewable energy
32 demonstration park on the date the certificate is filed and recorded.

33 **SECTION 4.** Renewable energy generation. – The definitions in G.S. 62-133.8
34 apply to this act. If the Utilities Commission determines that a biogas, syngas, or other
35 biomass-derived renewable energy facility located in the ecocomplex renewable energy
36 demonstration park is a new renewable energy facility, the Commission shall assign triple
37 credit to any electric power or renewable energy certificates generated from renewable energy
38 resources at the biomass renewable energy facility that are purchased by an electric power
39 supplier for the purposes of compliance with G.S. 62-133.8. The triple credit shall apply only to
40 the first 20 megawatts of biogas, syngas, or other biomass-derived renewable energy facility
41 generation capacity located in all ecocomplex renewable energy demonstration parks in the
42 State.

43 **SECTION 5.** This act applies in Catawba County only.

44 **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.