

UM 1930 – Community Solar Program (CSP) Interconnection Workshop

Date: July 31, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: OPUC Main Hearing Room 201 High ST SE, Salem, OR

Phone Number: 1-866-390-1828; **Conference ID:** 2252868 #

Purpose: Receive feedback on Staff's June 19, 2019 draft proposal, identify implementation questions and solutions, and discuss improvements, modifications, and alternatives.

Start Time	Agenda Item
9:00 a.m. (10 min)	<p>Welcome and meeting scope:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructive dialogue – discussion should focus on solutions that make CSP interconnections functional. Staff is concurrently considering legal arguments about ratepayer indifference and suggestions to expand the CSP rule to other QFs. We are happy to receive additional written analysis of these issues on the record for the Commission to consider • Functional for CSP – discussion should focus on finding near-term solution that can be implemented quickly with a direct impact on many CSP projects
9:10 a.m. (60 min)	<p>Review and clarify Staff proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interconnection-related upgrades: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transmission upgrades: CSP interconnect as ERIS ○ Distribution upgrades: Cost-sharing mechanism between CSP projects ○ Scope: Available for 18 months following the rule's adoption or until the aggregate capacity of CSPs with and interconnection agreement and pre-certification equals the utility's capacity tier • Utilities file a summary of outstanding interconnection studies and forecasted timeline to process the studies with the Commission, by September 1, 2019
10:10 a.m.	Break – 20 min
10:30 a.m. (90 min)	<p>Discuss suggested modifications, additions, or alternative solutions to address interconnection barriers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Treat CSP like behind the meter generation/Exempt CSP from QF requirement ○ Preemptive cost sharing (utility pays, projects reimburse) ○ Modify interconnection/engineering requirements for certain projects e.g., telemetry, interconnecting at secondary voltage • Interconnection timelines and study backlogs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Require utilities to clear the backlog of studies by a certain date ○ Enact utility deadlines to complete interconnection studies and other milestones • Cost certainty and control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community energy zones ○ Third-party expert review ○ Enhanced pre-application reports or other assistance • Others?
12:00 p.m.	Break – 1 hr
1:00 p.m. (45 min)	<p>Review logistics of Staff proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do interconnection applicants identify as CSP? • What is the process for CSP projects already in queue? • What happens when projects stop identifying as CSP? • Would the proposal require a separate queue or interconnection tier? • How does the CSP rule relate to utility-owned projects?
1:45 p.m.	Wrap-up