



Agenda for Public Workshop

May 28, 2021

Docket No. UM 1930 – Community Solar Program

Staff and the Community Solar Program (CSP) Program Administration team invite stakeholders to attend a public workshop **Friday, June 4, 2021 from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm PT**. The workshop is intended to facilitate stakeholder input on the next phase of the Community Solar Program. Staff invites stakeholders unable to attend the workshop to submit written responses to workshop questions by June 3. These questions appear at the end of this notice.

Date: June 4, 2021

Time: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm Pacific Time

Access: 1. Join the [Zoom videoconference](#) – No registration required; OR

2. Join by phone:

Call 971-247-1195

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Workshop Agenda

Section	Time
Welcome, Introductions and Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tamara Perry, Program Administration Team, Energy Solutions - Sarah Hall, OPUC Staff 	9:30- 9:45 am
Program Statistics, Successes and Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rebecca Feuerlicht, Program Administration Team, Energy Solutions 	9:45 - 10:05
Facilitated Breakout Discussions	10:05 – 11:05
Sharing with Full Group Discussion	11:05 – 11:50
Next Steps and Closing Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarah Hall and Kacia Brockman, OPUC Staff 	11:50 am – 12:00 pm

Purpose of Workshop

The OPUC is reviewing CSP implementation for future program phases. The workshop will inform Staff’s draft proposal, which will be posted for public comment. Staff seeks stakeholder input on key policy issues. Staff asks stakeholders to prepare for productive workshop discussion by considering the following questions. These questions were previously posted to the UM 1930 docket.

Questions for Stakeholders to Consider for Discussion

1. What is your priority group for the next program phase and why?
 - a. Low-income residents
 - b. Residential and small commercial tenants
 - c. Community-based projects
 - d. Large commercial/public entities
 - e. Other

2. What program changes would be needed to increase participation by your priority participant group?
 - a. Bill credit rate
 - b. Eligibility criteria
 - c. PIM requirements
 - d. Project capacity designations by participant type
 - e. New program support services (tech assistance, language translation, educational materials)
 - f. Other

3. The primary challenge with recruitment of low-income residents is the risk of indebtedness to the Project Manager if the customer falls into arrears on their utility payments. The root cause of the problem is the existing bill hierarchy where on-bill subscription fees are reimbursed after utility charges are paid in full. If the program is not able to change the payment hierarchy, which alternative solution(s) do you recommend to achieve the Program's low-income goals?
 - a. Enroll low-income multifamily housing providers instead of individuals
 - b. Increase participant income eligibility threshold
 - c. Establish a loss reserve fund to cover arrearages owed to Project Managers
 - d. Subsidize subscription fees for low-income participants
 - e. Other

4. How can the program reduce complexity for participants?
 - a. Embed program and utility administration fees into the bill credit rate, rather than charging as separate line items on the participant's bill
 - b. Simplify participant contracts
 - c. Restrict custom off-bill transactions between Project Managers and participants
 - d. Other

5. How can the program achieve greater administrative efficiency to shorten timelines, reduce Project Managers' costs, and improve participants' experience?
 - a. Delegate certain authorities from the Commission to the Program Administrator
 - b. Standardize schedule for Program Implementation Manual updates
 - c. Other

6. How can the program help reduce project development costs borne by the Project Managers, considering that the Commission has opened Docket No. UM 2111 to investigate interconnection processes and procedures?

- a. Increase Project Manager capacity limits to allow for larger project portfolios
- b. Adjust project capacity requirements by participant type
- c. Revise eligibility requirements for projects or Project Managers
- d. Other

7. What do you consider the most important issue that the Oregon Community Solar Program should address in the next program phase?

Invitation to Submit Written Comments

Stakeholders unable to attend the workshop may email responses to the questions to Kacia Brockman, OPUC Sr. Utility Analyst, at kacia.brockman@puc.oregon.gov. Please submit all comments on workshop questions by June 3. Note that comments will become part of the public record for UM 1930.