



Program Administrator's Project Recommendation

July 10, 2024

Community Solar Program - Docket No. UM 1930

On January 11, 2022, in Order No. 22-007, the Commission permitted the delegation of Commission authority to the Community Solar Program Administrator (PA) to grant noncontroversial project pre-certifications, waivers, extensions, and amendments. Under the permitted delegation of authority, Staff will post the PA's project recommendation to UM 1930 with a comment period of two weeks. If no comments in opposition are received prior to the end of the comment period, the recommendation will go into effect. If comments in opposition are received prior to the end of the comment period, the recommendation will not go into effect and the matter will be referred to the Commission for a decision at the next available public meeting.

Staff posts the PA's recommendation to grant Certification deadline extensions for three projects:

Sixty days for PP-2021-93 (Sunset Ridge Solar)

Seven months for PP-2021-112 (7 Mile Solar)

Nine Months for PGE-2023-161 (Rodeo Solar)

The PA has reviewed the three project Certification deadline extension requests and has recommended granting the extensions. Those extension requests are included below. Staff finds the PA's recommendations to be noncontroversial and that granting the extensions may be delegated to the PA. Stakeholders in opposition of the PA's recommendations should post comments to UM 1930 by July 24, 2024.

To Submit Public Comment:

Stakeholders can submit written comments on the PA's recommendation by email to puc.filingcenter@puc.oregon.gov. Please email puc.hearings@puc.oregon.gov to be added to the UM 1930 docket service list and receive notifications in the UM 1930 docket.

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Project Amendment Review and Recommendation

The Oregon Community Solar Program Administrator (PA) has reviewed the amendment request of the project described below and recommends that the project's Certification deadline be extended by 60 days.

Project Information

Project ID: PP-2021-93

Project Name: Sunset Ridge Solar

Project Manager: Sunset Ridge Project Manager, LLC

Subscription Manager: Arcadia Community Solar, LLC.

Utility Service Area: Pacific Power

Project Site Address: 42°16'49.7"N 121°48'44.5"W, Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Project Size (kW-AC): 2,250

Carveout-eligible: No

Current Program Status and Date Achieved: Pre-certified, 04/20/2021

Project Description

Sunset Ridge Solar is a 2,250 kW-AC project located in Klamath Falls, Oregon, in Klamath County. The project manager entity is controlled by Luminace. Outreach and customer management for the project will be conducted through Arcadia Community Solar, LLC.

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: 6/26/2024

Nature of the Amendment Request: Extend Certification Deadline

PA Recommendation: Approve

Review Notes

Current Certification deadline: June 11, 2024

Recommended Certification deadline: August 11, 2024

The Project Manager is requesting a 60-day extension due to interconnection delays. Pacific Power needs additional time to finalize inspections and complete interconnection work. The project has executed all construction contracts, building permits, and required interconnection documents and the utility has ordered and received the fiber optic material. Given the projects demonstrated progress toward operation and reasons for delay that are out of their control, the PA recommends granting this amendment request and extending the Certification deadline by 60 days.

Attachments Included

The extension request received from the Project Manager is attached.



June 10, 2024

Program Administrator
Oregon Community Solar Program

administrator@oregoncsp.org

RE: Community Solar Program Extension of the Certification Deadline

Dear Program Administrator,

On behalf of Sunset Ridge PM, LLC (“Luminace”), as owner of the Project Manager listed below, we hereby submit this letter requesting an extension of the Certification period to correspond with the utility’s interconnection schedule.

Project	Project Manager
Sunset Ridge	Sunset Ridge PM, LLC

The current back feed date set by the utility is 8/19/2024 but the project is not on tracking that timeline. We are requesting a 60-day extension to allow the PAC to finalize inspections and interconnection work.

Current six-month certification deadline: June 11, 2024

Requested extension certification deadline: August 11, 2024

Thank you for your consideration of our request for an extension. Please contact my colleague Julia Peacock at 301-775-9511 or Julia.peacock@luminace.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Joshua Udler
Senior Director, Legal

cc: John Drexinger, Julia Peacock (Luminace)



Project Amendment Review and Recommendation

The Oregon Community Solar Program Administrator (PA) has reviewed the amendment request of the project described below and recommends that the project's Certification deadline be extended by 7 months.

Project Information

Project ID: PP-2021-112

Project Name: 7 Mile Solar

Project Manager: 7 Mile PM, LLC

Subscription Manager: Arcadia Community Solar, LLC

Utility Service Area: Pacific Power

Project Site Address: 44°24'21.0"N 122°59'50.7"W, Brownsville, OR 97327

Project Size (kW-AC): 951

Carveout-eligible: No

Current Program Status and Date Achieved: Pre-certified, 04/15/2022

Project Description

7 Mile Solar is a 951 kW-AC project located in Brownsville, Oregon, in Linn County. The Project Manager entity is controlled by Luminace. Outreach and customer management for the project will be conducted through Arcadia Community Solar, LLC.

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: June 26, 2024

Nature of the Amendment Request: Extend Certification Deadline

PA Recommendation: Approve

Review Notes

Current Certification Deadline: June 11, 2024

Recommended Certification Deadline: January 17, 2025

The Project Manager is requesting a seven-month extension to the Certification date to correspond with the utility's interconnection schedule and to finish construction. Additional time is needed to allow Pacific Power and the developer to finish construction, perform a new interconnection study for an updated route, complete interconnection design work, order interconnection materials, and finalize inspections and interconnection work. Given the projects demonstrated progress toward operation and reasons for delay beyond their control, the PA recommends granting this amendment request and extending the Certification deadline by seven months.

Attachments Included

The extension request utility meeting notes received from the Project Manager is attached.



June 17, 2024

Program Administrator
Oregon Community Solar Program

administrator@oregoncsp.org

RE: Community Solar Program Extension of the Certification Deadline

Dear Program Administrator,

On behalf of 7 Mile PM, LLC (“Luminace”), as owner of the Project Manager listed below, we hereby submit this letter requesting an extension of the Certification period to correspond with the utility’s interconnection schedule.

Project	Project Manager
7 Mile	7 Mile PM, LLC

The current back feed date set by the utility is 9/23/2024 but the project is not on tracking that timeline. We request a 220-day extension to allow the PAC and developer to finish construction, order materials, finalize inspections and interconnection work, and perform a new study for updated route to the south. Attached are the latest meeting notes to add further details to the delay.

Current six-month certification deadline: June 11, 2024

Requested extension certification deadline: January 17, 2025

Thank you for your consideration of our request for an extension. Please contact my colleague Julia Peacock at 301-775-9511 or Julia.peacock@luminace.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Joshua Udler
Senior Director, Legal

cc: John Drexinger, Julia Peacock (Luminace)

7- MILE SOLAR	
Topic	Status / Action Items
PAC Interconnection Design Work	<p>New route to go south. Updates in progress. 'Southern Route' mark-up for review sent to PAC 5/14/2024.</p> <p>PAC to schedule a site visit for 1st week of June to review new route and determine work needed to go forward with 'southern route'. Evergreen requesting to be a participant of the site visit, please send meeting invite.</p> <p>PAC to review differences in studies and see if the study performed for the 'northern route' can apply to the 'southern route'. – 5/29 Update: Kris Bremmer will need to look into this. – 6/5 Clarification on this being that there will need to be facility upgrades from 7-Mile Lane in along the LO's driveway. Design pending PAC site visit, 6/12 update: PAC needs to perform a new study for updated route to the south prior to site visit. Joey to provide a timeline for how long this will take. Luminace to reach out to Kris Bremer for timeline as well.</p>
PAC Comms Design Work	<p>PAC design work is 90% complete. On hold until interconnection design work is complete. 6/12: On hold for now.</p>
Relay Settings – Status Review	<p>Deliverable is due 16 weeks prior to energize.</p> <p>Evergreen submitted settings 8/28/23. Still pending PAC review feedback 6/5/2024. PAC noted that it is unlikely that review will get completed until the project is approx. 2 months away from being energized. This creates a potential time-line issue on the customer side. Customer needs 8 to 12 weeks after initial review feedback is received to implement the settings.</p>
PAC Materials – Status Review	<p>No materials on order for either interconnection or comms build-out until design work is completed.</p> <p>Long Lead Equipment: Primary Metering – Delivered. Fiber/Fiber Materials – Not ordered. On hold until PAC Comms Design work is completed.</p>
Build Status / Schedule & Timeline	<p>Customer – Poles and Equipment Installed. Ready for interconnection from PAC.</p> <p>Possible 90-day impact to build timeline due to joint-use violations by/with various telecom companies on PAC poles. PAC working to coordinate with the telecom companies to shift their lines down.</p>
Backfeed Date – Tracking Review	<p>(IX= 9/23/2024) Not currently tracking to meet IX dates. Hold-ups: Design completion and lead times. Complete re-design in progress, possible new cost estimates will be a result. See joint-use issue above as well.</p>
Utility Inspections – Status Review	<p>PAC site walk on 10/26 with PAC area manager confirmed the customer overhead installation is ready for PAC interconnection.</p>
Easement Requirements & Status	<p>Back under review. Pending re-design work.</p>
Customer Accounts with PAC	<p>Completed 12/5/2023</p>



Project Amendment Review and Recommendation

The Oregon Community Solar Program Administrator (PA) has reviewed the amendment request of the project described below and recommends that the project Certification be extended by nine months.

Project Information

Project ID: PGE-2023-161

Project Name: Rodeo Solar

Project Manager: Conifer Community Energy 8 LLC

Subscription Manager: Conifer Community Energy 8 LLC

Utility Service Area: PGE

Project Site Address: 34035 S Hwy 213 Molalla, OR 97038

Project Size (kW-AC): 2,250

Carveout-eligible: No

Current Program Status and Date Achieved: Pre-certified, 09/21/2023

Project Description

Rodeo Solar is a 2,250 kW-AC project located in Molalla, Oregon, in Clackamas County. The Project Manager entity is controlled by Conifer Energy Partners LLC. The Project Manager has not yet determined a Subscription Manager for the project.

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: 6/25/2024

Nature of the Amendment Request: Extend Certification Deadline

PA Recommendation: Approve

Review Notes

Current Certification Deadline: 03/21/2025

Recommended Certification Deadline: 12/12/2025

The Project Manager is requesting a nine-month extension to correspond with the interconnection schedule proposed by the utility in the original executed Interconnection Agreement, which has an in-service date of December 12, 2025. The Interconnection Agreement was signed by both parties on February 7, 2024. The project has secured development permits and financing and plans to begin construction this summer with the expectation that a substantial part of the project will be constructed by the end of 2024. The PA supports granting this extension.

Attachments Included

The extension request received from the Project Manager is attached.



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May 14, 2024

VIA EMAIL (administrator@oregoncsp.org)
Oregon Community Solar Program Administrator
Oregon Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission")

RE: Certification Deadline Extension Request for Rodeo Solar, LLC and Conifer Community Energy 8, LLC

Dear Program Administrator,

Conifer Energy Partners LLC ("Conifer") on behalf of Rodeo Solar, LLC ("Rodeo Solar" or the "Project") and Conifer Community Energy 8, LLC ("Project Manager") (together the "Project Entities") submits this letter per Section 4.7.1 of the Program Implementation Manual ("PIM") to request that the Certification Deadline for the Project Entities be extended.

The driver for this request is the interconnection schedule in the executed Interconnection Agreement ("IA") for Rodeo Solar. A copy of the executed IA is submitted along with this letter. The interconnection schedule is provided in the IA as "Attachment D". The IA was executed after pre-certification of the Project Entities and the interconnection schedule is largely based on what the interconnecting utility can accommodate for the Project when the IA is executed.

The IA was mutually executed by Rodeo Solar and Portland General Electric on February 27, 2024 while pre-certification occurred on September 25, 2023. The IA has an in-service date in Attachment D for the Project of 12/12/2025 which is past the 18-month period to achieve certification per Chapter 4 of the PIM. Therefore, the Project Entities are requesting an extension of the Certification deadline to align with the schedule in the IA to be 12/12/2025.

Progress to date: Rodeo Solar has made significant material progress towards reaching operation and construction is expected to commence within the next 1.5-2 months. In addition to the IA, the Project holds an active civil engineering development permit from Clackamas County, as well as an approved highway approach permit from ODOT (also submitted with this letter). Conifer is engaged in active discussions with an EPC contractor and project financing parties to mobilize and commence construction of the project in June 2024. The Project's development permit has to be exercised by 12/20/2024, so Conifer expects that a substantial part of the project will be constructed by the end of this year with the remaining community solar development tasks to be completed between then and the in-service date in the IA.

For the reasons contained herein, Conifer respectfully requests that the Commission grant the extension request for Rodeo Solar.

Very truly yours,
Jonathan Nelson