



Program Administrator's Project Recommendation

June 30, 2025

Community Solar Program - Docket No. UM 1930

On October 30, 2024, in Order No. 24-364, 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 a six-month Certification deadline extension for the following project:

PGE-2023-167 (Lincoln Solar LLC)

The PA has reviewed the project Certification deadline extension request and has recommended granting the extension. The extension request is included below. Staff finds the PA's recommendation to be noncontroversial and that granting the extension may be delegated to the PA. Stakeholders in opposition of the PA's recommendations should post comments to UM 1930 by July 14, 2025.

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 Certification deadline be extended by 6 months.

Project Information

Project ID: PGE-2023-167

Project Name: Lincoln Solar LLC

Project Manager: CCE 9 LLC

Subscription Manager: Cascadia Community Energy, LLC

Utility Service Area: PGE

Project Site Address: 5751 Wallace Rd. NW, Salem, OR 97304

Project Size (kW-AC): 2,985

Carveout-eligible: No

Current Program Status and Date Achieved: Pre-certified, 12/30/2023

Project Description

Lincoln Solar is a 2,985 kW-AC project located in Salem, Oregon, in Marion County. CCE 9 LLC is controlled by Conifer Energy Partners. Outreach and customer management are conducted through Cascadia Community Energy, LLC.

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: 6/09/2025

Nature of the Amendment Request: Extend Certification Deadline

PA Recommendation: Approve

Review Notes

Current Certification Deadline: June 23, 2025

Recommended Certification Deadline: December 23, 2025

The Project Manager (PM) requests a 6-month extension to complete the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) and customer enrollment, including low-income enrollment. The PM is working with the Subscription Manager (SM), Cascadia Community Energy, LLC (Cascadia) to complete customer enrollment for this project and a couple others. The COD for this project is December 31, 2025, and the PA is aware that the SM and PM are prioritizing enrollment in projects that have an earlier COD. Cascadia expects to complete customer acquisition for the general market and low-income capacity in 3-6 months, and the PA does not expect enrollment to delay the COD. Given the PM's progress towards completing the Certification requirements, the PA recommends granting this amendment request and extending the Certification deadline by 6 months.

Attachments Included

The extension request received from the Project Manager is attached.



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RE: Certification Extension Request for Lincoln Solar/CCE 9 LLC (PGE-2023-167) (the “Project”)

Dear Program Administrator,

This letter is to request an extension of the Certification Date of the above referenced Project to align with the COD in the Project’s Interconnection Agreement. The Project respectfully requests a Certification extension to December 31st, 2025, or to another date that reasonably accommodates the Project’s anticipated COD.

Interconnection and Project Construction Status

On December 4th, 2024 the Project executed the Interconnection Agreement with PGE. The agreement included a construction schedule with a COD date of December 31st, 2025. The Project has fully paid all milestone payments to PGE amounting to \$217,068.

The Project has executed a limited notice to proceed (NTP) with Evergreen Renewables as the EPC contractor and full NTP is expected to be issued in July. Evergreen Renewables has almost completed construction drawings and started procuring equipment for the Project.

Permitting

The Project has received and maintained its land use permit with Polk County, obtained an Oregon Department of State Lands wetland permit, and paid \$40,000 for the required wetland mitigation credits from Mud Slough Wetland Bank. The credits will also satisfy a Nationwide Permit 51 administered by the US Corps of Engineers (ACOE).

As part of the ACOE permit process, the Project has also completed a cultural survey to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and obtained ACOE concurrence.

Additionally, the Project has obtained a DEQ Section 401 Water Quality Certification.

Real Estate

Lincoln Solar has also secured all necessary real estate rights and easements necessary to build the Project.

Customer Acquisition

Cascadia Community Energy LLC (“Cascadia”) is conducting customer acquisition for the Project. Cascadia is coordinating with Community Energy Project (“CEP”) for the LI recruitment. So far, the Project has approximately 22.4kWac of capacity either subscribed or pending all residential, of which 6.7kWac is for the LI segment. For Cascadia’s work on LI subscriptions, CEP has provided positive feedback regarding contract finalization process and has indicated an average timeframe of 4 months to fully subscribe the LI segment for projects of this size. In addition to leads coordinated with CEP, Cascadia is also pursuing customer referral opportunities with local non-profits, the Grand Ronde Tribe, and local mobile home parks. For commercial subscribers, Cascadia anticipates filling 40% of the Project with commercial subscriptions within the next 4 months. Momentum is building for Cascadia’s subscription outreach and the Project expects the pace of subscriptions to ramp up considerably in the next 3-6 months.

Utility Unsubscribed PPA and Project Account Information

The Project sent an email to PGE on May 28, 2025 to kickoff the process for obtaining its unsubscribed PPA. The Project will diligently work with PGE to complete and execute the unsubscribed PPA and get its assigned utility account number.

Summary

The Project is making positive material progress towards subscriptions and construction, but needs more time to meet Program requirements for Certification. The Project respectfully requests a Certification extension to December 31, 2025, or to another date that reasonably accommodates the Project’s COD and time expected to complete LI recruitment.

Sincerely,



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