



Program Administrator's Project Recommendation

April 26, 2022

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 project pre-certification for the following projects:

PGE-2021-94 (Canyonville Solar 1)
PGE-2021-142 (Canyonville Solar 2)

The Project Manager (PM) initially submitted a single pre-certification application for both projects listed above to the Community Solar Program (Program) waitlist for the PacifiCorp service area. At that time, the Program allowed PMs to treat multiple co-located projects as a single project if the aggregated capacity did not exceed 3 MW-AC. However, the Program disallowed this in January 2022 after discovering it unintentionally caused problems with the Program's data transfer system.

The Program recently allowed the PM to resubmit separate pre-certification applications for the two projects, with both applications maintaining the same relative placement in the waitlist. This was allowed because the PM complied with Program rules when it first submitted a single pre-certification, the January 2022 rule change was only because of a data transfer issue unrelated to the waitlist or project pre-certification process, and because it would not negatively impact the pre-certification of projects further down the waitlist. Staff finds these reasons and the PA's recommendation to be noncontroversial and that granting pre-certification may be delegated to the PA. Stakeholders in opposition of the PA's recommendation should post comments to UM 1930 by May 10, 2022.

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.



Project Pre-certification Review and Recommendation

The Oregon Community Solar Program Administrator (PA) has reviewed the pre-certification request of the project described below and recommends that the project be pre-certified.

Project Information

Project ID: PP-2021-94

Project Name: Canyonville Solar 1

Project Manager: Sulus Solar

Subscription Manager: Sulus Solar

Utility Service Area: Pacific Power

Project Site Address: Gazley Road, Canyonville, OR 97417

Project Size (kW-AC): 1000

Carveout-eligible: No

Project Description

Canyonville Solar 1 is a 1,000 kW-AC project located in Canyonville, Oregon, in Douglas County. The project manager entity is Sulus Solar, which currently manages four pre-certified projects and has submitted eight additional projects (including this project) for pre-certification in this capacity release. The Program Administrator understands that Sulus plans to transfer the management of its ORCSP project portfolio to SolRiver LLC shortly after this current batch of projects is pre-certified, and that SolRiver will identify a subscription manager for the project portfolio.

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: 04/14/2022

Project Satisfies all Pre-certification Requirements?: Yes

PA Recommendation: Approve

Review Notes

The broader Canyonville Solar project is comprised of two separately interconnected solar electric facilities (Canyonville Solar 1 and Canyonville Solar 2) that are located on the same parcel of land. Originally, the program allowed a single community solar project to combine multiple separately interconnected solar electric facilities. However, the ORCSP PIM was revised in January 2022 to require that each community solar project correspond only to a single solar electric facility.

PP-2021-94 was submitted to the program and added to the waitlist in April 2021, and included both Canyonville Solar 1 and 2 with a combined capacity of 2.5 MW. At the time of application, this was permitted under program rules. When the PIM was revised in January 2022, the waitlisted PP-2021-94 project became incompatible with program requirements as it combined multiple facilities. At the PA's direction, Sulus reduced PP-2021-94 to reflect only the Canyonville Solar 1 facility (1.0 MW), and submitted PP-2022-142 as a separate project reflecting the Canyonville Solar 2 facility (1.5 MW). Because PP-2021-94 would have been eligible for the program under the rules in effect at the time it applied to the program, OPUC Staff has directed the PA to consider PP-2021-94 and PP-2022-124 as having equal queue priority and to evaluate process pre-certification applications for both projects at this time.

Attachments Included

No attachments.



Project Pre-certification Review and Recommendation

The Oregon Community Solar Program Administrator (PA) has reviewed the pre-certification request of the project described below and recommends that the project be pre-certified.

Project Information

Project ID: PP-2022-142

Project Name: Canyonville Solar 2

Project Manager: Sulus Solar

Subscription Manager: Sulus Solar

Utility Service Area: Pacific Power

Project Site Address: Gazley Road, Canyonville, OR 97417

Project Size (kW-AC): 1500

Carveout-eligible: No

Project Description

Canyonville Solar 2 is a 1,500 kW-AC project located in Canyonville, Oregon, in Douglas County. The project manager entity is Sulus Solar, which currently manages four pre-certified projects and has submitted eight additional projects (including this project) for pre-certification in this capacity release. The Program Administrator understands that Sulus plans to transfer the management of its ORCSP project portfolio to SolRiver LLC shortly after this current batch of projects is pre-certified, and that SolRiver will identify a subscription manager for the project portfolio.

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