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Filing Center  
Public Utility Commission  
P.O. Box 2148  
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Re: PUC Docket No. UM 1452  
Petition to Intervene of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Dear Filing Center:

Please find enclosed an original and one copy of Petitioner to Intervene of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

Very truly yours,



Jenny Holmes  
Environmental Ministries Director

Cc: Service List  
Enclosures – Petition to Intervene, Certificate of Service

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1452

In the Matter of	)	
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION	)	
OF OREGON	)	PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
	)	ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES OF OREGON
Investigation into Pilot Programs to	)	
Demonstrate the use and effectiveness of	)	
Volumetric Incentive Rates for Solar	)	
Photovoltaic Energy Systems.	)	

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) petitions to intervene in this proceeding pursuant to Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-012-001. In support of this petition, EMO provides the following:

1. The name and address of petitioner is:

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2. Petitioner will be represented by:

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3. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring together Oregon's diverse faith community for dialogue, advocacy and community ministries in service to God's people and creation. EMO has 16 member denominations, over 75 member congregations, and 14 interfaith partners. The faith community shares a deep commitment to stewardship of the earth and has in particular an awareness of the social injustice of global climate change. Oregon Interfaith Power and Light (OIPL), a project of EMO, engages the faith community to strive for accountability in our individual and collective energy decisions in an interdependent world by providing education, advocacy and consultation. To date we have worked with over 550 congregations in Oregon to improve the energy efficiency of their buildings or members homes. In late 2007, OIPL began the Solar Congregations Program and created a corporation, Solar Congregations Inc, for the purpose of helping congregations take the full benefit of available tax incentives. The Solar Congregations Program provides third-party financing for solar electric systems for congregations and other religious nonprofits. To date in excess of 60 congregations have expressed serious interest in installing solar but few have successfully navigated the legal and financial hurdles under the current incentives programs.

4. EMO intends to monitor the proceedings and raise issues as appropriate. EMO represents the interests of congregations and other religious nonprofits that want to install solar systems on their own facilities and to move society quickly toward renewable energy in order to mitigate the injustices of global warming. To this end, we seek a feed-in-tariff structure that:

- makes installation of solar electric as affordable for nonprofits as for those individuals and entities that are eligible for tax credits.
- leads to rapid, widespread, and visible installation of solar panels throughout Oregon, leading to an extensive expansion of solar installations after the pilot project is complete

5. EMO has many years of experience working in energy conservation and solar energy within the faith community. We welcome the opportunity to be of service to the process.

6. Petitioner waives paper service of documents.

Based on the information provided above in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure, EMO requests to participate in this proceeding as an intervenor. Neither I, nor the organization that I represent, will unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record or unreasonably delay the proceeding. OAR 860-012-0001.

DATED this 19th day of November 2009.



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Jenny Holmes, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Petitioner's Representative

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have caused to be served the foregoing Petition to Intervene of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon on PUC Docket No. UM 1452 by electronic mail and US mail to those parties who have not waived paper service on the attached service list.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.



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