

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of	)	
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF	)	PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
OREGON,	)	OBSIDIAN RENEWABLES, LLC
	)	
General Capacity Investigation	)	
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Pursuant to ORS § 756.525 and OAR § 860-001-0300, Obsidian Renewables, LLC (“Obsidian”) petitions the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) to intervene with full party status as described in OAR § 860-001-0010(7). Obsidian waives paper service of all non-confidential filings. In support of this petition, Obsidian provides the following information:

1. The names and addresses of Obsidian Intervenors are:

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3. Obsidian is an Oregon limited liability company that is in the business of developing renewable power generating facilities, particularly solar photovoltaic generating

facilities. Many of Obsidian's solar projects are qualifying facilities ("QFs") under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act ("PURPA"). Obsidian also develops projects that are not QFs.

4. The Commission adopted Staff's recommendation to open a general capacity investigation at the Commission's public meeting held on April 23, 2019. The purpose of the investigation is to "harmonize" and clarify how capacity is defined, acquired, and valued across utility systems. A change in how the Commission values capacity will likely directly affect avoided cost rates for QFs that sell electricity to utilities under PURPA and could affect the understanding of value and prices for other projects not developed under PURPA. The results of the Commission's investigation could have a direct impact on Obsidian's business activities.

5. Obsidian's interest in this proceeding is not adequately represented by any other party. Obsidian has participated in other Commission proceedings. Obsidian's participation in this proceeding will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay this proceeding.

6. It is therefore in the public interest to allow Obsidian to intervene in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Obsidian respectfully requests that the Commission grant its petition to intervene with full party status in this proceeding.

DATED this 26th day of June, 2019.

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