

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 10, 2020**

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A _____

DATE: March 2, 2020

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Natascha Smith

THROUGH: Michael Dougherty and JP Batmale **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF:
(Docket No. UM 1930)
Request to pre-certify Community Solar Projects.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC or Commission) approve recommended projects for pre-Certification in the Community Solar Program.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve the recommended Community Solar projects for pre-Certification.

Applicable Rule or Law

Section 22 of Senate Bill (SB) 1547, effective March 8, 2016, and codified in ORS 757.386, directs the Commission to establish a community solar program (hereinafter referred to as "Program" or "CSP").

On June 29, 2017, the Commission adopted formal rules for Oregon's Community Solar Program under OAR Division 88 of Chapter 860. OAR 860-088-0040 details the requirements for Project pre-certification.

Analysis

Background

On January 21, 2020, the CSP platform began accepting applications for Project pre-certification. As required by OAR 860-088-0040(3) the CSP Program Administrator (PA) has reviewed the following projects and is recommending pre-certification of these projects by the Commission.

Recommended Projects

Project Name	Name of PM	Utility Territory	Project Size (kW-AC)	Attachment #
Pilot Rock Solar 1	Pilot Rock Solar 1, LLC	PAC	1980	Attachment A
Skyward Solar	Skyward Solar, LLC	PGE	2500	Attachment B
Red Prairie Solar	RP PM, LLC	PGE	2200	Attachment C

Conclusion

Based on Staff's review of applicable rules and PA evaluation of project overview, participation and billing structure, and requirements checklist, Staff believes that the above projects recommended by the PA for pre-certification should be approved by the Commission.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve the recommended projects for pre-Certification in the Community Solar Program.



Community Solar Pre-Certification Recommendation

Public Meeting Date: 3/10/20

Project Overview

Project ID:	PP-2020-13										
Project Name:	Pilot Rock Solar 1										
Project Manager:	Pilot Rock Solar 1, LLC										
Site Address:	0	Pilot Rock	97868								
Utility Territory:	Pacific_Power										
Project Size (kW-AC):	1980										
Applicable Designations :	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Low Income</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workforce Diversity</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brownfield</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dual-Use Ag</td> <td>No</td> </tr> </table>			Low Income	No	Workforce Diversity	No	Brownfield	No	Dual-Use Ag	No
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Development Entity Type:	LLC										
Projected COD:	1/0/1900										
Project Description:	1.98mW-ac ground mount system within City of Pilot Rock industrial park.										

Participation and Billing Structure

Low Income Recruitment Method:	Low-Income Coordinator	
Low-Income Participation:	10	%
Residential & Small Business:	40	%
Large Commercial, Agricultural, & Industrial:	50	%
Ownership or Subscription:	0	

Requirements Checklist (OAR 860-088-0040)

Project manager has registered with the CSP:	Yes	10/10/2019
Meets all insurance project requirements:	Yes	
Submitted a detailed description of the project:	Yes	
Has obtained all non-ministerial permits:	Yes	
Has complied with interconnection requirements:	Yes	
Submitted participant acquisition approach:	Yes	
Submitted plan for meeting low-income requirements:	Yes	
Submitted estimated project cost information:	Yes	
Submitted development timeline:	Yes	

PA Recommendation:

Recommendation:

No_Reservations

Recommendation Date:

3/10/2020

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Community Solar Pre-Certification Recommendation

Public Meeting Date: 3/10/20

Project Overview

Project ID:	PGE-2020-22														
Project Name:	Skyward Solar														
Project Manager:	Skyward Solar LLC														
Site Address:	0	Boring	97009												
Utility Territory:	Portland_General_Electric														
Project Size (kW-AC):	2500														
Applicable Designations :	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Low Income</td> <td style="width: 20%;"></td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workforce Diversity</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brownfield</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dual-Use Ag</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> </tr> </table>			Low Income		No	Workforce Diversity		No	Brownfield		No	Dual-Use Ag		No
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Development Entity Type:	LLC														
Projected COD:	1/0/1900														
Project Description:	<p>Skyward Solar is a 2.5MWac photovoltaic solar power generation facility to be located on 12-acres. The solar facility will consist of fixed-tilt photovoltaic modules supported by stationary piles driven six to ten feet into the ground. Each row of panels will be strung together in an east-west orientation and the panels will face south with a tilt of approximately 25 degrees. The facility is located on north side of SE Kelso Road, approximately west of its intersection with SE Bluff Road, Sandy area.</p>														

Participation and Billing Structure

Low Income Recruitment Method:	Low-Income Coordinator	
Low-Income Participation:	10	%
Residential & Small Business:	50	%
Large Commercial, Agricultural, & Industrial:	40	%
Ownership or Subscription:	NA	

Requirements Checklist (OAR 860-088-0040)

Project manager has registered with the CSP:	Yes	1/20/2020
Meets all insurance project requirements:	Yes	
Submitted a detailed description of the project:	Yes	
Has obtained all non-ministerial permits:	Yes	

Has complied with interconnection requirements:	Yes
Submitted participant acquisition approach:	Yes
Submitted plan for meeting low-income requirements:	Yes
Submitted estimated project cost information:	Yes
Submitted development timeline:	Yes

PA Recommendation:

Recommendation:	No_Reservations
Recommendation Date:	3/10/2020

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Community Solar Pre-Certification Recommendation

Public Meeting Date: 3/10/20

Project Overview

Project ID:	PGE-2020-40										
Project Name:	Red Prairie Solar										
Project Manager:	RP PM, LLC										
Site Address:	0	Sheridan	97378								
Utility Territory:	Portland_General_Electric										
Project Size (kW-AC):	2200										
Applicable Designations :	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Low Income</td> <td style="width: 30%;">No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workforce Diversity</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brownfield</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dual-Use Ag</td> <td>No</td> </tr> </table>			Low Income	No	Workforce Diversity	No	Brownfield	No	Dual-Use Ag	No
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Development Entity Type:	LLC										
Projected COD:	1/0/1900										
Project Description:	Red Prairie Solar is a 2.2 MWac / 3.08 MWdc ground mounted photovoltaic solar project located west of Sheridan, OR.										

Participation and Billing Structure

Low Income Recruitment Method:	PM will collaborate with the Low-Income Coordinator	
Low-Income Participation:	10	%
Residential & Small Business:	50	%
Large Commercial, Agricultural, & Industrial:	40	%
Ownership or Subscription:	0	

Requirements Checklist (OAR 860-088-0040)

Project manager has registered with the CSP:	Yes	1/14/2020
Meets all insurance project requirements:	Yes	
Submitted a detailed description of the project:	Yes	
Has obtained all non-ministerial permits:	Yes	
Has complied with interconnection requirements:	Yes	
Submitted participant acquisition approach:	Yes	
Submitted plan for meeting low-income requirements:	Yes	
Submitted estimated project cost information:	Yes	
Submitted development timeline:	Yes	

PA Recommendation:

Recommendation:

No_Reservations

Recommendation Date:

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