

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 28, 2021**

REGULAR **CONSENT** **EFFECTIVE DATE** _____ **N/A**

DATE: December 20, 2021

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Joe Abraham

THROUGH: Bryan Conway, JP Batmale, and Sarah Hall **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF:
(Docket No. UM 1930)
Requests pre-certification of project in the Community Solar Program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve recommended project for pre-certification in the Community Solar Program.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve the recommended Community Solar Program project for pre-certification.

Applicable Rule or Law

Section 22 of Senate Bill 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 the Program under OAR Division 88 of Chapter 860. OAR 860-088-0040 details the requirements for project pre-certification.

Analysis

Background

A Project Manager (PM) registered with CSP may submit applications for project pre-certification to the Program Administrator (PA). As required by OAR 860-088-0040(3), the PA reviews applications for compliance with Program requirements and recommends whether the Commission approve the projects for pre-certification.

The PA recently received pre-certification applications for the following project. After reviewing the application and supporting documentation provided by the PM, the PA has determined that this project qualifies for pre-certification in the Program and recommends approval.

Recommended Projects

Project Name	Name of Project Manager	Utility Territory	Project Size (kW-AC)	Attachment #
Wood River Solar	Wood River PM, LLC	PAC	360 kW-AC	Attachment A

Wood River Solar is a 360 kW-AC project just outside of the City of Klamath Falls in Klamath County. The project manager entity is controlled by TLS Capital, which also manages five other projects in PAC service area and three projects in PGE service area. Outreach and customer management for the project will be conducted through Oregon Shines, an entity formed by several PMs to conduct customer management in the Program. The Wood River project will reserve 50 percent of project capacity for low-income customers.

Based on its small size, the Wood River Solar project will use the Program's carve-out capacity reserved for small and/or nonprofit-led projects.¹

Conclusion

Staff has discussed the project application with the PA and reviewed CSP requirements. Staff supports the PA's recommendation that the Commission approve the projects above for pre-certification in the CSP.

¹ Twenty-five percent of the allocated Program capacity is allocated for use by projects up to 360 kW-AC in size and projects led by a non-profit Project Manager.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

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Community Solar Pre-Certification Recommendation

Public Meeting Date: 12/28/21

Project Overview

Project ID: PP-2021-126
 Project Name: Wood River Solar
 Project Manager: Wood River PM, LLC
 Site Address: 42°10'45.32"N, 121°44'55.75"W Altamont 97603
 Utility Territory: Pacific_Power
 Project Size (kW-AC): 359

Applicable Designations :

Low Income	No
Workforce Diversity	No
Brownfield	No
Dual-Use Ag	No

Development Entity Type: LLC
 Projected COD: 9/1/2023
 Project Description: Wood River Solar is a 0.359 MWac / 0.640 MWdc ground mounted photovoltaic solar project located southeast of Klamath Falls.

Participation and Billing Structure

Low Income Recruitment Method: PM will collaborate with the Low-Income Coordinator
 Low-Income Participation: 50 %
 Residential & Small Business: 25 %
 Large Commercial, Agricultural, & Industrial: 25 %
 Ownership or Subscription: Subscription

Requirements Checklist (OAR 860-088-0040)

Project manager has registered with the CSP: Yes 11/11/2021
 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: 11/24/2021