

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: February 11, 2021**

REGULAR **CONSENT** **EFFECTIVE DATE** February 11, 2021

DATE: February 1, 2021

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Kacia Brockman

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 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

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

The Program Administrator recently received a pre-certification application for the following project. After reviewing the application and supporting documentation provided by the Project Manager, the Program Administrator has determined that this project qualifies for pre-certification in the CSP and recommends approval.

Recommended Project

Project Name	Name of Project Manager	Utility Territory	Project Size (kW-AC)	Attachment #
Wayland Solar	Sulus Solar, LLC	Pacific Power	1,500	Attachment A

Wayland Solar is a 1.5 MW-AC project located in Jackson County, Oregon, just west of Medford. The project manager, Sulus Solar, LLC, is also responsible for three other pre-certified projects in Pacific Power service. With the addition of Wayland Solar as the fourth project, Sulus Solar will have reserved 8.0 MW, remaining just below the per-Project Manager limit of 8.075 MW in PAC service area imposed for the Program's initial interim capacity offering.

Conclusion

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

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

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



Community Solar Pre-Certification Recommendation

Public Meeting Date: 2/11/21

Project Overview

Project ID:	PP-2021-91		
Project Name:	Wayland Solar		
Project Manager:	Sulus Solar LLC		
Site Address:	Hanley Road	Central Point	97502
Utility Territory:	Pacific_Power		
Project Size (kW-AC):	1500		
Applicable Designations :	Low Income	No	
	Workforce Diversity	No	
	Brownfield	No	
	Dual-Use Ag	No	
Development Entity Type:	LLC		
Projected COD:	2/25/2022		
Project Description:	1.5 MWac ground-mounted project located just west of Medford in Jackson County.		

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:	Subscription

Requirements Checklist (OAR 860-088-0040)

Project manager has registered with the CSP:	Yes	1/7/2020
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:	1/25/2021

Project recommended without reservations.