

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: May 17, 2022**

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE May 18, 2022

DATE: May 9, 2022

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 Certification of project in the Community Solar Program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Certify the Jim and Salle's Place Apartments project in the Community Solar Program.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) should certify the Jim and Salle's Place Apartments project in the Community Solar Program.

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 860-088-0050 details the requirements for project certification.

Section 5.2 of the CSP Program Implementation Manual (PIM) outlines the information and documentation that must be submitted to the PA as part of the Certification application.

Analysis

Background

A Project Manager (PM) registered with CSP may submit applications for project Certification to the Program Administrator (PA). As required by OAR 860-088-0050(3), the PA reviews applications for compliance with Program requirements and recommends projects for Certification by the Commission.

The PA recently received a Certification application for the following project. After reviewing the application and supporting documentation provided by the PM, the PA has recommended that the Commission certify the project in the Program. See the Certification Recommendation Form, Attachment A.

Recommended Project

Project Name	Name of Project Manager	Utility Territory	Project Size (kW-AC)	Attachment #
Jim and Salle's Place Apartments	ROSE Community Development	Portland General Electric	40	Attachment A

The Jim and Salle's Place Apartments project is a 40 kW-AC rooftop solar project managed by ROSE Community Development. The project is located in the City of Portland in Multnomah County, in the Portland General Electric service area. The project primarily serves low-income customers and has received grant funding to offer low-income discounts in addition to those offered by the Program.

The project was pre-certified on April 21, 2020, and had an original Certification deadline of October 21, 2021. In Order No. 21-388, the project's Certification deadline was extended to January 1, 2022. In Order No. 22-018, the project's Certification deadline was further extended to February 28, 2022. On March 25, 2022, the project's Certification deadline was again further extended to April 21, 2022, via the delegation of Commission authority to the PA established in Order No. 22-007. In all these cases, the PA and Staff found the PM experienced reasonable challenges that justified granting the extensions.

Finally, the PA notes that this project submitted its Certification request prior to its Certification deadline of April 21, 2022. While the timeline of project review and public notice requirements have led the project to be formally certified by the Commission after the Certification deadline, Staff and the PA have no concerns with certifying the project at this time.

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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 project for Certification in the Program.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Certify the Jim and Salle's Place Apartments project in the Community Solar Program.



Project Certification Review and Recommendation

The Oregon Community Solar Program Administrator (PA) has reviewed the certification request of the project described below and recommends that the project be certified.

Project Information

Project ID: PGE-2020-70

Project Name: Jim and Salle's Place Apartments

Project Manager: ROSE Community Development

Subscription Manager: ROSE Community Development

Utility Service Area: PGE

Project Site Address: 7531-7629 SE Steele Street, Portland, OR 97206

Project Size (kW-AC): 40

Carveout-eligible: Yes (<360 kW and non-profit project manager)

Date of Pre-Certification: 04/21/2020

Expected Commercial Operations Date: 05/17/2022

Project Description

Jim & Salle's place is a small project located in southeast Portland on the roof of an affordable multifamily housing property, also managed by ROSE Community Development. The project will primarily enroll and serve low-income customers, and the project has received additional grant funding to enable providing deep discounts to these customers.

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: 04/27/2022

Project Satisfies all Certification Requirements?: Yes

PA Recommendation: Approve

Review Notes

This project submitted its certification request prior to its certification deadline on April 21, 2022. While the timeline of project review and public notice requirements will lead the project to be formally certified by the Commission after its certification deadline, we have no concerns with certifying the project at this time.

Attachments Included

No attachments.