

ITEM NO. CA7

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: June 25, 2024**

REGULAR **CONSENT** **EFFECTIVE DATE** June 25, 2024

DATE: June 13, 2024

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Kiran Ambreen Ayub

THROUGH: JP Batmale and Sarah Hall **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF:
(Docket No. UM 1930)
Certification of Auburn Solar, Green Solar, and Sheridan Solar projects in
the Community Solar Program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Certify Auburn Solar, Green Solar, and Sheridan Solar projects in the Community Solar Program.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) should certify Auburn Solar, Green Solar, and Sheridan Solar projects in the Community Solar Program.

Applicable Rule or Law

Section 22 of Senate Bill 1547, 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 projects must submit to the CSP Program Administrator (PA) as part of the Certification application.

Analysis

Background

A Project Manager (PM) registered with CSP may submit applications for project Certification to the 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. Certification is an important stage gate for CSP projects. Receiving Certification means that the project meets all Program requirements and can proceed to commercial operation.

The PA recently received a Certification application from the following three projects. After reviewing the applications and supporting documentation provided by the PM, the PA has recommended that the Commission certify the projects in the Program. See the Certification Recommendation Forms in Attachments A, B, and C.

Recommended Projects

Project Name	Name of Project Manager	Utility Territory	Project Size (kW-AC)	Attachment #
Auburn Solar	Auburn Solar LLC	PGE	2970	Attachment A
Green Solar	Green Solar LLC	Pacific Power	2875	Attachment B
Sheridan Solar	Sheridan Solar LLC	PGE	3000	Attachment C

Auburn Solar

Auburn Solar is a 2,970 kW-AC project located in Sandy, Oregon, in Clackamas County. Auburn Solar LLC is controlled by SolRiver Capital, LLC. Arcadia Community Solar, LLC will conduct outreach and customer management.

The project was Pre-Certified on April 15, 2022, with an original Certification deadline of October 15, 2023. On May 5, 2022, the PA used authorities delegated by the Commission in Order No. 22-007 (delegated authority) to recommend the project's transfer from Sulus Solar to SolRiver Capital, LLC, which was granted.¹

On October 20, 2023, the PA again used delegated authority to recommend a six-month Certification extension to April 15, 2024, which was granted. The project requested the

¹ See Order No. 22-007, <https://apps.puc.state.or.us/orders/2022ords/22-007.pdf>.

extension due to interconnection delays and construction delays because of equipment sourcing and procurement issues beyond its reasonable control.

On May 3, 2024, the PA once more utilized delegated authority to recommend a four-month Certification deadline extension to August 15, 2024, which was granted. The requested extension was to allow the project to complete low-income enrollment. The PA completed its review on June 4, 2024, and recommends Certification in CSP.

Green Solar

Green Solar is a 2,875 kW-AC project located in Culver, Oregon in Jefferson County. Green Solar LLC is controlled by SolRiver Capital, LLC. Arcadia Community Solar, LLC will conduct outreach and customer management.

The project was Pre-Certified on April 15, 2022. The PA used delegated authority to recommend the project's transfer from Sulus Solar to SolRiver Capital, LLC, which was granted. On October 20, 2023, the PA again utilized delegated authority to recommend an eight-month Certification deadline extension to June 15, 2024, which was granted. The project cited interconnection delays as the reason for the extension request, which was granted.

The PM recently submitted necessary Certification paperwork to the PA prior to the project's Certification deadline of June 15, 2024. The PA completed its review on June 4, 2024, and recommends Certification in CSP. While this timeline has led Staff to recommend the Commission certify the project after its Certification deadline, Staff and the PA have no concerns with certifying the project at this time. The Program considers that projects submitting Certification applications to the PA by the deadline to have met the deadline, while PA and Staff may require additional time to review applications for recommendation to the Commission.

Sheridan Solar

Sheridan Solar is a 3,000 kW-AC project located in Sheridan, Oregon, in Yamhill County. The PM entity is controlled by Cedar Solar Holdings, LLC. Arcadia Community Solar, LLC will conduct outreach and customer management.

The project was Pre-Certified on May 25, 2022, with an original Certification deadline of November 25, 2023. On September 6, 2022, the PA used delegated authority to recommend the project's transfer from Pacific Northwest Solar LLC to Sheridan Solar, LLC, which was granted. Sheridan Solar, LLC is a project-specific LLC that remained initially under the ownership of Pacific Northwest Solar, LLC. Sheridan Solar, LLC was later transferred to the parent entity Cedar Solar Holdings, LLC.

On February 13, 2024, the PA again utilized delegated authority to recommend a six-month extension to the project's Certification deadline to May 25, 2024, which was granted. The PM had achieved all Certification requirements except for the ten percent low-income enrollment requirement. At that time, the project had only obtained five percent of the ten percent required enrollment. The PM and the CSP Low-income Facilitator have since coordinated to achieve the low-income enrollment requirement.

The PM recently submitted necessary Certification paperwork to the PA prior to the project's Certification deadline of May 25, 2024. The PA completed its review on May 31, 2024, and recommends Certification in CSP. While this timeline has led Staff to recommend the Commission certify the project after its Certification deadline, Staff and the PA have no concerns with certifying the project at this time. The Program considers that projects submitting Certification applications to the PA by the deadline to have met the deadline, while PA and Staff may require additional time to review applications for recommendation to the Commission.

Conclusion

Staff has discussed the project applications with the PA and reviewed CSP requirements. Staff supports the PA's recommendation that the Commission approve Certification of Auburn Solar, Green Solar, and Sheridan Solar projects in the Program.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Certify Auburn Solar, Green Solar, and Sheridan Solar projects 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-2020-75

Project Name: Auburn Solar

Project Manager: Auburn Solar LLC

Subscription Manager: Arcadia Community Solar

Utility Service Area: PGE

Project Site Address: 45°23'29.52"N, 122°20'38.22"W, Sandy, OR 97009

Project Size (kW-AC): 2,970

Carveout-eligible: No

Date of Pre-Certification: 04/15/2022

Expected Commercial Operations Date: 08/15/2024

Project Description

Auburn Solar is a 2,970 kW-AC project located in Sandy, Oregon, in Clackamas County. Auburn Solar LLC is controlled by SolRiver Capital, LLC. Outreach and customer management will be conducted by Arcadia Community Solar, LLC.

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: 06/04/2024

Project Satisfies all Certification Requirements?: Yes

PA Recommendation: Approve

Review Notes

No special comments.

Attachments Included

No attachments.



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: PP-2021-99

Project Name: Green Solar

Project Manager: Green Solar LLC

Subscription Manager: Arcadia Community Solar, LLC

Utility Service Area: Pacific Power

Project Site Address: SW Green Drive, Culver, OR 97734

Project Size (kW-AC): 2,875

Carveout-eligible: No

Date of Pre-Certification: 4/15/2022

Expected Commercial Operations Date: 6/30/2024

Project Description

Green Solar is a 2,875 kW-AC project located in Culver, Oregon in Jefferson County. Green Solar LLC is controlled by SolRiver Capital, LLC. Outreach and customer management will be conducted by Arcadia Community Solar, LLC.

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: 6/4/2024

Project Satisfies all Certification Requirements?: Yes

PA Recommendation: Approve

Review Notes

No special comments.

Attachments Included

No attachments.



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-2020-10

Project Name: Sheridan Solar

Project Manager: Sheridan Solar, LLC

Subscription Manager: Arcadia Community Solar, LLC

Utility Service Area: PGE

Project Site Address: 45.10238333N, 123.41000000W Sheridan, OR 97378

Project Size (kW-AC): 3,000

Carveout-eligible: No

Date of Pre-Certification: 05/25/2022

Expected Commercial Operations Date: 06/25/2024

Project Description

Sheridan Solar is a 3,000 kW-AC project located in Sheridan, Oregon, in Yamhill County. The Project Manager entity is controlled by Cedar Solar Holdings, LLC. Outreach and customer management are conducted by Arcadia Community Solar, LLC.

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: 06/04/2024

Project Satisfies all Certification Requirements?: Yes

PA Recommendation: Approve

Review Notes

No special comments.

Attachments Included

No attachments.