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Subject: Extension of Time

(Docket No. UM 1538)

Request by PGPV, LLC for a waiver of the 12-month solar photovoltaic system installation requirement pursuant to OAR 860-084-0210 (1)

To Whom it May Concern,

We would like to request an extension for the following project:

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Tenino Creek Rd. Bldg Vet Admin, Warm Springs, OR 97761; 300 kW system

**Original Deadline: 10/12/2013**

**Extension Requested: 3 months; 01/12/2014**

**Reasons for Extension:**

After reaching the lending limit of two local banks and after 8 months of constant paperwork and employing the services of accountants, lawyers and engineers, we finally received a larger loan. This project also took 10 months to get through the many tribal committees and lawyers specializing in Indian law. They changed the location of the site 5 times. We are putting up a very unique solar tracker, the largest of its type in the country. The lead time was longer than we were led to believe, having received delivery of the trackers just three weeks ago. We have worked relentlessly to meet our deadline, but were unable to do so for the reasons listed above.

We've been able to overcome these obstacles through the following:

- Obtaining a signed contract with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs that has been approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- Securing funding for this project from our new lender.
- Receiving delivery of the trackers.

As of 11/12/2013 the foundation pipes have been driven into the ground and the trackers have been assembled on-site and attached to their foundations. So far we've spent over \$450,000 on this project for trackers, solar modules, inverters, steel pipe, permitting, legal fees, and installing the foundations and trackers. This is a substantial investment for us and represents over 70% of the project's total cost.

Over the next four weeks we will be erecting the perimeter fencing, installing the solar modules and completing the required electrical work. Once these steps are finished, the project will be complete. This time estimate is based on our experience installing over 10,000 PV modules in Oregon, comprising over 70 sites.

**Company Background:**

Energy Wise Lighting, Inc. and their sister company PGPV, LLC are the largest owners of solar PV systems on K-12 schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, churches and other nonprofits in the State. We've installed around 70 solar PV systems under the VIR program in Oregon, ranging in size from 10 kW to 250 kW, for a total installed capacity of over 3 MW. In the process we've outgrown two local banks, which drove us to search for a larger lending partner. After many months of setbacks, paperwork and legal and accounting fees, we were able to consolidate our previous loans and secure financing for our future and current projects with a larger bank. Over the next 15 years, our systems will inject millions of dollars back into Oregon schools, nonprofits and farmers in the form of host fees.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rick Post  
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