

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: October 15, 2013

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DATE: October 7, 2013

TO: Public Utility Commission

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THROUGH: *E* Jason Eisdorfer, *MG* Maury Galbraith and *AA* Aster Adams

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UM 1538) Request by RS Energy LLC for a waiver of the 12-month solar photovoltaic system installation requirement pursuant to OAR 860-084-0210(1).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Commission grant the waiver request to RS Energy LLC, and extend the installation deadline to January 12, 2014.

**DISCUSSION:**

RS Energy LLC requests a three month extension of the installation deadline of a solar photovoltaic system (SPV) under the Pacific Power Solar Incentive Program. RS Energy LLC makes this request on behalf of Baley Trotman Farms.

Baley Trotman Farms was approved to participate in the Solar Incentive Program with a capacity reservation start date of October 12, 2012. The interconnection paperwork was filed within 60 days of the start date, but approval of the interconnection plan was delayed. After meeting with Pacific Power to resolve issues with the interconnection plan, RS Energy submitted a revised plan on June 7, 2013. Pacific Power notified RS Energy on July 11, 2013 that the revised interconnection plan was approved. Because of the extended interconnection process, the project cannot be completed by the current expiration date of October 12, 2013.

RS Energy states that the solar modules, inverter, and a custom transformer have been purchased and the project is actively proceeding. Extending the deadline three months,

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to January 12, 2014, will provide adequate time for installation.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

RS Energy LLC's request for waiver of the 12-month installation requirement for the SPV system is granted and the deadline extended to January 12, 2014.