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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: February 4, 2014**

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** February 4, 2014

DATE: January 27, 2014

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Adam Bless 

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Maury Galbraith, and Aster Adams  

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UM 1538) Request by PGPV LLC for a waiver of the 12-month solar photovoltaic system installation requirement for its 500 kW Golden Valley Project, pursuant to OAR 860-084-0210(1).

OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UM 1538) Request by PGPV LLC for a waiver of the 12-month solar photovoltaic system installation requirement for its 100 kW Golden Valley Project, pursuant to OAR 860-084-0210(1).

OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UM 1538) Request by PGPV LLC for a waiver of the 12-month solar photovoltaic system installation requirement for its Stayton Water District Project, pursuant to OAR 860-084-0210(1).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve the requests by PGPV LLC to waive the 12-month installation deadline for two solar photovoltaic systems (SPV) at Golden Valley and one SPV system at Stayton Water District.

STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION:

PGPV LLC has requested a waiver of the 12-month deadline for installation of three SPV projects: (1) a 500 kW project located at Golden Valley, in Portland General Electric service territory, (2) a 100 kW project also located at Golden Valley, and (3) a

100 kW project located at Stayton Water District, in PacifiCorp service territory. All three projects received capacity reservations in their respective utilities' April 2013 enrollment windows. This is the first extension request for these three projects. PGPV requests a three month extension, to July 15, 2014, for all three projects.

PGPV's stated basis for good cause is the time it took to procure an advanced dual axis tracker. PGPV described its efforts to find dual axis trackers in California and abroad before working with a company in Eugene, Oregon to build trackers at lower cost than could be found out of state. PGPV states that it has purchased the trackers and expects delivery in March 2014. PGPV cannot complete installation by its current deadline of April 15, 2014, but states that it can complete installation by July 15, 2014. The interconnection studies for these projects are complete and the utilities report no special problems. Given the large size of these projects, I recommend that the increased output with the dual axis trackers is good cause.

PGPV concurrently submitted three additional waiver requests for projects at Platt Oak Dairy. Those requests are the subject of a separate staff report.

Conclusion

I recommend that the Commission approve the waiver requests for the two SPV projects at Golden Valley and the SPV project at Stayton Water District, with a new installation deadline of July 15, 2014 for all three projects.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The requests by PGPV LLC to waive the 12-month installation deadline pursuant to OAR 860-084-0210(1) be approved for two SPV projects at Golden Valley and one SPV project at Stayton Water District.