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July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 To: PUC From: Peter Greenberg 2340 15<sup>th</sup> Ave SW Albany, OR 97321 pgpvllc@gmail.com

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:

Lorence Court Apartments 302 SE 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, Oregon

Size: (24) 5.4 kw Systems

Original Deadlines: End of April, 2015 **Extension Requested: 11/01/2015** 

## **Reasons for Initial Extension:**

In April of 2014 we were awarded (24) 5.4 kW slots in the VIR program for Lorence Court Apartments in Portland, Oregon. The installation was held up while we waited on our 1603 Treasury grants for previous solar projects, which we finally received at the end of January, 2015 after a 6-month wait. By law, 1603 grants are required to be paid within 60 days of receipt of the grant application. However, each time the Treasury has a question, the 60 day payment deadline is reset. Due to the fact that the grants were for a very unique solar PV dual-axis tracking system, the largest of its kind currently installed in the U.S., Treasury had a number of questions that extended the process by 4-months. Upon receipt of the grants, we were able to free up our line of credit and purchase the materials necessary to begin construction on the Lorence Court project. The dock strike also held up the delivery of our racking materials, which further delayed our project start date.

## **Reasons for 2<sup>nd</sup> Extension:**

Our apartment projects, which involve installing multiple systems on comp roofs that feed multiple meters, have taken longer and cost more than we originally anticipated. We have experience substantial delays as working on the roofs in the extreme heat will damage the roofing material, and the site's residential nature prevents us from working nights or other odd hours when the temperatures are cooler. To date, all the necessary materials and permits have been obtained. During our down time we have installed 500 kilowatts of solar PV capacity at sites where our work hours aren't restricted by the heat. The electricians will resume working on the roofs at Shire on Monday (8/3/15) after the current

high 90s temperatures have passed. After the completion of Shire, we will move on to Lorence Court and Starcrest Manor. In light of these issues, we ask for an extension to 11/01/15, which will allow for the completion of the installation.

## **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 over 85 solar PV systems under the VIR program in Oregon, ranging in size from 10 kW to 500 kW, for a total installed capacity of over 5 MW. 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/ Peter Greenberg pgpvllc@gmail.com