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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 projects:

1. Travis Sheffield, 139 Ankeny Hill Rd SE Jefferson, OR 97352; 10kW system
2. Cascade Christian School, 855 Chevy Way, Medford, OR 97504; (2) 100kw systems
3. First Baptist Church, 649 Crater Lake Ave, Medford, Or 97504; 100kw system
4. Medford Congregational UCC, 1801 East Jackson Street, Medford, Or 97504; 10kw system
5. First United Methodist Church, 1115 28th Ave SW, Albany, Or 97321; 10kw system
6. Evangelical Free Church, 3333 Beverly Dr, Klamath Falls, Or 97603; 10kw system
7. Life Path Church of Nazarene, 2142 Carlson Drive/1481 S. Columbus Av, Medford, Or 97501; 10kw system
8. Mt. Angel #4 St. Marys Elementary, 590 E College St, Mt. Angel, Or 97362; 10kw system

Reasons for Extension:

It has taken a much longer amount of time than expected to resolve our issues with the U.S. Department of Treasury regarding our 1603 grant awards. Thus far, our grants have been reduced from the expected amount by over \$300,000. On our latest grant awards that were reduced, we were given half of the expected amount. The Treasury has also requested data on a number of grant applications that are currently awaiting payment; these requests have always been proceeded by a reduction in the grant amount. As we rely heavily upon these grants to finance our projects, this has caused a severe hardship for our company. Banks are not willing to lend us money without knowing how much we will be getting back in grants. We have reached out to the Treasury multiple times to resolve these issues to no avail. Over the last few months, Sen. Ron Wyden and Rep. Peter Defazio have been communicating with the Treasury on our behalf to resolve these issues. They were told that the reason we were not paid the full amount was due to our appraiser not having sufficient experience with solar PV properties. We believe this to be a step in the right direction. We have located an appraiser with over 20 years experience in electric power generation, a number of projects which have been commercial solar PV properties. They are currently performing an appraisal for us that should be finished next week. Once we submit this appraisal to the Treasury, they have 60 days to issue our grant awards. Upon receipt of

these awards, we will be able to obtain a bank loan to cover these projects and continue with their installation. We have a bank that is ready to lend as soon as we can show them we will be receiving the full grant amounts.

Steps Taken Toward Project Completion:

We have already completed the step of purchasing solar panels for these projects, obtained Market-Based Rate Authority from FERC, engineered solar carport structures for 300kW of these projects, received the help of Sen. Wyden and Rep. Defazio in communicating with the Treasury regarding our grants, located a lender, and commissioned the services of an appraiser experienced with solar pv properties.

Extension Requested:

We are requesting an extension of 6 months for these projects (**May 31th, 2013**), which will allot us sufficient time to finish.

Installation Schedule:

1. **(05/16/13 – 05/17/13)** Travis Sheffield, 139 Ankeny Hill Rd SE Jefferson, OR 97352; 10kW system
2. **(04/10/13 – 04/24/13)** Cascade Christian School, 855 Chevy Way, Medford, OR 97504; (2) 100kw systems
3. **(04/01/13 – 04/10/13)** First Baptist Church, 649 Crater Lake Ave, Medford, Or 97504; 100kw system
4. **(04/25/13 – 04/29/13)** Medford Congregational UCC, 1801 East Jackson Street, Medford, Or 97504; 10kw system
5. **(05/13/13 – 05/15/13)** First United Methodist Church, 1115 28th Ave SW, Albany, Or 97321; 10kw system
6. **(04/31/13 – 05/02/13)** Evangelical Free Church, 3333 Beverly Dr, Klamath Falls, Or 97603; 10kw system
7. **(05/03/13 – 05/07/13)** Life Path Church of Nazarene, 2142 Carlson Drive/1481 S. Columbus Av, Medford, Or 97501; 10kw system
8. **(05/09/13 – 05/10/13)** Mt. Angel #4 St. Marys Elementary, 590 E College St, Mt. Angel, Or 97362; 10kw system

Summary:

Due to the length of time required to resolve our issues with Treasury regarding our reduced 1603 grants awards, we were unable to complete the projects listed in the allotted amount of time. We have purchased the solar panels, engineered the parking structures, applied for and received Market-Based Rate Authority, found a lender, received assistance from Sen. Wyden and Rep. Defazio in communicating with the Treasury, and obtained the services of an appraiser with solar experience.

Sincerely,

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