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Oregon Public Utility Commission  
Main Hearing Room  
550 Capital Street NE  
Salem, OR 97308

Docket # UM 1538

**Subject:** Request for waiver of two-month photovoltaic system interconnection application requirement set forth in OAR 860-084-0210(1)

**Reference:** Solar Payment Option / PGE reservation #7478T4

To whom it may concern,

South Salem Senior Center (SSSC), located at 6450 Fairway Ave SE, Salem, received a capacity reservation for Portland General Electric's Solar Payment Option program (reservation #7478T4) on 5/1/2015 and submitted its \$500 deposit in the allotted time, with direction and assistance from Solar Options Northwest LLC (SONW). On 6/26/2015, SSSC and SONW formalized contract agreement for installation of a 10kW roof-mount solar array for the SSSC Community Center building.

On 6/20/2015 I mailed a complete Application for Level 1 Interconnection to PGE for review. Lacking feedback regarding the application, I contacted responsible staff at PGE via email on 7/20/2015 and again on 8/7/2015. On 8/11/2015 I learned that PGE had not received nor has any record of the interconnection services application. Moreover, I was informed that we cannot move ahead with the project because the 7/28/2015 deadline for interconnection application passed and SONW would not be able to re-submit the application without approval for a waiver of the two-month application requirement set forth in OAR 860-084-0210(1).

With this letter, SONW is requesting an extension to the two-month interconnection application window such that we can re-submit the Application for Level 1 Interconnection to PGE. We currently aim to install the SSSC system during the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> week in September.

A digest of project milestones follows:

6/7/2015 – System design draft completed

6/20/2015 – Application for Level 1 Interconnection mailed to PGE

6/23/2015 – System design final completed

6/26/2015 – SSSC and SONW entered contractual agreement, initial deposit paid

7/28/2015 – Structural plan review/building permit application submitted to City of Salem, declined

8/7/2015 – Engineering report commissioned, completed

8/10/2015 – Structural plan review/building permit application re-submitted to City of Salem, accepted

TBD – Materials order and delivery

TBD – System installation currently scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September

SSSC is eagerly anticipating the benefits of generating clean, renewable energy for its members.

Sincerely,

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