



Philomath Public Schools

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September 11, 2012

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capitol St NE, Suite 215
PO Box 2148
Salem, OR 97308-2148

Re: Request for waiver of 12-month installation deadline for solar photovoltaic system
Pacific Power Solar Incentive Program Interconnection (Request #5539815)
UM 1538

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to OAR 860-084-0000(3), the Philomath School District is requesting a waiver of the 12-month installation deadline stipulated in OAR 860-084-0210(1), for its 93.12 kW solar photovoltaic system. The current deadline is October 7, 2012.

A waiver is necessary due to two primary factors. First, in 2011, Real Energy Solutions completed a solar feasibility study for the district that included a recommendation to identify a partner/investor that would enable the district to leverage its financial resources. After many months, it became apparent that it would be difficult to sign an investor on to the project. As a consequence, the district had to pursue other financial means to compete the solar project.

Second, our solar project is part of a complex, multi-phase \$20 million school renovation project. The solar application had to be coordinated with the scope of the entire project and was phased near the end of the construction (Summer 2012). While construction is being completed prior to the start of the school year, additional time may be necessary for completion of the solar application.

There is now a possibility that the lead time to receive solar equipment may delay completion past the October 7 deadline. We respectfully request a 90-day extension to January 7, 2013. To protect against schedule slippage, this will provide 3 weeks past the expected December 15 completion.

The solar project has been completely designed and engineered. An Invitation to Bid was released on August 27, bid closing is scheduled for September 13, bid award is scheduled for September 20 and the construction schedule is planned for October 1-December 15.

Thank you for your consideration of this waiver request. Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/

Kelly Howard
Business Manager



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COMPANY NAME: Benton County (Philomath) School District 17J

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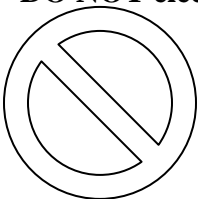
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