December 17, 2013

Oregon Public Utilities Commission 550 Capitol Street NE #215 P.O. Box 2148 Salem, OR 97308-2148

RE: Request for waiver of twelve-month installation requirement (OAR 860-084-0210) for solar photovoltaic system. Pacific Power Solar Incentive Program Tracking # 5713211

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to OAR 860-084-0000(3), RS Energy LLC, on behalf of Baley Trotman Farms, hereby requests a waiver to the 12-month Capacity Reservation Expiration Date referenced in OAR 860-084-0210(1). We respectfully request that the Oregon Public Utility Commission grant the waiver and extend the Capacity Reservation Expiration Date to March 27, 2014.

Baley Trotman Farms (project tracking number is 5713211) was approved to participate in Pacific Power's Oregon Solar Incentive Program with a Capacity Reservation Start date of October 12, 2012. A lengthy interconnection review process in excess of 6 months initially delayed the start date. An extension request was filed with the PUC, and granted for a new expiration date of January 12, 2014. Unfortunately, the bank that was going to provide a loan for the project decided they were not interested in funding solar projects anymore. Baley Trotman Farms was forced to look at alternative funding solutions, and began working with the Oregon Department of Revenue on a SELP loan package (State Energy Loan Progam) in September. The application review process has taken time and the holidays have interrupted the department's ability to hold an Advisory Council meeting to review the loan recommendation until January 9, 2014. Construction of the project is pending approved funding.

The solar project is ready to build and solar modules, an inverter, racking, and a custom transformer (built to specifications provided by Pacific Power) have been purchased. Engineering has been performed and a building permit from Klamath County has been approved. The additional time will allow the Advisory Council at the Oregon Department of Energy to meet and review the loan recommendation on January 9, 2014. A letter of explanation from Adam Morgan at the Oregon Department of Energy (Loan Officer) is included with this letter.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager, RS Energy (phone: 503-964-7770)

On behalf of Mark Trotman and Lon Baley

Owners, Baley-Trotman Farms



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Pacific Power 825 NE Multnomah St, Suite 800 Portland, OR 97232

Re: Energy Loan Application

Baley-Trotman Farms 1459 Depot Road Malin, OR 97632

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the Oregon Department of Energy Loan Program is currently reviewing a loan application for Baley-Trotman Farms for the purpose of installing a 77.28 kW solar array at 1459 Depot Road. Loans over \$100,000 must be presented to our Loan Advisory Committee for final approval. Due to the holidays, the next advisory meeting is being held on January 9, 2014. My understanding is the applicant's placeholder in the volumetric incentive program expires in early January. Please accept this explanation on behalf of the applicant regarding the timing issue in regards to funding the project when considering an extension for the Baley-Trotman solar project.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the number provided below.

Sincerely,

Adam Morgan Loan Officer

**Oregon Department of Energy** 

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