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November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 To: PUC From: Rick Post P.O. Box 1483 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:

A4603 Hwy 97 40HP, Chiloquin, OR; 100 kW system

Original Deadline: 10/12/2013

Extension Requested: 3 months; 01/12/2014

## **Reasons for Extension:**

After reaching the lending limit of two local banks and after 8 months of constant paperwork and employing the services of accountants, lawyers and engineers, we finally received a larger loan. This project was also delayed by the time needed by the customer and their lawyer to review the new bank's contracts. We were also waiting on the 200 kW shipment of trackers, which we received on 10/28/13.

We've been able to overcome these obstacles through the following:

- Obtaining a signed contract with the customer.
- Securing funding for this project from our new lender.
- Receiving delivery of the trackers.

So far we've spent over \$145,000 on this project for trackers, solar modules, inverters, steel pipe, permitting, surveying and legal fees. This is a substantial investment for us and represents over 70% of the project's total cost. On 11/27/2013 we will begin the installation of the tracker foundations and assembly of the trackers, which will take 2 weeks. The remaining steps will be attaching the solar modules, erecting the perimeter fencing and completing the required electrical work, which will take three weeks. Once these steps our finished, the project will be complete. This time estimate is based on our experience installing over 10,000 PV modules in Oregon, comprising over 70 sites, and our experience with the installation and assembly of the trackers and their foundations at Warm Springs.

## **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 around 70 solar PV systems under the VIR program in Oregon, ranging in size from 10 kW to 250 kW, for a total installed capacity of over 3 MW. In the process we've outgrown two local banks, which drove us to search for a larger lending partner. After many months of setbacks, paperwork and legal and accounting fees, we were able to consolidate our previous loans and secure financing for our future and current projects with a larger bank. 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/ Rick Post pgpvllc@gmail.com