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February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 To: PUC From: Peter Greenberg 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:

The Shire Apartments 12330 SE Bush Street, Portland, Oregon

Size: (25) 5.4 kw Systems

Original Deadlines: Mixed, Mid-April & June

Extension Requested: 6/15/2014

## **Reasons for Extension:**

In April of 2014 we were awarded (25) 5.4 kW slots in the VIR program for the Shire Apartments in Portland, Oregon. The installation was held up while we waited on our 1603 Treasury grants for previous solar projects, which we finally received at the end of January, 2015 after a 6-month wait. By law, 1603 grants are required to be paid within 60 days of receipt of the grant application. However, each time the Treasury has a question, the 60 day payment deadline is reset. Due to the fact that the grants were for a very unique solar PV dual-axis tracking system, the largest of its kind currently installed in the U.S., Treasury had a number of questions that extended the process by 4-months. Upon receipt of the grants, we were able to free up our line of credit and purchase the materials necessary to begin construction on the Shire project.

The steps we have taken toward the successful completion of the project are the commissioning and completion of the required structural engineering analysis and system design work, submission of the required utility paperwork along with \$12,500 in non-refundable deposits, securement of the capital required from our lender and the purchase of the solar modules, racking and other necessary materials. The rail-less racking system is a newer, more cost effective type that was ordered from overseas at the end of January after we received our grants. It is currently in transit across the Pacific via ship. At this time we don't know how its estimated delivery date of March 1<sup>st</sup> will be affected by the dock strike. Currently, some of the 5.4 kW systems have a deadline of mid-April, while others have until June. We would like to make the deadline for all the systems June 15, 2015. This will give us ample time to finish the installation before the deadline.

## **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 over 80 solar PV systems under the VIR program in Oregon, ranging in size from 10 kW to 500 kW, for a total installed capacity of over 4.5 MW. 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/ Peter Greenberg pgpvllc@gmail.com