

April 12, 2012

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
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RE: Request for waiver of 12-month installation requirement of Solar Feed in Tariff

Submitted via email: filingscenter@puc.state.or.us

I am writing to request a waiver of the 12-month installation requirement for my approved Solar Feed in Tariff. My reservation is through Portland General Electric, Confirmation Number 7A1DBE. My reservation was made in April 2011 and is scheduled to expire on April 12, 2012. My reservation is for a 4.5kW system at my house in Sherwood, Oregon.

There were a couple main barriers that delayed my installation. My homeowners association took considerable time to approve adding solar to my roof. I met with the board of directors on two occasions to explain how the panels would work and how it would impact the aesthetics of my house. After the second lengthy meeting, they delayed the vote until the board members could come look at my house in person and review my comments. I did receive the board's approval for the installation.

Funding the project was another cause for the delay. Like many people in the State, the decrease in value of my home has left me in a negative equity position in my home. I researched several different funding options, including the Umpqua Green Streets loans and changing installers to someone who will lease the system, like Solar City. Luckily, after some discussions, a family member has agreed to help me fund the installation. With funding secured and no loan needed, the system is now ready to proceed.

I've been working with a great installer, Jody Cook, from Plugs & Switches in Sherwood. Jody has met with the City of Sherwood to ensure there will be no holdups and helped design a great system. We've sourced system components from NESL in Tualatin and North Coast Electrical in Wilsonville.

Please waive the 12-month installation requirement for my system, so that I can still install the system at my house. If you need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Matt Pierce