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Monday, March 16, 2015

To: **Oregon Public Utility Commission**

From: Imagine Energy on behalf of Ganesh Sonpatki, owner of The Downtown Value Inn

Re: Request for Waiver of OAR 860-084 Installation Requirements

I am requesting a waiver of the rules regarding the 12 month deadline to complete 1 Solar Pilot Program projects for Mr. Ganesh Sonpatki.

The PPL reservation identification is: 21V9A2, awarded on April 14, 2014

The project, called the Downtown Value Inn, is located at 415 SW Montgomery Street, Portland, OR 97201

The deadline for each of these projects is April 14, 2015. We are requesting a 2-month extension until June 14th, 2015.

Our client properly submitted their deposits and the appropriate PGE Interconnection Applications and Agreements within the correct deadlines. He has also signed a contract to install the system on May 16, 2014. This contract included installing solar on 13 properties, 11 of which received VIR reservations. In the summer of 2014, after the reservations were secure, we embarked on securing financing for all of the projects, totaling over \$850,000. We found a bank that specialized in financing solar and Mr. Sonpatki committed with a \$10,000 deposit to finance with this group in October, 2014. However, after an extensive underwriting process, the bank found the financials and ownership of the 13 separate properties too complex to lend in one package. In January 2015, the bank informed Mr. Sonpatki that they would only finance one project.

Mr. Sonpatki began a new process to finance each project separately, and was successful at finding a local bank to approve financing for all of the remaining projects in February, 2015. We prioritized installation based on ease of permitting and installing at each location. 8 out of the 11 VIR projects are underway and will be complete on time for their respective deadlines, but The Downtown Value Inn is last on the list. We have begun the engineering calculations for this commercial project and will submit for permit in the next week. However, Mr. Sonpatki does not want to commit to the equipment costs if we cannot complete the installation before the deadline on April 14th. A 2-month extension would allow us to complete the project easily.

Thank you for your consideration of this request,


Jonathan Cohen

Principal, Imagine Energy, LLC

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EXPERTLY CRAFTED ENERGY SOLUTIONS

From: Oregon Solar oregonsolar@PacifiCorp.com 
Subject: Pacific Power Oregon Solar Incentive Program Application Approved
Date: April 14, 2014 at 3:55 PM
To: ganesh@sonpatki.com
Cc: Jonathan Cohen (j.cohen@imagineenergy.net) j.cohen@imagineenergy.net

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April 14, 2014

Ganesh Sonpatki
415 SW Montgomery St
Portland, OR 97201
Meter # 1424474

We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your application to participate in Pacific Power's Oregon Solar Incentive Program (OSIP). A capacity reservation of **9.99 kW** with an incentive of **\$0.390 per kWh** has been set aside for your project. Your project tracking number is **5895648**. **Your Capacity Reservation Start date is: 04/14/2014.**

As a participant in this program, there are certain milestones from the Reservation Start Date that must be met in order to stay in the program and receive incentive payments:

- within 60 days of your Reservation Start Date you must complete the OSIP Interconnection Application; and
- within 12 months of your Reservation Start Date the system must be installed.

In addition, after installation and interconnection of your system and prior to Pacific Power making its first payment to you:

- You need to submit a Data Collection Survey available at www.pacificpower.net/oregonsolar.
- You will be required to complete two additional surveys that will be sent to you at a later date:
 1. a survey to measure your satisfaction with Pacific Power's program and solicit ideas for improving the process; and
 2. a second survey to solicit feedback on your decision to participate in OSIP as compared to our Net Metering option.

The next step is for you to complete within the next 60 days the OSIP Interconnection Application which is included within the attached Agreement. To expedite the process you are encouraged to complete the entire OSIP Volumetric Incentive Payment and Interconnection Agreement and submit all of the forms together. Also attached to this e-mail are instructions to complete the process.

Thank you for your participation in our program. We are pleased to offer options to help you harness the renewable power of the sun to provide energy for your home or business and look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please call 1-503-813-5951 or e-mail us at oregonsolar@pacificcorp.com

Sincerely,

Pacific Power

Oregon Solar Incentive Program



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Oregon Solar Incentive Program Instructions and Checklist

To participate in Pacific Power's Oregon Solar Incentive Program, please complete the Application for Solar Incentive Program Interconnection (Exhibit A), Participant's Volumetric Incentive Rate (Exhibit B) and Level 1 Interconnection (Interconnection Appendix). Please follow the process below to complete the necessary agreements to preserve your participation in Pacific Power's Oregon Solar Incentive Program.

Complete and then submit to Pacific Power the following:

- OSIP Interconnection Application** (attached or at www.pacificpower.net/oregonsolar). The Application must be completed and submitted within 60 days of receiving the approved Capacity Reservation or your Capacity Reservation will be forfeit. You may fill in the forms manually; or if you prefer to complete the form electronically you may do so by using your tab key to navigate through the Agreement and complete the highlighted fields. Once the Application is complete, sign and submit to Pacific Power along with the following:
 - Inverter Specification Sheet**
 - Electrical one-line diagram and a site plan that clearly shows:**
 - Location of the meter socket for the meter used to measure the energy produced
 - Location of Pacific Power's standard net meter
 - Location of the disconnect switch (Most residential customer systems are 7.2 kW or less, do not require a disconnect switch. A complete list of disconnect switch requirements is located under Section 2.B of the Interconnection Application.)
- Volumetric Incentive Payment and Interconnection Agreement (also known as Standard Contract)** Complete the information required information on page 1 and page 9, sign and submit to Pacific Power by mail or electronically with a scan.
- System Installation** The solar photovoltaic system may be installed after you receive the written approval of your Interconnection Application. Note: The system must be operational and on-line within one year of your Reservation Start Date or your Capacity Reservation and deposit will be forfeited.
- System Inspection** Obtain an inspection of your solar photovoltaic system by the local city or county electrical inspector. Submit the electrical inspector's approval to Pacific Power.
- System Operation** Turn on your solar photovoltaic system *after* Pacific Power provides you written notification the interconnection and meter installations are complete

Return completed documents to:

Pacific Power
Attention: Jason Zappe
825 NE Multnomah, Suite 800
Portland, Oregon 97232

Or Email to: oregonsolar@pacificorp.com

Thank you for your interest in the Oregon Solar Incentive Program. If you have questions, please call us toll free at **1-888-221-7070** and ask for a solar incentive program specialist.

