

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1538

In the Matter of	)	
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MALHEUR COUNTY FAIR BOARD.	)	Request For Additional Time
	)	(30 Days) to Waiver of the 12-
	)	month Solar Photovoltaic System
	)	System Installation Requirement
	)	under OAR 860-084-0210 (1)
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**SUMMARY OF FACTS:**

The Malheur County Fairgrounds has three solar photovoltaic systems (SPV) under Idaho Power’s solar incentive program with a total capacity of 26 kilowatts. The installation is divided into three separate projects because the SPV systems will be connected to three separate meters. The projects were enrolled in the program in April 2013, with an installation deadline of April 18, 2014. The Malheur County Fair Board requested an extension to the installation deadline by six months, to October 18, 2014. The extension was granted and entered on April 15, 2014 in PUC Order No. 14 124.

For good cause, Malheur County and the Malheur County Fair Board now request additional time, 30 more calendar days, to November 18, 2014 to the waiver of the 12-month SPV installation requirement under OAR 860-084-0210 (1).

**REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME (30 Days):**

Malheur County seeks additional time for installation of its SPV systems. The reason for this request is that substantial economic resources have been spent toward installation. However, due to the timing of Idaho Power to provide the meters and actually have the project online, it is unclear whether Malheur County can meet the October 18, 2014 installation requirement.

The following events have occurred:

1. On August 13, 2014, financing for the projects was secured with a 15-year agreement entered into between a private individual/financer and the Malheur County Court.
2. Energy Sales Agreements with Idaho Power were fully executed on August 19, 2014. On this same day, meters were ordered. Idaho Power indicates the meters may take six (6) weeks to arrive and thereafter metering techs will need to be coordinated to install the Idaho Power equipment.
3. A \$250 public works fee was paid to BOLI on August 15, 2014.
4. Two payments totaling more than \$36,000 were sent to Nuance Energy Group, Inc. for purchase, design and engineering of the solar modules, inverter equipment, monitoring and racking. The third payment for delivery and construction is now due. The estimated date to complete installation of the arrays is September 12, 2014. The fourth and final payment is due upon completion of system testing and commissioning.
5. Building and electrical permits were purchased from the local jurisdiction several weeks ago.
6. An electrician was hired and he started work on August 25, 2014.
7. Fence construction is scheduled for September 15, 2014.

Malheur County submits that “good cause”, as set forth in OAR 860-084-0000(3), is shown to grant this request. An extension is important to protect the economic investment already expended toward the SPV projects. Accordingly, Malheur County requests that additional time to the waiver of the 12-month installation requirement for three SPV systems under Idaho Power’s solar incentive program be granted, and the deadline extended to November 18, 2014.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this \_\_\_\_ day of August 2014.

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Dan P. Joyce  
Malheur County Court Judge