

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: April 9, 2013

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE April 9, 2013

DATE: April 1, 2013

TO: Public Utility Commission

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SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UM 1538) Request by Sunbridge Solar, LLC on behalf of Springwater Environmental Sciences School for a waiver of the 12-month solar photovoltaic system installation requirement pursuant to OAR 860-084-0210(1).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission grant the waiver request to Sunbridge Solar, LLC and extend the installation deadline to July 18, 2013.

DISCUSSION:

After Springwater Environmental School (SES) won the solar payment lottery and reserved the space for the two 10kW projects, Sunbridge Solar, LLC (Applicant) has been working diligently with SES to create a model for the school, a nonprofit organization with no tax liability, to take advantage of this opportunity. For the past eleven months, David Van't Hof, of Lane Powell Attorneys, has been assisting the Applicant in creating a third-party ownership model for non-profits that opens the door for entities with no tax liability to install solar in a way that is financially viable for all parties. The Applicant is entering into the final stages of contract discussions with SES, which they hope to conclude in the very near future.

SES has involved all of their students and families in raising a portion of the funds necessary to make this model work, showing that their entire community is dedicated to installing this solar array. Combined with the third-party contract and financing arranged by the Applicant, the project is very near the installation stage. It is possible that the Applicant may complete the installation in April 2013. However, the Applicant requests

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an extension of three months, until July 18, 2013, to give them time to overcome any obstacles that may unexpectedly arise.

Applicant believes that they will complete SPV installation within the requested 3-month extension.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Sunbridge Solar's request for waiver of the 12-month installation requirement for the SPV system is granted and the deadline extended to July 18, 2013.