

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: September 25, 2012**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE September 25, 2012

DATE: September 17, 2012

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Robert J. Procter *ME ERP*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Maury Galbraith *J ME*

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UM 1538) Request by Synchro Solar on behalf of The Ocean 24th & Glisan LLC 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 Synchro Solar and extend the installation deadline to December 31, 2012

DISCUSSION:

Synchro Solar (Applicant) was awarded a capacity reservation for a 9.95 kW Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) system under the Solar Photovoltaic Pilot Program (Pilot) by Portland General Electric (PGE) on October 3, 2011. Since receiving that award, the building upon which the SPV system will be installed has been undergoing extensive renovation.

As part of the building renovation, an entirely new electrical system was installed. Though the design had been engineered previously, structural engineering specific to the building was delayed until project funding was secured. Applicant has completed the system design, obtained a signed contract, purchased the solar panels, and done additional design work on the mounting system.

Regarding project financing, The Ocean 24th & Glisan LLC worked to acquire funding from both private investors and financial institutions for the major renovation of the building, including the solar installation. Total funding was not secured prior to construction beginning. Rather, funding was secured for each phase as the project

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progressed. Solar is one of the last phases of the renovation and funding has just been secured. Applicant has indicated that they will complete the SPV installation within the requested 3-month extension.

Staff has reviewed Synchro Solar's waiver request and finds that a short extension of the installation deadline is warranted. Staff recommends that the installation deadline for the project be extended to December 31, 2012.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Synchro Solar's request for waiver of the 12-month installation requirement be granted and the deadline be extended to December 31, 2012.