

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: October 23, 2012

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DATE: October 8, 2012

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Robert J. Procter *ME for BP.*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer *E* and Maury Galbraith *MG*

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UM 1538) Request by Dynamic Power Innovation on behalf of Lake Oswego Corp Marina 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 Dynamic Power Innovation and extend the installation deadline to November 14, 2012.

**DISCUSSION:**

Dynamic Power Innovation is submitting this request on behalf of their customer, Lake Oswego Corp Marina (Marina), which has a Portland General Electric Solar Payment Program reservation (E8X202) with an installation deadline of October 14, 2012. Dynamic Power Innovation is requesting a 30-day extension, from October 14, 2012, to November 14, 2012, to the OAR 860-084-0210(1) Installation requirements in order to allow time for the system completion.

During the original application period, all Board members of the Marina were in agreement to apply for, and install, a 10.0 kWh roof mount solar array. During the following months, the Marina suffered some unforeseen expenses, which caused some members of the Board to request a delay in the installation. In July 2012 at their annual budget meeting, the Marina Board unanimously agreed to proceed with the installation. Even though the Marina decided to move forward in July, it took until their September board meeting before they formally adopted the budget supporting the project. As a result, Dynamic Power Innovation didn't have an official go-ahead until that time.

One potential problem is securing the required electrical and building permits in a timely fashion. Their previous experience with permitting is that the required permits can be received on the day of submission or take as long as two weeks.

Dynamic Power Innovation has submitted a preliminary building permit application to the City of Lake Oswego. The supporting documents (i.e., racking, structural engineering, electrical schematics, and product cut sheets) were submitted on October 2, 2012.

While Staff believes there is a "reasonable" chance that the installation can be completed by the current installation deadline, it appears prudent that they file for a short 30-day extension. Dynamic Power Innovation has agreed to keep Commission staff apprised of their progress.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Applicant's request for waiver of the 12-month installation requirement be granted and the deadline be extended to November 14, 2012.