



Program Administrator's Project Recommendation

June 8, 2022

Community Solar Program - Docket No. UM 1930

On January 11, 2022, in Order No. 22-007, the Commission permitted the delegation of Commission authority to the Community Solar Program Administrator (PA) to grant noncontroversial project pre-certifications, waivers, extensions, and amendments. Under the permitted delegation of authority, Staff will post the PA's project recommendation to UM 1930 with a comment period of two weeks. If no comments in opposition are received prior to the end of the comment period, the recommendation will go into effect. If comments in opposition are received prior to the end of the comment period, the recommendation will not go into effect and the matter will be referred to the Commission for a decision at the next available public meeting.

Staff posts the PA's recommendation to extend the following project's interim milestone to demonstrate financial certainty by three months to September 1, 2022, and extend the project's certification deadline to ten months after the interim milestone is met:

PP-2020-63 (Goodling Annex)

The PA has reviewed the project certification deadline extension request for the project and has recommended granting the extension. The extension request is included at the bottom of this document. Staff finds the PA's recommendations to be noncontroversial and that granting pre-certification may be delegated to the PA. Stakeholders in opposition of the PA's recommendation should post comments to UM 1930 by June 22, 2022.

To Submit Public Comment:

Stakeholders can submit written comments on the PA's recommendation by email to puc.filingcenter@puc.oregon.gov. Please email puc.hearings@puc.oregon.gov to be added to the UM 1930 docket service list and receive notifications in the UM 1930 docket.



Project Amendment Review and Recommendation

The Oregon Community Solar Program Administrator (PA) has reviewed the amendment request of the project described below and recommends that the project certification date be extended by 3 months.

Project Information

Project ID: PP-2020-63

Project Name: Goodling Annex

Project Manager: Bonneville Environmental Foundation

Subscription Manager: Verde

Utility Service Area: Pacific Power

Project Site Address: 9138 NE Sunderland Avenue, Portland, OR 97211

Project Size (kW-AC): 1,000

Carveout-eligible: Yes, at least 50% of the project will be reserved for low-income Participants

Current Program Status and Date Achieved: Pre-Certified, 04/21/20

Project Description

Goodling Annex is a 1,000 kW-AC project located in Portland, Oregon, in Multnomah County. The project is in the designated Carve-out section of the program, with the intent of reserving at least 50% of the project's capacity for low-income subscribers. Verde is the subscription manager for the project.

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: 06/06/22

Nature of the Amendment Request: Extend Certification deadline

PA Recommendation: Approve

Review Notes

Current Certification Deadline: Interim milestone of June 1, 2022 to demonstrate financial certainty, with a certification deadline of April 1, 2023.

Recommended Certification Deadline: An interim milestone of September 1, 2022 to demonstrate financial certainty, with a certification deadline 10 months after the interim milestone is met.

The Goodling Annex project was pre-certified on April 21, 2020, with an original certification deadline of October 21, 2021. In Order 21-294, the Commission granted an extension of the project's Certification deadline to April 1, 2023, conditional on an interim deadline of June 1, 2022 for the project to provide financing certainly.

The project manager, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, has long intended for the project to apply for funding through the Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF). If successful, this funding would allow the project to move forward with its plans to offer deeply discounted subscriptions to low-income participants with a substantial share of project capacity. The program supported

extended Goodling Annex's certification deadline to allow it pursue PCEF funding because of the unique characteristics of the project and funding opportunity, and because of the unique challenges faced by community-led carveout projects in the program.

The purpose of the project's interim deadline was to provide an opportunity to learn if the project was successful in obtaining PCEF funding, and with that knowledge to determine and confirm whether the project would be able to proceed as planned. The interim deadline was planned based on the timing of PCEF's 2021 award cycle and assuming the time by which awards would be made available in 2022. PCEF's 2022 award announcements have not yet been made, and so the project has not been able to satisfy its interim deadline. To accommodate the timing of PCEF's award announcements, the PA recommends granting the project an additional three months, until September 1, 2022, to confirm its financial plan and intent to move forward with development. We also recommend extending BEF's ultimate certification to a date that is 10 months from the date they confirm their intent to move forward (the same length of time contemplated in the project's original extension). The PA is recommending a longer extension than requested by the project in this case, to reduce the risk of the project needing to request an additional extension.

Attachments Included

None.

19 May 2022

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request an extension for the Goodling Annex community solar project. We at Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) have been partnering with Verde to develop this project. We thought we would have heard from the Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF) by this time, but we are still waiting to hear if we received a grant award this funding round, which limits our ability to move forward with project development. We should know by the end of the month.

Our project development timeline will likely thus be shifted back one year. Updated timeline:

Utility interconnection studies completed: 7/10/2020

All ministerial permits secured: 8/31/2022

Contract executed with a construction contractor: 8/1/2022

Construction-ready plan set completed: 8/31/2022

Interconnection agreement(s) executed: 7/10/2020

Utility Power Purchase Agreement executed: 10/31/2022

50% of Project's capacity subscribed: 10/31/2022

Recruitment of low-income participants completed: 10/31/2022

Project Certification requested: 8/31/2022

Commercial Operation: 11/30/2022

This extension is necessary as the project is dependent upon funding. We will move forward with project development as soon as we secure funding. Please let us know if there is any additional information we can provide.

Thank you,
Raphaela Hsu-Flanders

Renewables Program Manager

Bonneville Environmental Foundation