



Program Administrator's Project Recommendation

May 10, 2024

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 grant a four-month Certification deadline extension for the following project:

PGE-2020-75 (Auburn Solar)

The PA has reviewed the project Certification deadline extension request and has recommended granting the extension. That extension request is included below. Staff finds the PA's recommendation to be noncontroversial and that granting the extension may be delegated to the PA. Stakeholders in opposition of the PA's recommendation should post comments to UM 1930 by May 24, 2024.

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.

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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 Certification deadline be extended by four months.

Project Information

Project ID: PGE-2020-75

Project Name: Auburn Solar

Project Manager: Auburn Solar LLC

Subscription Manager: Arcadia Community Solar

Utility Service Area: PGE

Project Site Address: 45°23'29.52"N, 122°20'38.22"W, Sandy, OR 97009

Project Size (kW-AC): 2970

Carveout-eligible: No

Current Program Status and Date Achieved: Pre-certified, 04/15/2022

Project Description

Auburn Solar is a 2,970 kW-AC project located in Sandy, Oregon, in Clackamas County. Auburn Solar, LLC is controlled by SolRiver Capital, LLC. Outreach and customer management will be conducted by Arcadia Community Solar, LLC.

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: 05/03/2024

Nature of the Amendment Request: Extend Certification Deadline

PA Recommendation: Approve

Review Notes

Current Certification Deadline: 04/15/2024

Recommended Certification Deadline: 08/15/2024

The Project Manager has met all the requirements for Certification except for low-income enrollment. The project's Subscription Manager, Arcadia, made an administrative error and did not provide Community Energy Project, the Low-Income Facilitator (LIF), with six months' notice to conduct recruitment before the project's current Certification deadline. Notice was provided in December 2023 and the LIF completed its recruitment in January 2024. Arcadia faced enrollment challenges resulting in high participant turnover that impacted the majority of referred low-income participants. As a result, the LIF is engaged in additional recruitment efforts and is working closely with Arcadia to help enroll participants and ensure the low-income requirement is met.

The Project Manager is requesting a four-month extension to complete low-income enrollment. The project has demonstrated progress towards completion and the PA supports granting this extension.

Attachments Included

The extension request received from the Project Manager is attached.



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April 9, 2024

VIA EMAIL (administrator@oregoncsp.org)

Program Administrator
Oregon Community Solar Program

RE: Certification Deadline Extension Requests

Dear Program Administrator,

SolRiver Capital, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company (“SolRiver”), on behalf of the Auburn Solar Project (“Auburn”) and Project Manager Auburn Solar LLC (the “Developer”), hereby kindly submits this letter to request a four (4) month extension to the Project’s Certification Deadline.

Project	Project Manager	Certification Deadline Date	Requested Extension Date
Auburn Solar	Auburn Solar LLC	4/15/2024	8/15/2024

The requested extension is reasonable because (i) the project is operating, currently delivering decarbonized energy to the grid, (ii) the Developer has enrolled 66.56% of project subscription capacity to date, with 1.06% project capacity enrolled of Low-Income subscribers, (iii) the Developer has prepared and supplied all necessary Certification materials with the exception of 8.94% capacity of Low-Income subscribers remaining, and (iv) continues to work with the project’s subscriber manager and Community Energy Projects (“CEP”), the low-income facilitator, to timely submit the remaining Low-Income subscribers for enrollment.

Progress to Date Auburn has permission to operate from PGE and is currently delivering start-up test energy to the grid. Auburn Solar currently has 65.5% residential and 1.06% low-income subscribers enrolled in the Oregon Community Solar platform.

Reason for Delay The Low-Income subscriber enrollment process has taken longer to complete than anticipated, and the Developer, Subscriber Manager and CEP are continuing to work to reach the required Low-Income subscribed capacity.

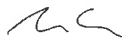
Realistic Timeline to Achieve Commercial Operations We expect that Auburn Solar will reach commercial operations by August 1, 2024 based on the timeline for Low-Income Subscriber acquisition estimated by CEP.



Auburn Solar as of December 12, 2023

Based on the continued efforts to reach Certification and single outstanding item required to reach Certification, we respectfully request that the Public Utility Commission grant the extension of Certification Deadline described herein.

Brandon Conard



As Manager, on behalf of

Auburn Solar LLC, an Oregon limited liability company