

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 3, 2020**

REGULAR **CONSENT** **EFFECTIVE DATE** _____ **N/A**

DATE: October 26, 2020

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Kacia Brockman

THROUGH: Bryan Conway, JP Batmale, and Sarah Hall **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF:
(Docket No. UM 1930)
Request to pre-certify Community Solar project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve recommended project for pre-certification in the Community Solar Program.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC or Commission) should approve the recommended Community Solar project for pre-certification.

Applicable Rule or Law

Section 22 of Senate Bill 1547, effective March 8, 2016, and codified in ORS 757.386, directs the Commission to establish a community solar program (hereinafter referred to as "Program", or "CSP").

On June 29, 2017, the Commission adopted formal rules for the Program under OAR Division 88 of Chapter 860. OAR 860-088-0040 details the requirements for project pre-certification.

Analysis

Background

Project Managers registered with the CSP may submit applications for project pre-certification to the CSP platform. As required by OAR 860-088-0040(3), the CSP Program Administrator reviews the applications for compliance with Program requirements and recommends whether the Commission approve the projects for pre-certification.

The Program Administrator recently received a pre-certification application for the following project. After reviewing the application and supporting documentation provided by the Project Manager, the Program Administrator has determined that this project qualifies for pre-certification in the CSP and recommends approval.

Recommended Project

Project Name	Name of Project Manager	Utility Territory	Project Size (kW-AC)	Attachment #
Oregon Shakespeare Festival Community Solar Project	Oregon Clean Power Cooperative	Pacific Power	129.6	Attachment A

This project will be installed on the Oregon Shakespeare Festival production facility in Talent, which survived the wildfire that destroyed much of Talent in September. The project was initiated by Solarize Rogue, a community-based non-profit in Southern Oregon, and will be owned jointly by approximately 16 local households that will provide the initial capital investment and fund the ongoing maintenance. The Project Manager is Oregon Clean Power Cooperative, which has successfully installed cooperatively-owned solar projects around Oregon. The project will utilize capacity in the Program's small capacity carve-out, in which 25 percent of the Program's initial interim capacity allocation is reserved for projects smaller than 360 kW-AC or managed by a non-profit or public entity as project manager.

Conclusion

Staff has discussed this project application with the Program Administrator and reviewed the CSP requirements. Staff supports the Program Administrator's recommendation that the Commission approve the recommended project for pre-certification in the CSP.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve the recommended project for pre-certification in the Community Solar Program.

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Community Solar Pre-Certification Recommendation

Public Meeting Date: 11/3/20

Project Overview

Project ID: PP-2020-78
 Project Name: Oregon Shakespeare Festival Community Solar Project
 Project Manager: Oregon Clean Power Cooperative
 Site Address: 408 Talent Ave. Talent 97540
 Utility Territory: Pacific_Power
 Project Size (kW-AC): 129.6
 Applicable Designations :

Low Income	No
Workforce Diversity	No
Brownfield	No
Dual-Use Ag	No

Development Entity Type: Nonprofit
 Projected COD: 3/1/2021
 Project Description: Roof mounted community solar project located at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival production building in Talent.

Participation and Billing Structure

Low Income Recruitment Method: PM is Recruiting
 Low-Income Participation: 10 %
 Residential & Small Business: 90 %
 Large Commercial, Agricultural, & Industrial: 0 %
 Ownership or Subscription: Ownership

Requirements Checklist (OAR 860-088-0040)

Project manager has registered with the CSP: Yes 7/6/2020
 Meets all insurance project requirements: Yes
 Submitted a detailed description of the project: Yes
 Has obtained all non-ministerial permits: No
 Has complied with interconnection requirements: Yes
 Submitted participant acquisition approach: Yes
 Submitted plan for meeting low-income requirements: Yes
 Submitted estimated project cost information: Yes
 Submitted development timeline: Yes

PA Recommendation

Recommendation: No_Reservations
 Recommendation Date: 10/20/2020
 Recommended for pre-certification with no reservations.

