

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: April 21, 2020**

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A _____

DATE: April 13, 2020

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Natascha Smith

THROUGH: Bryan Conway, Michael Dougherty, and JP Batmale **SIGNED**

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC or Commission) approve recommended projects for pre-certification in the Community Solar Program.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve the recommended Community Solar Program projects for pre-certification.

Applicable Rule or Law

Section 22 of Senate Bill (SB) 1547, effective March 8, 2016, and codified in Oregon Revised Statute (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 Oregon's Community Solar Program under Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Division 88 of Chapter 860. OAR 860-088-0040 details the requirements for Project pre-certification.

Background

On January 21, 2020, the CSP platform began accepting applications for the pre-certification of Projects. As required by OAR 860-088-0040(3), the CSP Program

Administrator has reviewed the following projects and found that they comply with all Program requirements. Thus, the Program Administrator is recommending pre-certification of the following projects by the Commission.

Recommended Projects

Project Name	Name of PM	Utility Territory	Project Size (kW-AC)	Attachment #
Goodling Annex	Bonneville Environmental Foundation	PAC	1000	Attachment A
Jim and Salle's Place Apartments	ROSE Community Development Corporation	PGE	40	Attachment B
Pilot Rock Solar 2	Pilot Rock Solar 2, LLC	PAC	2990	Attachment C

Based on the reasoning of the Program Administrator and a review of CSP requirements, Staff recommends that the Commission pre-certify Goodling Annex, Jim and Salle's Place Apartments, and Pilot Rock Solar 2 for participation in the CSP.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

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



Community Solar Pre-Certification Recommendation

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Project Overview

Project ID:	PP-2020-63								
Project Name:	Goodling Annex								
Project Manager:	Bonneville Environmental Foundation								
Site Address:	9138 NE Sunderland Avenue Portland 97211								
Utility Territory:	Pacific_Power								
Project Size (kW-AC):	1000								
Applicable Designations :	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Low Income</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workforce Diversity</td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brownfield</td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dual-Use Ag</td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> </tr> </table>	Low Income	Yes	Workforce Diversity	No	Brownfield	No	Dual-Use Ag	No
Low Income	Yes								
Workforce Diversity	No								
Brownfield	No								
Dual-Use Ag	No								
Development Entity Type:	Nonprofit								
Projected COD:	null								
Project Description:	<p>The parcel is a Port of Portland property across the street from the fenced in PDX airport. The usable parcel amounts to 5-6 acres that is available for a community solar array. The project team consists of BEF, Verde, and GRID Alternatives and the plan is to engage the nearby Cully neighborhood residents to subscribe 60% of the community solar capacity. These subscribers will be low-income households and households of color. The project will endeavor to enlist the community in the implementation of the project and will seek out Portland Clean Energy Funds to cover the upfront costs of the low-income subscribers.</p>								

Participation and Billing Structure

Low Income Recruitment Method:	PM will collaborate with the Low-Income Coordinator	
Low-Income Participation:	60	%
Residential & Small Business:	0	%
Large Commercial, Agricultural, & Industrial:	40	%

Requirements Checklist (OAR 830-088-0040)

Project manager has registered with the CSP:	Yes	10/30/2019
Meets all insurance project requirements:	Yes	
Submitted a detailed description of the project:	Yes	
Has obtained all non-ministerial permits:	NA	none required
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:	4/7/2020



Community Solar Pre-Certification Recommendation

Public Meeting Date: 4/21/20

Project Overview

Project ID: PGE-2020-70
 Project Name: Jim and Salle's Place Apartments
 Project Manager: ROSE Community Development Corporation
 Site Address: 7531-7629 SE
 Steele Street Portland 97206
 Utility Territory: Portland_General_Electric
 Project Size (kW-AC): 40

Applicable Designations :

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

Development Entity Type:

Corporation

Projected COD:

null

Project Description:

Project partners have scoped and organized funding to support 48.3 kW of community solar capacity on the Jim and Salle's Place Apartments. The project will be one of the first of its kind to utilize US Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program funding for a shared solar project. The onsite community solar project will be able to utilize the state community solar program to provide bill credits directly to the tenants, reducing their annual electricity expenses by up to \$220/year. The Jim and Salle's Place Apartments offer affordable housing for low-income residents of southeast Portland. Residents of the apartment complex will be able to subscribe to the community solar project and will receive monthly bill credits.

Participation and Billing Structure

Low Income Recruitment Method: PA is Recruiting
 Low-Income Participation: 100 %
 Residential & Small Business: 0 %
 Large Commercial, Agricultural, & Industrial: 0 %

Requirements Checklist (OAR 850-088-0040)

Project manager has registered with the CSP:	Yes	2/26/2020
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: 4/7/2020