

Oregon Public Utility Commission 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, OR 97301-3398

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RE: Low-income Recruitment Penalty

Dear Chair Decker, Commissioner Tawney and Commissioner Thompson,

The Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association (OSEIA) and the Project Managers (PMs) it represents appreciates the diligence by staff and the Program Administrators to create a fair penalty if a PM does not meet the 10% low-income subscriber requirement. OSEIA supports staff's recommended penalty.

However, we also need to express concern about the difficulty in signing up low-income customers to Community Solar projects. While the pandemic has certainly contributed to the difficulties in signing up low-income ratepayers, we remain concerned that the current process is not functioning well and we look forward to discussing the issue further with Community Energy Project and the Program Administrators.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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