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## Re: UM 1971 - Waconda Solar, LLC v. Portland General Electric Company

Attention Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing today in the above-named docket is a Joint Motion to Extend Time. **Please note that expedited consideration has been requested.** 

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Lovinger

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#### **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

### **OF OREGON**

### UM 1971

WACONDA SOLAR, LLC,

Complainant,

JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND TIME

Expedited Consideration Requested

vs.

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Defendant.

Pursuant to OAR 860-001-0420, Complainant Waconda Solar, LLC ("Waconda Solar") and Defendant Portland General Electric Company ("PGE") jointly move Chief Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Nolan Moser for a ruling that extends the current deadline for Waconda Solar's Response to PGE's Motion for Summary Judgment by seven weeks from the current due date (i.e., moving the deadline from January 22, 2020 to March 11, 2020). The parties have agreed that with this extension of time, the depositions previously noticed by Waconda Solar (and which, by prior agreement, noted by the ALJ in his November 27, 2019 Ruling were moved to January 20, 2020) will be moved by seven weeks to March 9, 2020.

The purpose of the requested extension is to accommodate the parties' decision to engage in further settlement discussions. As with the parties' joint motions regarding the schedules that were filed in September, October, and November 2019, the parties wish to maintain their respective positions with regard to data requests or other discovery, even with the requested sevenweek extension. Thus, the parties propose that the ALJ's order grant the extension requested above and also approve conditions on future discovery that are intended to preserve that status. The parties thus request an order from the ALJ:

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- 1. Approving an extension of the due date of Waconda Solar's Response to PGE's Motion for Summary Judgment to March 11, 2020;
- 2. Acknowledging the parties' agreement to move the previously noticed depositions to March 9, 2020; and
- 3. Limiting discovery during this period of extension, such that: (a) for any depositions noticed by Waconda Solar from January 14, 2020 through March 11, 2020, the required notice period will be extended by 49 days (i.e., the required notice period will be 59 days); and (b) for any data requests or other discovery requests advanced by Waconda Solar from January 14, 2020 through March 11, 2020, PGE's required response date is extended by an additional 49 days (i.e., the response period will be 63 days).

Waconda Solar and PGE request expedited consideration of this joint motion and a ruling by January 16, 2020, or as soon as practical.

Good cause exists to issue the requested ruling because it will facilitate the parties' efforts to explore a resolution of some or all of the issues in the case and will implement an agreement on scheduling that has been reached by the parties.

Both parties reserve their rights with respect to discovery and the depositions that Waconda Solar has requested (or may request hereafter). Specifically, PGE reserves its right to object to any of the data requests or notices of deposition issued by Waconda Solar and reserves its right to seek a protective order regarding any discovery requests made by Waconda Solar. Similarly, Waconda solar reserves its right to seek information from PGE, consistent with the ALJ's August 3, 2019 ruling, except as limited by this joint motion.

The parties anticipate that if settlement efforts are fruitful, an additional extension of time

may be sought from the ALJ through a future motion.

DATED this 14th day of January 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

WACONDA SOLAR LLC

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