

ORDER NO. 12 362

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1538

In the Matter of

ENERGY WISE LIGHTING on Behalf of
PGPV LLC

Request for Waiver of the 12-month Solar
Photovoltaic System Installation Requirement
under OAR 860-084-0210(1).

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its Public Meeting on September 25, 2012, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter, attached as Appendix A.

BY THE COMMISSION:



Becky L. Beier

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Commission Secretary

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480 through 183.484.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: September 25, 2012

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE September 25, 2012

DATE: September 17, 2012

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Robert J. Procter *ME for RP*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Maury Galbraith *J MG*

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UM 1538) Request by Rick Post of Energy Wise Lighting on behalf of PGPV LLC for a waiver of the 12-month solar photovoltaic system installation requirement pursuant to OAR 860-084-02 10(1).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission grant the waiver request to Rick Post and extend the installation deadline to December 31, 2012

DISCUSSION:

Energy Wise Lighting (Applicant) was awarded a number of capacity reservations under the Solar Photovoltaic Pilot Program (Pilot) in October 2011. Of the various awards to the Applicant, they are requesting a three-month extension for the nine projects listed below.

1. Travis Sheffield, 10kW
2. Cascade Christian School, 100kw
3. First Baptist Church, 100kw
4. Medford Congregational UCC, 10kw
5. First United Methodist Church, 10kw
6. Evangelical Free Church, 10kw
7. Life Path Church of Nazarene, 10kw
8. Mt. Angel #4 St. Mary's Elementary, 10kw
9. Apostolic Faith Church, 100kW

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Applicant has encountered delays and unanticipated reductions in their 1603 grant awards from the U.S. Treasury. Applicant relies heavily upon those funds to finance projects, and the result has been a slow-down in their rigorous installation schedule. Despite this setback, during the last year they've managed to install over 1.5 MW of project under this program.

Applicant focused their resources on completing roof-mounted solar projects at the Greater Albany Public School District, since those installations needed to be finished during the summer months. That caused them to slow down their other installation schedules and resulted in a shortfall in their cash flow.

In response to staff requests for information on their plan to complete the installation of the nine projects included in their extension request, Application submitted the following project installation timelines.

Project Name	Utility	Target Completion Date
Apostolic Church	PGE	11/21/12
Cascade Christian High School	PPL	11/16/12
Evangelical Free Church	PPL	11/08/12
First Baptist Church	PPL	10/26/12
First United Methodist Church	PPL	11/04/12
Life Path Church of the Nazarene	PPL	11/05/12
Medford Congregational United Church of Christ	PPL	10/31/12
St. Mary's Elementary	PGE	11/21/12
Travis Sheffield	PGE	11/19/12

Staff has reviewed Energy Wise Lighting's waiver request and finds that the delay in installing the nine solar projects is largely due to factors outside the Applicant's control. Staff recommends the Commission grant the waiver request and extend the installation deadline for the nine projects to December 31, 2012.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Applicant's request for waiver of the 12-month installation requirement be granted and the deadline be extended to December 31, 2012.