

ORDER NO. 12 363

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1538

In the Matter of

SYNCHRO SOLAR on behalf of THE  
OCEAN 24<sup>TH</sup> & GLISAN 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*

**Becky L. Beier**  
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*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Maury Galbraith *J* *ME*

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: (Docket No. UM 1538) Request by Synchro Solar on behalf of The Ocean 24th & Glisan LLC for a waiver of the 12-month solar photovoltaic system installation requirement pursuant to OAR 860-084-0210(1).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**DISCUSSION:**

Synchro Solar (Applicant) was awarded a capacity reservation for a 9.95 kW Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) system under the Solar Photovoltaic Pilot Program (Pilot) by Portland General Electric (PGE) on October 3, 2011. Since receiving that award, the building upon which the SPV system will be installed has been undergoing extensive renovation.

As part of the building renovation, an entirely new electrical system was installed. Though the design had been engineered previously, structural engineering specific to the building was delayed until project funding was secured. Applicant has completed the system design, obtained a signed contract, purchased the solar panels, and done additional design work on the mounting system.

Regarding project financing, The Ocean 24th & Glisan LLC worked to acquire funding from both private investors and financial institutions for the major renovation of the building, including the solar installation. Total funding was not secured prior to construction beginning. Rather, funding was secured for each phase as the project

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progressed. Solar is one of the last phases of the renovation and funding has just been secured. Applicant has indicated that they will complete the SPV installation within the requested 3-month extension.

Staff has reviewed Synchro Solar's waiver request and finds that a short extension of the installation deadline is warranted. Staff recommends that the installation deadline for the project be extended to December 31, 2012.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

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

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