

ORDER NO. 21-119

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1930

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Requests Pre-certification of Projects in the
Community Solar Program, Wocus Marsh
Solar, Whisky Creek Solar, and Sunset Ridge
Solar.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its public meeting on April 20, 2021, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter. The Staff Report with the recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

BY THE COMMISSION:



Nolan Moser
Chief Administrative Law Judge



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 Circuit Court for Marion County in compliance with ORS 183.484.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: April 20, 2021**

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE April 20, 2021

DATE: April 12, 2021

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Kacia Brockman

THROUGH: Bryan Conway, JP Batmale, and Sarah Hall **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF:
(Docket No. UM 1930)
Requests pre-certification of projects in the Community Solar Program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

DISCUSSION:

Issue

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

Applicable Rule or Law

Section 22 of Senate Bill 1547, effective March 8, 2016, and codified in 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 the Program under OAR Division 88 of Chapter 860. OAR 860-088-0040 details the requirements for project pre-certification.

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Analysis

Background

Project Managers registered with the CSP may submit applications for project pre-certification to the Program Administrator. As required by OAR 860-088-0040(3), the Program Administrator reviews the applications for compliance with Program requirements and recommends whether the Commission approve the projects for pre-certification.

The Program Administrator recently received pre-certification applications for the following projects. After reviewing the applications and supporting documentation provided by the Project Managers, the Program Administrator has determined that these projects qualify for pre-certification in the CSP and recommends approval.

Recommended Projects

Project Name	Name of Project Manager	Utility Territory	Project Size (kW-AC)	Attachment #
Wocus Marsh Solar	Wocus Marsh PM, LLC	Pacific Power	882	Attachment A
Whisky Creek Solar	Whisky Creek PM, LLC	Pacific Power	165	Attachment B
Sunset Ridge Solar	Sunset Ridge Project Manager, LLC	Pacific Power	2,250	Attachment C

Wocus Marsh Solar is a 882 kW-AC/1.601 MW-DC project located northwest of the city of Klamath Falls in Klamath County.

Whisky Creek Solar is a 165 kW-AC/299 kW-DC project located within the community of Beatty in Klamath County. Based on its small size, the Whisky Creek project will use the Program's carve-out capacity reserved for small and non-profit-led projects.¹

The Project Manager entities created for these two projects, Wocus Marsh PM, LLC, and Whisky Creek PM, LLC, are controlled by TLS Capital. TLS Capital is also responsible for three pre-certified projects in Portland General Electric (PGE) service territory and three other pre-certified projects in Pacific Power (PAC) service territory. With the recommended pre-certification of these two projects, TLS Capital will have

¹ 25 percent of the allocated Program capacity was "carved-out" for exclusive use by projects up to 360 kW-AC in size and projects led by a non-profit Project Manager.

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reserved five projects totaling 6.2 MW of the per-Project Manager limit of 8.075 MW in PAC service territory imposed during the Program's initial interim capacity offering.

Sunset Ridge Solar is a 2.25 MW-AC/4.001 MW-DC project located northwest of the city of Klamath Falls in Klamath County. The Project Manager entity for this project, Sunset Ridge Project Manager, LLC, is controlled by GreenKey Solar. GreenKey Solar is also responsible for one pre-certified project in PGE service area.

Outreach and customer management for all three recommended projects will be performed by Oregon Shines, an entity formed by several solar developers, including TLS Capital and GreenKey Solar, to conduct customer recruitment and management for their CSP projects.

Upon pre-certification of these three projects, the Program's general capacity in PAC territory will be fully pre-certified with five projects waitlisted.

Conclusion

Staff has discussed the project applications with the Program Administrator and reviewed the CSP requirements. Staff supports the Program Administrator's recommendation that the Commission approve the projects listed above for pre-certification in the CSP.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

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



Community Solar Pre-Certification Recommendation

Public Meeting Date: 4/20/21

Project Overview

Project ID: PP-2020-85
 Project Name: Wocus Marsh Solar
 Project Manager: Wocus Marsh PM, LLC
 Site Address: 42°16'16.70"N, 121°53'4.01"W Klamath Falls 97601
 Utility Territory: Pacific_Power
 Project Size (kW-AC): 882

Applicable Designations :	Low Income	No
	Workforce Diversity	No
	Brownfield	No
	Dual-Use Ag	No

Development Entity Type: LLC
 Projected COD: 8/15/2022
 Project Description: 0.822 MWac ground-mounted project located northwest of Klamath Falls in Klamath County.

Participation and Billing Structure

Low Income Recruitment Method: PM will collaborate with the Low-Income Coordinator
 Low-Income Participation: 10 %
 Residential & Small Business: 40 %
 Large Commercial, Agricultural, & Industrial: 50 %
 Ownership or Subscription: Subscription

Requirements Checklist (OAR 860-088-0040)

Project manager has registered with the CSP: Yes 11/23/2020
 Meets all insurance project requirements: Yes
 Submitted a detailed description of the project: Yes
 Has obtained all non-ministerial permits: Yes
 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: 4/5/2021

Project recommended without reservations.



Community Solar Pre-Certification Recommendation

Public Meeting Date: 4/20/21

Project Overview

Project ID:	PP-2021-92		
Project Name:	Whisky Creek Solar		
Project Manager:	Whisky Creek PM, LLC		
Site Address:	42°26'26.9"N, 121°16'23.8"W	Beatty	97621
Utility Territory:	Pacific_Power		
Project Size (kW-AC):	165		
Applicable Designations :	Low Income	No	
	Workforce Diversity	No	
	Brownfield	No	
	Dual-Use Ag	No	

Development Entity Type: LLC
 Projected COD: 8/15/2022
 Project Description: 0.165 MWac ground-mounted project located in the community of Beatty in Klamath County.

Participation and Billing Structure

Low Income Recruitment Method: PM will collaborate with the Low-Income Coordinator
 Low-Income Participation: 10 %
 Residential & Small Business: 40 %
 Large Commercial, Agricultural, & Industrial: 50 %
 Ownership or Subscription: Subscription

Requirements Checklist (OAR 860-088-0040)

Project manager has registered with the CSP: Yes 11/23/2020
 Meets all insurance project requirements: Yes
 Submitted a detailed description of the project: Yes
 Has obtained all non-ministerial permits: Yes
 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: 4/5/2021

Project recommended without reservations.



Community Solar Pre-Certification Recommendation

Public Meeting Date: 4/20/21

Project Overview

Project ID: PP-2021-93
 Project Name: Sunset Ridge Solar
 Project Manager: Sunset Ridge Project Manager, LLC
 Site Address: 42°16'49.7"N 121°48'44.5"W Klamath Falls 97601
 Utility Territory: Pacific_Power
 Project Size (kW-AC): 2250

Applicable Designations :	Low Income	No
	Workforce Diversity	No
	Brownfield	No
	Dual-Use Ag	No

Development Entity Type: LLC
 Projected COD: 8/15/2022
 Project Description: 2.25 MWac ground-mounted project located northwest of Klamath Falls in Klamath County.

Participation and Billing Structure

Low Income Recruitment Method: PM will collaborate with the Low-Income Coordinator
 Low-Income Participation: 10 %
 Residential & Small Business: 40 %
 Large Commercial, Agricultural, & Industrial: 50 %
 Ownership or Subscription: Subscription

Requirements Checklist (OAR 860-088-0040)

Project manager has registered with the CSP: Yes 12/22/2020
 Meets all insurance project requirements: Yes
 Submitted a detailed description of the project: Yes
 Has obtained all non-ministerial permits: Yes
 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
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Project recommended without reservations.