

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1930

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Requests Pre-Certification of Project in
the Community Solar Program (Cherry
Creek Solar).

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its public meeting on July 27, 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:



on behalf of



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: July 27, 2021**

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A _____

DATE: July 19, 2021

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Joe Abraham

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

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve the recommended Community Solar Program project 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

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

The PA recently received pre-certification applications for the following project. After reviewing the application and supporting documentation provided by the PM, the PA has determined that this project qualifies for pre-certification in the Program and recommends approval.

Recommended Projects

Project Name	Name of Project Manager	Utility Territory	Project Size (kW-AC)	Attachment #
Cherry Creek Solar	Cherry Creek Project Manager, LLC	Pacific Power	360	Attachment A

Cherry Creek Solar is located in the community of Sprague River in Klamath County. The PM, Cherry Creek Project Manager LLC, is controlled by GreenKey Solar, which also manages one other pre-certified project in the Pacific Power service area and one pre-certified project in the PGE service area. Customer enrollment and account management for the project will be conducted by Oregon Shines, an entity formed by other Project Managers to implement customer acquisition in the Community Solar Program. Low-income customer enrollment will be supported by the Program Low-Income Facilitator.

Based on its small size, the Cherry Creek Solar project will use the Program's carve-out capacity reserved for small and/or nonprofit-led projects.¹

Conclusion

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

¹ Twenty-five percent of the allocated Program capacity is allocated for use by projects up to 360 kW-AC in size and projects led by a non-profit Project Manager.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

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



Community Solar Pre-Certification Recommendation

Public Meeting Date: 7/27/21

Project Overview

Project ID: PP-2021-116
 Project Name: Cherry Creek Solar
 Project Manager: Cherry Creek Project Manager, LLC
 Site Address: 42°27'9.22"N, 121°29'15.30"W Sprague River 97639
 Utility Territory: Pacific_Power
 Project Size (kW-AC): 360

Applicable Designations :

Low Income	No
Workforce Diversity	No
Brownfield	No
Dual-Use Ag	No

Development Entity Type:

LLC

Projected COD:

null

Project Description:

Cherry Creek Solar is a .360 MWac ground-mounted project located north east 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 6/2/2021
 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: 6/22/2021