

ORDER NO. 25-083

ENTERED Mar 05 2025

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1930

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Certification of 7 Mile and Mompano in
the Community Solar Program.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its public meeting on March 4, 2025, 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:



Alison Lackey
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.

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 4, 2025**

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE March 5, 2025

DATE: February 24, 2025

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Joseph Abraham

THROUGH: JP Batmale and Sarah Hall **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF:
(Docket No. UM 1930)
Certification of 7 Mile and Mompano projects in the Community Solar Program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Certify the 7 Mile and Mompano projects in the Community Solar Program.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) should certify the 7 Mile and Mompano projects in the Community Solar Program.

Applicable Rule or Law

Section 22 of Senate Bill 1547, 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 860-088-0050 details the requirements for project Certification.

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Section 5.2 of the CSP Program Implementation Manual (PIM) outlines the information and documentation that projects must submit to the CSP Program Administrator (PA) as part of the Certification application.

Analysis

Background

A Project Manager (PM) registered with CSP may submit applications for project Certification to the PA. As required by OAR 860-088-0050(3), the PA reviews applications for compliance with Program requirements and recommends projects for Certification by the Commission. Certification is an important stage gate for CSP projects. Receiving Certification means that the project meets all Program requirements and can proceed to commercial operation.

The PA recently received Certification applications from the following projects. After reviewing the applications and supporting documentation provided by the PM, the PA has recommended that the Commission certify the projects in the Program. See the Certification Recommendation Forms in Attachment A and B.

Recommended Projects

Project Name	Name of Project Manager	Utility Territory	Project Size (kW-AC)	Attachment #
7 Mile Solar	7 Mile PM, LLC	Pacific Power	951	Attachment A
Mompano Solar	Mompano Solar Project Manager, LLC	Portland General Electric	2,000	Attachment B

7 Mile Solar

7 Mile Solar is a 951 kW-AC project located in Brownsville, Oregon, in Linn County. 7 Mile PM, LLC is controlled by Luminace. Outreach and customer management for the project will be conducted through Arcadia Community Solar, LLC.

7 Mile Solar project was Pre-certified on April 15, 2022. On November 13, 2023, the PA used its delegated authority granted by the Commission to recommend a 60-day extension to the project's Certification deadline from October 15, 2023 to December 14, 2023.¹ The PM cited interconnection utility delays pushing back the commercial

¹ See Order No. 24-364 for the Commission's decision to grant the PA with delegated authority, which was first initially granted for twenty-four months on January 25, 2022 in Order No. 22-019, <https://apps.puc.state.or.us/orders/2024ords/24-364.pdf>.

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operation date. While this was a retroactive recommendation, the PM requested the extension in advance of its October 15, 2023, Certification deadline. Staff recognizes the PA may require additional time to review project requests for deadline extensions.

On February 22, 2024, the PA again used its delegated authority to recommend a six-month extension to the project's Certification deadline from December 14, 2023 to June 11, 2024. The PM cited utility interconnection delays related to fiber optic material that had not yet been ordered and delivered, and delays related to interconnection design that the utility needed to complete.

On July 25, 2024, the PA once again used its delegated authority to recommend a seven-month extension to the project's Certification deadline from June 11, 2024 to January 17, 2025. The PM cited that additional time was needed to allow Pacific Power (PAC) to finish construction, perform a new interconnection study for an updated route, complete interconnection design work, order interconnection materials, and finalize inspections and interconnection work.

The PM submitted the necessary Certification paperwork to the PA on January 9, 2025, prior to the project's Certification deadline of January 17, 2025. The PA completed its review on January 25, 2025, and recommends Certification in CSP. While this timeline has led Staff to recommend the Commission certify the project after its Certification deadline, Staff and the PA have no concerns with certifying the project at this time. The Program considers that projects submitting Certification applications to the PA by the deadline to have met the deadline, while the PA and Staff may require additional time to review applications for recommendation to the Commission.

Mompano Solar

Mompano Solar is a 2,000 kW-AC project located in Beaver Creek, Oregon, in Clackamas County. Mompano Solar Project Manager, LLC is controlled by Coast Energy, LLC. Outreach and customer management are conducted through Arcadia Community Solar, LLC.

Mompano Solar was Pre-certified on April 30, 2022. On November 13, 2023, the PA used its delegated authority to recommend a twelve-month extension to the project's Certification deadline from October 15, 2023 to October 30, 2024. The PM cited their contractor was unable to work during the winter and other construction-related constraints.

On December 3, 2024, the PA again used its delegated authority to recommend a two-month extension to the project's Certification deadline from October 30, 2024 to

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December 30, 2024. The PM needed time to complete low-income enrollment and execute a Power Purchase Agreement.

The PM submitted the necessary Certification paperwork to the PA by the Certification deadline of December 30, 2024. The PA completed its review on February 5, 2025, and recommends Certification in CSP. While this timeline has led Staff to recommend the Commission certify the project after its Certification deadline, Staff and the PA have no concerns with certifying the project.

Conclusion

Staff has discussed the project applications with the PA and reviewed CSP requirements. Staff supports the PA's recommendation that the Commission approve Certification of the 7 Mile and Mompano projects in the Program.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Certify the 7 Mile and Mompano projects in the Community Solar Program.

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Project Certification Review and Recommendation

The Oregon Community Solar Program Administrator (PA) has reviewed the certification request of the project described below and recommends that the project be Certified.

Project Information

Project ID: PP-2021-112

Project Name: 7 Mile Solar

Project Manager: 7 Mile PM, LLC

Subscription Manager: Arcadia Community Solar, LLC

Utility Service Area: PAC

Project Site Address: 44°24'21.0"N 122°59'50.7"W, Brownsville, OR 97327

Project Size (kW-AC): 951

Carveout-eligible: No

Date of Pre-Certification: 04/15/2022

Expected Commercial Operations Date: 2/8/2025

Project Description

7 Mile Solar is a 951 kW-AC project located in Brownsville, Oregon, in Linn County. 7 Mile PM, LLC is controlled by Luminace. Outreach and customer management for the project will be conducted through Arcadia Community Solar, LLC.

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: 1/30/2025

Project Satisfies all Certification Requirements?: Yes

PA Recommendation: Approve

Review Notes

No Review Notes.

Attachments Included

No Attachments.



Project Certification Review and Recommendation

The Oregon Community Solar Program Administrator (PA) has reviewed the certification request of the project described below and recommends that the project be Certified.

Project Information

Project ID: PGE-2021-115

Project Name: Mompano Solar

Project Manager: Mompano Solar Project Manager, LLC

Subscription Manager: Arcadia Community Solar, LLC

Utility Service Area: PGE

Project Site Address: 45°17'43.3"N 122°30'44.9"W, Beaver creek, OR 97004

Project Size (kW-AC): 2,000

Carveout-eligible: No

Date of Pre-Certification: 4/30/2022

Expected Commercial Operations Date: 1/31/2025

Project Description

Mompano Solar is a 2,000 kW-AC project located in Beaver creek, Oregon, in Clackamas County. Mompano Solar Project Manager, LLC is controlled by Coast Energy, LLC. Outreach and customer management are conducted through Arcadia Community Solar, LLC.

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: 2/5/2025

Project Satisfies all Certification Requirements?: Yes

PA Recommendation: Approve

Review Notes

No Review Notes

Attachments Included

No Attachments