

ORDER NO. 25-525

ENTERED Dec 24 2025

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1930

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Community Solar Program
Implementation.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its public meeting on December 23, 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: December 23, 2025

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** December 24, 2025

DATE: December 15, 2025

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Joseph Abraham

THROUGH: Sarah Hall **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF:
(Docket No. UM 1930)
Certification of Apricus Solar and Rodeo Solar in the Community Solar Program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Certify Apricus Solar and Rodeo Solar in the Community Solar Program.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) should certify the Apricus Solar and Rodeo Solar 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 two 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 Attachments A and B.

Recommended Projects

Project Name	Name of Project Manager	Utility Territory	Project Size (kW-AC)	Attachment #
Apricus Solar, LLC	Conifer Community Energy 7, LLC	Portland General Electric	2,500	Attachment A
Rodeo Solar, LLC	Conifer Community Energy 8, LLC	Portland General Electric	2,250	Attachment B

Apricus Solar

Apricus Solar, LLC is a 2,500 kW-AC project located in Willamina, Oregon, in Polk County. The PM, Conifer Community Energy 7, LLC, is controlled by Kendall Sustainable Infrastructure. Outreach and customer management are conducted through Cascadia Community Energy, LLC.

Apricus Solar was pre-certified on July 15, 2023. On October 24, 2024, the PA used its delegated authority granted by the Commission to recommend a three-month extension

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to the project's Certification deadline, from January 15, 2025, to April 16, 2025.¹ The PM required an extension to ensure the project's commercial operations date (COD) was within six months of Certification.

On May 1, 2025, the PA again used its delegated authority to recommend a five-month extension to the project's Certification deadline from April 16, 2025, to September 25, 2025. While this was a retroactive recommendation, the PM requested the extension in advance of the April 16, 2025, Certification deadline to complete low-income enrollment, execute a power purchase agreement (PPA), and align the Certification date with the new COD in the interconnection agreement. The project and PGE also executed an amended interconnection agreement to accommodate changes to the construction schedule related to extended discussions between the project and PGE about switchgear design.

On November 5, 2025, the PA again used its delegated authority to recommend a three-month extension to the project's Certification deadline from September 25, 2025, to December 31, 2025. While this was a retroactive recommendation, the PM requested the extension in advance of the September 25, 2025, Certification deadline. The PM cited that additional time was needed to meet the requirement that 50 percent of the project's capacity is subscribed and anticipated it would meet the requirement within 60 days. The PM also stated they expected to execute the PPA with the utility by October 15, 2025.

The PM submitted the necessary Certification paperwork to the PA on November 11, 2025, prior to the project's Certification deadline of December 13, 2025. The PA completed its review on November 17, 2025, and recommends Certification in the Oregon Community Solar Program.

Rodeo Solar

Rodeo Solar, LLC is a 2,250 kW-AC project located in Molalla, Oregon, in Clackamas County. The PM, Conifer Community Energy 8, LLC, is controlled by Kendall Sustainable Infrastructure. Outreach and customer management are conducted through Cascadia Community Energy, LLC.

Rodeo Solar was pre-certified on September 21, 2023. On July 25, 2024, the PA used its delegated authority granted by the Commission to recommend a nine-month extension to the project's Certification deadline from March 21, 2025, to December 12,

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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2025. The PM requested the extension to ensure the COD corresponded with the interconnection schedule proposed by the utility in the original executed Interconnection Agreement. The interconnection agreement was signed on February 7, 2024, and had an in-service date of December 12, 2025.

The PM submitted the necessary Certification paperwork to the PA on November 11, 2025, prior to the project's Certification deadline of December 12, 2025. The PA completed its review on November 17, 2025, and recommends Certification in CSP.

Conclusion

Staff has discussed the project applications with the PA and reviewed CSP requirements. Staff supports the PA's recommendation that the Commission certify Apricus Solar and Rodeo Solar in the Community Solar Program.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Certify Apricus Solar and Rodeo Solar 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: PGE-2023-157

Project Name: Apricus Solar, LLC

Project Manager: Conifer Community Energy 7, LLC

Subscription Manager: Cascadia Community Energy, LLC

Utility Service Area: PGE

Project Site Address: 22755 Yamhill River Rd., Willamina, OR 97396

Project Size (kW-AC): 2,500

Carveout-eligible: No

Date of Pre-Certification: 7/15/2023

Expected Commercial Operations Date: 12/15/2025

Project Description

Apricus Solar, LLC is a 2,500 kW-AC project located in Willamina, Oregon, in Polk County. Conifer Community Energy 7, LLC is controlled by Kendall Sustainable Infrastructure. Outreach and customer management are conducted through Cascadia Community Energy, LLC

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: 11/17/2025

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-2023-161

Project Name: Rodeo Solar

Project Manager: Conifer Community Energy 8 LLC

Subscription Manager: Cascadia Community Energy, LLC

Utility Service Area: PGE

Project Site Address: 34035 S Hwy 213 Molalla, OR 97038

Project Size (kW-AC): 2,250

Carveout-eligible: No

Date of Pre-Certification: 9/21/2023

Expected Commercial Operations Date: 12/1/2025

Project Description

Rodeo Solar is a 2,250 kW-AC project located in Molalla, Oregon, in Clackamas County. The Project Manager entity is controlled by Kendall Sustainable Infrastructure. Outreach and customer management are conducted through Cascadia Community Energy, LLC.

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: 11/17/2025

Project Satisfies all Certification Requirements?: Yes

PA Recommendation: Approve

Review Notes

No Review Notes.

Attachments Included

No attachments.