

ORDER NO. 26-383

ENTERED Oct 13 2026

**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 October 13, 2026, 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 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: October 13, 2026**

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** October 14, 2026

DATE: October 5, 2026

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Joseph Abraham

THROUGH: Nora Xu and Sarah Hall **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF:
(Docket No. UM 1930)
Certification of Medford Irrigation District in the Community Solar Program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Certify Medford Irrigation District in the Community Solar Program.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) should certify the Medford Irrigation District project 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.

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.

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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 application from the following project. After reviewing the application and supporting documentation provided by the PM, the PA has recommended that the Commission certify the project in the Program. See the Certification Recommendation Form in Attachment A.

Recommended Project

Project Name	Name of Project Manager	Utility Territory	Project Size (kW-AC)	Attachment #
Medford Irrigation District	Bonneville Environmental Foundation	PacifiCorp	800	Attachment A

Medford Irrigation District

The Medford Irrigation District project is an 800 kW-AC project located in Central Point, Oregon, in Jackson County. The PM is Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF). Outreach and customer management will be conducted by BEF. The PM is a non-profit, which qualifies the project for the designated project carve-out under the Project Manager attribute eligibility requirement.

The Medford Irrigation District project was pre-certified on March 17, 2025, and had an original certification deadline of September 17, 2026. The PM submitted the necessary certification paperwork to the PA on August 27, 2026, prior to the project's certification deadline. The PA completed its review on September 8, 2026, and recommends certification in the Oregon Community Solar Program. 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 have met the deadline, while the PA and Staff may require additional time to review applications for recommendation to the Commission.

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Conclusion

Staff discussed the project application with the PA and reviewed CSP requirements. Staff supports the PA's recommendation that the Commission certify Medford Irrigation District in the Community Solar Program.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Certify Medford Irrigation District 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-2024-189

Project Name: Medford Irrigation District

Project Manager: Bonneville Environmental Foundation

Subscription Manager: Bonneville Environmental Foundation

Utility Service Area: PAC

Project Site Address: 5045 Jacksonville Hwy Central Point, OR 97502

Project Size (kW-AC): 800

Carveout-eligible: Yes, Project Manager is a non-profit entity.

Date of Pre-Certification: 3/17/2025

Expected Commercial Operations Date: 9/1/2026

Project Description

Medford Irrigation District is an 800 kW-AC project located in Central Point, Oregon, in Jackson County. The Project Manager is Bonneville Environmental Foundation. Outreach and customer management will be conducted by Bonneville Environmental Foundation. The Project Manager is a non-profit, which qualifies the project for Designated Project Carve-Out under the Project Manager attribute eligibility requirement.

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: 09/08/2026

Project Satisfies all Certification Requirements?: Yes

PA Recommendation: Approve

Review Notes

No Review Notes.

Attachments Included

No Attachments.