

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 17, 2020**

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE November 17, 2020

DATE: November 9, 2020

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)
Request to pre-certify Community Solar projects.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC or 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.

Analysis

Background

Project Managers registered with the CSP may submit applications for project pre-certification to the CSP platform. As required by OAR 860-088-0040(3), the CSP 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 Manager, 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 #
Linkville Solar	Linkville Solar, LLC	Pacific Power	2,800	Attachment A
Tutuilla Solar	Pilot Rock Solar 2, LLC	Pacific Power	1,560	Attachment B

Linkville Solar is 2.8 MW-AC/5.054 MW-DC ground-mounted project located in Klamath County just southwest of Klamath Falls. The Project Manager entity, Linkville Solar, LLC, is controlled by TLS Capital, Inc., which is also responsible for three pre-certified CSP projects in PGE service area. Outreach and customer management for the Linkville Solar project will be conducted through Oregon Shines, an entity formed by several Project Managers to conduct customer management for their CSP projects.

Tutuilla Solar is a 1.56 MW-AC/2.34 MW-DC project located in Umatilla County on the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Tutuilla southeast of Pendleton. The project manager entity, Pilot Rock Solar 2, LLC, is controlled by Sunthurst Energy, which is also responsible for two other pre-certified projects in Pacific Power service area in Umatilla County.

Conclusion

Staff has discussed these 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.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

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

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Project Overview

Project ID:	PP-2020-80		
Project Name:	Linkville Solar		
Project Manager:	Linkville PM, LLC		
Site Address:	42° 12' 27.58"N, 121° 48' 52.48"W	Klamath Falls	97601
Utility Territory:	Pacific_Power		
Project Size (kW-AC):	2800		
Applicable Designations :	Low Income	No	
	Workforce Diversity	No	
	Brownfield	No	
	Dual-Use Ag	No	
Development Entity Type:	LLC		
Projected COD:	10/29/2021		
Project Description:	Linkville Solar is a 2.8 MWac / 5.054 MWdc ground mounted photovoltaic solar project located southwest of Klamath Falls, Oregon.		

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	10/16/2020
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:	10/21/2021

Project recommended without reservations.



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Project Overview

Project ID: PP-2020-81
 Project Name: Tutuilla Solar
 Project Manager: Pilot Rock Solar 2, LLC
 Site Address: Tutuilla Church Rd @ S Market Rd Pendleton 97801
 Utility Territory: Pacific_Power
 Project Size (kW-AC): 1560

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

Development Entity Type: LLC
 Projected COD: 8/31/2021
 Project Description: 1.56 MWac / 2.34 MWdc project located in Tutuilla, Umatilla County, on the Umatilla Indian Reservation southeast of Pendleton, Oregon.

Participation and Billing Structure

Low Income Recruitment Method: 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 10/10/2019
 Meets all insurance project requirements: Yes
 Submitted a detailed description of the project: Yes
 Has obtained all non-ministerial permits: N/A
 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: 11/3/2020

Project recommended without reservations.