

ORDER NO. 21-046

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1930

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Request for Pre-certification of a Project in
the Community Solar Program, Wayland
Solar.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its public meeting on February 11, 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:



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.

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: February 11, 2021**

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE February 11, 2021

DATE: February 1, 2021

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)
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 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

Project Managers registered with the CSP may submit applications for project pre-certification to the Program Administrator. As required by OAR 860-088-0040(3), the 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 a pre-certification application for the following project. After reviewing the application and supporting documentation provided by the Project Manager, the Program Administrator has determined that this project qualifies for pre-certification in the CSP and recommends approval.

Recommended Project

Project Name	Name of Project Manager	Utility Territory	Project Size (kW-AC)	Attachment #
Wayland Solar	Sulus Solar, LLC	Pacific Power	1,500	Attachment A

Wayland Solar is a 1.5 MW-AC project located in Jackson County, Oregon, just west of Medford. The project manager, Sulus Solar, LLC, is also responsible for three other pre-certified projects in Pacific Power service. With the addition of Wayland Solar as the fourth project, Sulus Solar will have reserved 8.0 MW, remaining just below the per-Project Manager limit of 8.075 MW in PAC service area imposed for the Program's initial interim capacity offering.

Conclusion

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

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

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

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Community Solar Pre-Certification Recommendation

Public Meeting Date: 2/11/21

Project Overview

Project ID: PP-2021-91
 Project Name: Wayland Solar
 Project Manager: Sulus Solar LLC
 Site Address: Hanley Road Central Point 97502
 Utility Territory: Pacific_Power
 Project Size (kW-AC): 1500

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

Development Entity Type: LLC
 Projected COD: 2/25/2022
 Project Description: 1.5 MWac ground-mounted project located just west of Medford in Jackson County.

Participation and Billing Structure

Low Income Recruitment Method: Low-Income Coordinator
 Low-Income Participation: 10 %
 Residential & Small Business: 50 %
 Large Commercial, Agricultural, & Industrial: 40 %
 Ownership or Subscription: Subscription

Requirements Checklist (OAR 860-088-0040)

Project manager has registered with the CSP: Yes 1/7/2020
 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: 1/25/2021

Project recommended without reservations.