

ORDER NO. 20-137

ENTERED Apr 27 2020

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1930

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF  
OREGON,

Request to Pre-certify Community Solar  
Projects.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its public meeting on April 21, 2020, 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:



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**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.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: April 21, 2020**

REGULAR  CONSENT  EFFECTIVE DATE \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** April 13, 2020

**TO:** Public Utility Commission

**FROM:** Natascha Smith

**THROUGH:** Bryan Conway, Michael Dougherty, and JP Batmale **SIGNED**

**SUBJECT:** OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF:  
(Docket No. UM 1930)  
Request to pre-certify Community Solar Projects.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC or Commission) approve recommended projects for pre-certification in the Community Solar Program.

**DISCUSSION:**

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve the recommended Community Solar Program projects for pre-certification.

Applicable Rule or Law

Section 22 of Senate Bill (SB) 1547, effective March 8, 2016, and codified in Oregon Revised Statute (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 Oregon's Community Solar Program under Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Division 88 of Chapter 860. OAR 860-088-0040 details the requirements for Project pre-certification.

*Background*

On January 21, 2020, the CSP platform began accepting applications for the pre-certification of Projects. As required by OAR 860-088-0040(3), the CSP Program

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Administrator has reviewed the following projects and found that they comply with all Program requirements. Thus, the Program Administrator is recommending pre-certification of the following projects by the Commission.

*Recommended Projects*

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Name of PM</b>	<b>Utility Territory</b>	<b>Project Size (kW-AC)</b>	<b>Attachment #</b>
Goodling Annex	Bonneville Environmental Foundation	PAC	1000	Attachment A
Jim and Salle's Place Apartments	ROSE Community Development Corporation	PGE	40	Attachment B
Pilot Rock Solar 2	Pilot Rock Solar 2, LLC	PAC	2990	Attachment C

Based on the reasoning of the Program Administrator and a review of CSP requirements, Staff recommends that the Commission pre-certify Goodling Annex, Jim and Salle's Place Apartments, and Pilot Rock Solar 2 for participation in the CSP.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

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



## Community Solar Pre-Certification Recommendation

Public Meeting Date: 4/21/20

### Project Overview

Project ID:	PP-2020-63								
Project Name:	Goodling Annex								
Project Manager:	Bonneville Environmental Foundation								
Site Address:	9138 NE Sunderland Avenue Portland 97211								
Utility Territory:	Pacific_Power								
Project Size (kW-AC):	1000								
Applicable Designations :	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Low Income</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workforce Diversity</td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Brownfield</td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dual-Use Ag</td> <td style="text-align: center;">No</td> </tr> </table>	Low Income	Yes	Workforce Diversity	No	Brownfield	No	Dual-Use Ag	No
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Workforce Diversity	No								
Brownfield	No								
Dual-Use Ag	No								
Development Entity Type:	Nonprofit								
Projected COD:	null								
Project Description:	The parcel is a Port of Portland property across the street from the fenced in PDX airport. The usable parcel amounts to 5-6 acres that is available for a community solar array. The project team consists of BEF, Verde, and GRID Alternatives and the plan is to engage the nearby Cully neighborhood residents to subscribe 60% of the community solar capacity. These subscribers will be low-income households and households of color. The project will endeavor to enlist the community in the implementation of the project and will seek out Portland Clean Energy Funds to cover the upfront costs of the low-income subscribers.								

### Participation and Billing Structure

Low Income Recruitment Method:	PM will collaborate with the Low-Income Coordinator	
Low-Income Participation:	60	%
Residential & Small Business:	0	%
Large Commercial, Agricultural, & Industrial:	40	%

### Requirements Checklist (OAR 830-088-0040)

Project manager has registered with the CSP:	Yes	10/30/2019
Meets all insurance project requirements:	Yes	
Submitted a detailed description of the project:	Yes	
Has obtained all non-ministerial permits:	NA	none required
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:	4/7/2020



## Community Solar Pre-Certification Recommendation

Public Meeting Date: 4/21/20

### Project Overview

Project ID:	PGE-2020-70								
Project Name:	Jim and Salle's Place Apartments								
Project Manager:	ROSE Community Development Corporation								
Site Address:	7531-7629 SE Steele Street                      Portland                      97206								
Utility Territory:	Portland_General_Electric								
Project Size (kW-AC):	40								
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Development Entity Type:	Corporation								
Projected COD:	null								
Project Description:	<p>Project partners have scoped and organized funding to support 48.3 kW of community solar capacity on the Jim and Salle's Place Apartments. The project will be one of the first of its kind to utilize US Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program funding for a shared solar project. The onsite community solar project will be able to utilize the state community solar program to provide bill credits directly to the tenants, reducing their annual electricity expenses by up to \$220/year. The Jim and Salle's Place Apartments offer affordable housing for low-income residents of southeast Portland. Residents of the apartment complex will be able to subscribe to the community solar project and will receive monthly bill credits.</p>								

### Participation and Billing Structure

Low Income Recruitment Method:	PA is Recruiting
Low-Income Participation:	100                      %
Residential & Small Business:	0                              %
Large Commercial, Agricultural, & Industrial:	0                              %

**Requirements Checklist (OAR 850-088-0040)**

Project manager has registered with the CSP:	Yes	2/26/2020
Meets all insurance project requirements:	Yes	
Submitted a detailed description of the project:	Yes	
Has obtained all non-ministerial permits:	No	
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: 4/7/2020