



Program Administrator's Project Recommendation

June 15, 2023

Community Solar Program - Docket No. UM 1930

On January 11, 2022, in Order No. 22-007, the Commission permitted the delegation of Commission authority to the Community Solar Program Administrator (PA) to grant noncontroversial project pre-certifications, waivers, extensions, and amendments. Under the permitted delegation of authority, Staff will post the PA's project recommendation to UM 1930 with a comment period of two weeks. If no comments in opposition are received prior to the end of the comment period, the recommendation will go into effect. If comments in opposition are received prior to the end of the comment period, the recommendation will not go into effect and the matter will be referred to the Commission for a decision at the next available public meeting.

Staff posts the PA's recommendation to grant a seven-month Certification deadline extension for the following project:

PP-2020-63 (Goodling Annex)

The PA has reviewed the project Certification deadline extension request and has recommended granting the extensions. That extension request is included below. Staff finds the PA's recommendation to be noncontroversial and that granting the extension may be delegated to the PA. Stakeholders in opposition of the PA's recommendation should post comments to UM 1930 by June 29, 2023.

To Submit Public Comment:

Stakeholders can submit written comments on the PA's recommendation by email to puc.filingcenter@puc.oregon.gov. Please email puc.hearings@puc.oregon.gov to be added to the UM 1930 docket service list and receive notifications in the UM 1930 docket.

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Project Amendment Review and Recommendation

The Oregon Community Solar Program Administrator (PA) has reviewed the amendment request of the project described below and recommends that the project Certification deadline be extended by 7 months.

Project Information

Project ID: PP-2020-63

Project Name: Goodling Annex

Project Manager: Bonneville Environmental Foundation

Subscription Manager: Verde

Utility Service Area: Pacific Power

Project Site Address: 9138 NE Sunderland Avenue, Portland, OR 97211

Project Size (kW-AC): 1,000

Carveout-eligible: Yes, the project is managed by a non-profit entity.

Current Program Status and Date Achieved: Pre-Certified, 04/21/20

Project Description

Goodling Annex is a 1,000 kW-AC project located in Portland, Oregon, in Multnomah County. The project is in the designated Carve-out section of the program, with the intent of reserving at least 50% of the project's capacity for low-income subscribers. Verde is the Subscription Manager for the project.

Review Summary

Date Review Completed: 06/09/2023

Nature of the Amendment Request: Extend Certification Deadline

PA Recommendation: Approve

Review Notes

Current Certification Deadline: 07/01/2023

Recommended Certification Deadline: 02/28/2024

The Goodling Annex project was pre-certified on 4/21/2020, with an original certification deadline of 10/21/2021. In Order 21-294, the Commission granted an extension of the project's Certification deadline to April 1, 2023, conditional on an interim deadline of 6/01/2022 for the project to provide financing certainly.

The project was granted a second project extension to 7/1/2023 to allow time for the Project Manager to apply for a Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF) grant. The project was awarded PCEF funding but is requesting an additional 7 months to receive the award and complete development. The PA supports granting this extension as it is necessary to allow to project to receive PCEF funding and move towards completion.

Attachments Included

The extension request received from the Project Manager is attached.

June 6th 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request an extension for the Goodling Annex community solar project. We at Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) have been partnering with Verde to develop this project. Verde is currently in the process of finalizing the Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF) Grant contract and is anticipating having it signed by the end of June. Receiving and finalizing the Grant contract from PCEF has taken longer than expected and has limited our ability to move forward with project development.

Our project development timeline will likely thus be shifted back. Updated timeline:

Utility interconnection studies completed: 7/10/2020

All ministerial permits secured: 11/31/2023

Contract executed with a construction contractor: 7/1/2023

Construction-ready plan set completed: 10/31/2023

Interconnection agreement(s) executed: 7/10/2020

Utility Power Purchase Agreement executed: 9/1/2023

50% of Project's capacity subscribed: 1/30/2024

Recruitment of low-income participants completed: 1/30/2024

Project Certification requested: 2/28/2024

Commercial Operation: 3/30/2024

This extension is necessary as any further project development is dependent on the finalized and executed PCEF Grant agreement. We will move forward with the project development and construction as soon as we secure funding. Please let us know if there is any additional information we can provide.

Thank you,

Cassandra Martin
Renewables Project Manager

Bonneville Environmental Foundation