Oregon IOU Community Solar
Final Program Rules

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Community Solar Attributes

Project Size
• 25 kW-3 MW

Project Location
• In the service territory of an investor-owned utility (IOU)
  – Colocation restrictions
• Participant must be located in same service territory as project

Program Size
• Initial Capacity Tier: 2.5% of 2016 peak load
  • PGE ~100 MW
  • PAC ~72.5 MW
  • IDP ~2.5 MW
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Limits on customer participation
• Owner/subscriber defined at the site address level
  – Subscriber: minimum 10-year contract
• Participation limit
  – Up to average annual consumption
    • Excess generation donated
  – A single participant can have up to 2MW
  – A participant and its affiliates can have up to 4MW
• Can participate in multiple projects

Project level requirements
• 50% must be for residential/small commercial customers
• Minimum 5 participants
• No participant can own/subscribe to more than 40%
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Low-income participation
• 10% total program capacity allocated for exclusive use by low-income residential customers
  – “Low-income residential customer” to be defined in next phase
• Current approach: 5% per project, plus 5% additional program-wide
  – Commission will either reaffirm or adopt new approach in next phase
• Commission may find cause to establish funding mechanism to support low-income participation
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Compensation for Unsubscribed/Unsold Generation
• 100% of unsubscribed/unsold generation compensated at the “as available” PURPA rate (market-based rate)
  – Project must have reached 50% participation

Compensation for Participants
• Bill credit rate reflecting Resource Value of Solar
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Certification process – many steps to be defined in next phase

• Certification as project manager
• Pre-Certification
  • Project managers can now acquire customers
  • Project managers can now sign 20-year PPA with IOU
  • Begins preparing for final certification (incl. 50% participation and compliance with low-income requirement)
• Final Certification