

Rooftop solar/customer renewable energy

- Extends current customer “net metering” energy credit system until June 1, 2021
- Stops any further utility lost revenue recovery subsidy starting on June 1, 2021
- Long-term net metering rate will be determined by the Public Service Commission (PSC)

Large-scale solar

- Some amount of solar projects that are currently in the queue (not all) will have the ability to secure a contract with the utility of at least 10-years at future, PSC-approved avoided cost rates
- Moving forward, the PSC will determine methods to calculate payments to solar developers (called “avoided costs”) that are “commercially reasonable” and compliant with federal law
- Establishes an updated process, including PSC enforcement and conflict resolution, for interconnection of large-scale solar to the grid

Commercial & Industrial energy programs

- Requires utilities to file a voluntary renewable program for commercial and industrial customers that will be reviewed and approved by PSC. Compromise established guardrails for the program
- Requires no cost shifting to other customers – participating customers cover all costs

Neighborhood/Community Solar

- Utilities will propose programs for individuals to participate in community-based solar projects and get credit for the output on their bills
- Establishes guardrails for the PSC to consider regarding the program, including access for low/moderate income individuals

Customer Bill of Rights & Consumer Protections

- Tells the PSC to protect customers from rising costs and to protect customers’ ability to control costs by managing their own energy usage
- Directs ORS and Dept. of Consumer Affairs to develop consumer protection regulations that include consumer disclosures from solar companies, a consumer complaint process, and enforcement provisions

Integrated Resource Plans

- Improves existing IRP process by requiring utility to show in the IRP filed with the PSC a cost analysis of several alternative futures, including futures with higher levels of renewable energy and energy efficiency

Competitive Utility Resource Procurement/RFP

- Increases scrutiny by the PSC when approving new utility power generation proposals, including evaluation by an independent third-party if determined to be in the public interest

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