



2023 in Review and What's Ahead in 2024

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Policy Summary

Legislative Session

- Extension of the Solar + Storage rebate funding
 - Rulemaking
- State Energy Strategy

Public Utility Commission

- Interconnection
- Net Metering

Permitting

- City of Portland
- State Building Codes Division



OSSIA wins during the 2023 Legislative Session

- Solar + Storage rebates
 - Six year extension
 - Supply chain fix
 - \$10 Million
 - RED grant extension for projects during covid
 - Next step – rulemaking
- State energy strategy



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OSSIA Regulatory Engagement 2023

Priorities at the PUC:

- Distribution System Planning
- Community Solar Tier 2
- Interconnection
- Implementation of 100% Clean
- **Net Metering**
 - Idaho Power
 - PGE and Pacific Power



ODOE Solar + Storage Rebate

Funding

- ODOE released \$5 M in July
 - \$3 M Market Rate
 - \$2 M income-restricted
- ODOE released \$2.5 M last week
 - \$1.5 M Market Rate
 - \$1 M income-restricted
- \$2.5 M in remaining state funds

Rulemaking

- Supply Chain fix
- Rate changes
- Cap adjustments
- Public Hearing in Nov, Final Rules by December



Funding

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Five Solar For All Programs

Single Family

Multifamily

Community Solar (IOU)

Community Solar (COU)

Workforce Development

SINGLE FAMILY & MULTIFAMILY REBATES

Objective: Support solar installations on low-income single-family households with roughly \$47.7 million in financial assistance.

- Utilize federal funds to increase the incentive “stack” to cover high percentage of project cost.
- Leverage Energy Trust of Oregon programs and the Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program to minimize administrative burden.
- Coordinate with housing partners such as CAP agencies and Habitat for Humanity.
- Explore ways to extend federal funds and provide long-term support for the market.

Objective: Support solar installations for low-income households in multi-family housing with roughly \$18 million in financial assistance.

- Utilize federal funds to increase the incentive “stack” to cover high percentage of project cost.
- Leverage Energy Trust of Oregon programs and the Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate Program to minimize administrative burden.
- Support storage installations for backup power systems.

TWO COMMUNITY SOLAR PROGRAMS

Objective: Support projects in the Oregon Community Solar Program with a high percentage of low-income subscribers with roughly \$24.5 million in financial assistance.

- Partner with Energy Trust of Oregon to develop and manage the program.
- Utilize federal funds to provide financial assistance to qualifying community solar projects.
- Leverage the existing Oregon Community Solar Program.

Objective: Support community solar projects in consumer-owned utility service territories that serve low-income participants and disadvantaged communities with roughly \$17 million in financial assistance.

- Partner with Bonneville Environmental Foundation to develop and manage the program.
- Utilize federal funds to provide financial assistance to qualifying community solar projects.
- Bonneville Environmental Foundation may work with partners in other northwest states to develop sister programs.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND QUALITY JOBS

Objective: Support workforce training with investments of roughly \$4.2 million:

- Leverage existing programs and organizations while expanding their capacity and reach.
- Extend current and emerging opportunities from Portland metro area to other regions of the state.
- Areas of focus:
 - Expand efforts to expose potential workers to the industry
 - Expand pre-apprenticeship opportunities
 - Provide support for training in rural areas and wraparound services for trainees
 - Expand contractor training and capacity-building efforts



OSSIA Workforce Development

- LRT program administration
- Solar Education Fund workforce programs
 - Hands-on solar trainings
 - New Oregon instructors
 - Speaker's Bureau
 - Workforce Toolkit
 - Girls Build
 - Constructing Hope Youth camp
 - And more!



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- NEC 2023 Code Class
- Energy Storage Class
 - Sales Trainings
- Legislative Updates
 - Permitting News
 - IRA guidelines

What's coming up in 2024?

Legislative

- Hopefully more rebate funds (but probably not)

Regulatory

- Implementation of 100% Clean
- **Net Metering**
 - PGE and Pacific Power
- Permitting



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