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Hi Jaimes,

Yes, that sentence could have been worded better – more along the lines you suggest. The intent is to remind companies not to operate as community solar companies unless and until the Commission registers them. November 2, 2018, is only the date on which the rules become effective, not a deadline for registration. My apologies for the confusion.

I don't know the answer to your other question. As you also suggest, you should ask WSU.

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Hello Gregory, Brad, and staff

I am not sure if you are the right ones to answer, but we have a clarifying question about the guidance put forward in the notice. In particular, what exactly is the intent of the following : “If a Community Solar Company fails to register by the effective date of the rule, November 2, 2018, and operates, the commission may take enforcement action”?

For example, if an entity decides they want to get involved in community solar in 2019, (but has not yet identified that opportunity) would they be prohibited because they had not registered by Nov 2nd 2018? Or is it intended to ensure that companies that are currently interested in offering community solar get registered before Nov 2nd? It seems easier to simply state that an entity has to register with the UTC before promoting or offering any participation in community solar to customers, as it is unclear whether “operates” refers to whether it is the operation of a specific solar energy system, or the operation of a business in promoting community solar opportunity.

Also, we have a related question about whether potential administrators of community solar need to

be registered with UTC before applying for the WA Production Incentive, but perhaps that is an administrative question for WSU. Given that WSU is requiring that all community solar project pre-certify prior to Nov 16th (per this notice : <http://www.energy.wsu.edu/RenewableEnergySystemIncentiveProgram.aspx>), this is an important element!

Thank you for any input you can provide,

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