

## **Community Solar Implementation Near-Term Timeline**

**March** - PRC signed contracts with two consulting groups for professional services to advance the CS program. One contract with Coalition of Sustainable Communities and Grid Alternatives will develop a community organization outreach and training program, to identify local groups who can pre-qualify low-income subscribers for CS projects. The other contract, with Cadmus LLC, is to develop the materials and agreements for a Request for Proposals from prospective CS project developers (aka, Subscriber Organizations, SOs). Both contracts will run through June 30, 2022.

**March 30, 2022** - Order Issued Adopting Community Solar Rule

**April** - The PRC will issue a Request for Proposals to contract with an independent program manager who will oversee the project solicitation, maintain a web site for program and subscriber information, monitor interactions between SOs and utilities and verify low-income subscriber requirements, among other tasks. This contract will run through the initial period of the program, culminating in a report to the Legislature in November 2024.

**June** - The investor-owned utilities will file tariffs to describe and define the Solar Bill Credit, under the methodology established by the Community Solar Act and refined in the PRC's rule. Before this filing, the PRC's Utilities Division will work cooperatively with the utilities to ensure standardization of the SBC calculations.

**June** - The PRC will host a workshop to a) review draft project RFP documents, b) explain the Solar Bill Credit tariff filings, and c) review the status of utility interconnection reviews and applications related to prospective Community Solar projects.

**July** - The Program Administrator commences services and issues the project solicitation RFP. It is expected that bids will be evaluated and ranked for selection before October 1.

After selection, successful project will undergo interconnection review and will be able to sign customers.