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PRC to break potential scoring ties among more than 400 proposed applications to build and operate community solar projects

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (PRC), along with the state's Community Solar Program project administrator, InClime Inc., will hold an event to break any potential scoring ties among 408 applications for proposed projects received in response to the PRC's request for applications (RFA) to build and to operate community solar facilities to support the development of the state's Community Solar Program. A hearing examiner from the PRC will randomly draw, one at a time, numbered tickets from a spinning drum, with each of the tickets representing an application. The event will be held at 10 a.m. on May 1 and available to watch online via the [PRC's YouTube channel](#).

Earlier this year, InClime announced that the projects proposed in the applications totaled more than 1,700 megawatts (MW) of power generation capacity. The program has a statewide capacity cap of 200 MW for its initial period, which extends to November 1, 2024, as required by the Community Solar Act. The PRC has allocated the capacity among the state's three investor-owned electric utilities (Public Service Company of New Mexico, 125 MW; Southwestern Public Service Company, 45 MW; and El Paso Electric Company, 30 MW).

InClime is in the final stages of evaluating each of the applications using the point system adopted by the PRC in its [Community Solar Rule](#). InClime will release individual project scores to applicants on May 1 prior to the tie-breaking event. Applicants will have until May 3 to raise any potential score discrepancies with InClime.

Any ties remaining after InClime makes any adjustments needed to address score discrepancies will be resolved based on the results of this tie-breaker event. InClime anticipates announcing the three lists of selected projects, one for each utility service area, on May 9, at which time InClime will also make a presentation to the PRC at a specially scheduled open meeting.

The Community Solar Program was created by the Community Solar Act of 2021 and is administered by the PRC through InClime, as the PRC's contracted program administrator, pursuant to the Act and the Community Solar Rule. The program was designed so that qualifying customers – homeowners, renters, and certain organizations – can save on electricity bills and participate in the generation and consumption of renewable energy by tapping into solar energy without having to purchase and install their own solar panels.

As required by the Community Solar Act, at least 30% of power produced by each community solar facility will be reserved for qualified low-income customers and low-income service organizations. The PRC is committed to assisting community solar facility developers and operators in meeting this requirement and committed to reaching out to low-income utility customers who would like to participate in the program. For more information about New Mexico's Community Solar Program, click [here](#).

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