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To: Energy Facility Siting Council

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Subject: Agenda Item C (Action Item): Replacement Hearing Officer for Proceedings on the Application for Site Certificate for the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project for the January 19-20, 2023 EFSC Meeting

Attachment 1: Nolin Hills Wind Power Project – Order Appointing Replacement Hearing Officer

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Oregon Department of Energy (Department) recommends that the Energy Facility Siting Council (Council) appoint Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Alison Greene Webster as the hearing officer to replace previously appointed Kate Triana for proceedings on the proposed Nolin Hills Wind Power Project application for site certificate (ASC).

BACKGROUND

On February 1, 2022, in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-015-0023 and 345-015-0220, Council appointed Kate Triana, J.D., of the Oregon Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) as the hearing officer for the ASC proceedings of the proposed Nolin Hills Wind Power Project. On December 13, 2022, ALJ Triana notified the Department that OAH business needs dictated that the matter of Nolin Hills Wind Power Project be reassigned to another qualified OAH ALJ. OAH recommended ALJ Triana be replaced by ALJ Alison Greene-Webster.

A request for contested case on the Department's Proposed Order on the ASC for the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project was received from Umatilla County. Therefore, a contested case proceeding has commenced, and Council appointment of a hearing officer replacement is necessary to continue the contested case proceeding.

HEARING OFFICER EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

The Department recommends Council appoint Ms. Alison Greene Webster as its replacement hearing officer for the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project proceedings. Ms. Greene Webster is a Senior ALJ with OAH. Ms. Greene Webster was previously appointed by Council to serve as its hearings officer for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line and Boardman Solar Energy Facility proceedings. Additionally, at OAH, Ms. Greene Webster has presided over numerous

contested case hearings for a variety of state agencies, boards, and commissions, including the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Health Authority, and Oregon Department of Human Services. Ms. Greene Webster is also a trainer and peer reviewer for other administrative law judges. Ms. Greene Webster received her J.D. from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

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