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**To:** Energy Facility Siting Council

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**Subject:** Agenda Item G (Action Item): Council Review and Decision on Proposed Retirement Plan and Application for Termination of the Fifth Amended Site Certificate of the Summit Ridge Wind Farm for the April 19, 2024 EFSC Meeting

**Attachments:** Attachment 1: Draft Final Order on Proposed Final Retirement Plan and Application to Terminate Site Certificate  
Attachment 2: Comments on Application for Site Certificate Termination

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## AGENDA ITEM OVERVIEW

Agenda Item D includes Council review and decision on two procedural items pursuant to OAR 354-027-0110, *Termination of a Site Certificate* for the Fifth Amended Site Certificate of the Summit Ridge Wind Farm (issued December 18, 2020). The first is Council's review and approval or modification of the certificate holder's proposed retirement plan; and the second, if warranted, is Council's review and approval of the request to terminate the site certificate.

## FACILITY OVERVIEW

The Summit Ridge Wind Farm is an approved, partially constructed 194.4 megawatt (MW) wind energy generation facility, within an 11,000 acre site boundary located in Wasco County, approximately 17 miles southeast of The Dalles and eight miles east of Dufur. The certificate holder is Summit Ridge Wind, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Aypa Power LLC.

Construction of facility components, including substantial modifications of an existing road, commenced in August 2020.<sup>1</sup> Following completion of the substantial road modifications, additional construction of previously approved components has not occurred at the site.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Oregon Department of Energy (Department) recommends the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) issue a combined final order authorizing: 1) approval of the proposed final retirement plan as the final retirement plan; and 2) termination of the Fifth Amended Site Certificate for the Summit Ridge Wind Farm (issued December 18, 2020).

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<sup>1</sup> OAR 345-001-0010(27) defines "related or supporting facilities" as inclusive of existing structures that, "must be substantially modified solely to serve the energy facility."