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Mr. Bryan Wolfe, Chairman
Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC)
Oregon Department of Energy
625 Marion Street NE
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RE: Waiver of rights to statutory timeframes; notification of continuation of big game telemetry study

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Council:

The Antelope Ridge Wind Farm (Antelope), a subsidiary of EDP Renewables North America LLC (formerly Horizon Wind Energy) is writing to inform the Council that, prior to issuance of the Draft Proposed Order (DPO), Antelope intends to complete the first phase of the already-commenced GPS telemetry study of elk and mule deer. This study, developed collaboratively with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), will supplement the record by providing important multi-year information regarding big game species' spatial and temporal use of the proposed project area and its vicinity.

The first phase of the telemetry study, which commenced in August 2009, is expected to conclude in late spring of 2013 when GPS collars should fall off the studied animals. Associated technical analysis of the data will be conducted in collaboration with Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) and ODFW, and reporting is anticipated to be completed in fall 2013. The final technical report will be submitted to supplement Antelope's Application for Site Certificate (ASC). Additionally, Antelope will provide status updates to EFSC approximately every six months through the end of the first phase of the study to demonstrate progress.

Due to the fact that the study work will require some time to complete, Antelope hereby waives its rights to the statutory timeframes set out in ORS 469.370(9)(d), relating to Council review of an application for a site certificate within 12 months of filing the application. The additional study work will enable the continued collection of baseline data, which will improve the proposed Antelope project. Submittal of additional data to inform the DPO is consistent with OAR 345-015-0190(9), providing information to bolster the existing data.

As such, **Antelope requests** that the Department of Energy acknowledge Antelope's waiver of rights to those statutory timeframes set out in ORS 469.370(9)(d). **Antelope also requests** the Department of Energy's confirmation of Antelope's waiver of its rights, and the plan to complete its already-commenced big game telemetry study in order to further inform the Council's review of the ASC, and in the consideration of appropriate conditions in the forthcoming DPO. Antelope will provide regular study updates to the Council, as requested.

Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,



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Antelope Ridge Wind Farm

Cc: Richard Whitman, Natural Resources Policy Advisor, Office of Governor Kitzhaber
Cc: Roy Elicker, Director, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
Cc: Chairman Steve McClure, Union County
Cc: Commissioner Mark Davidson, Union County
Cc: Commissioner Bill Rosholt, Union County
Cc: Hanley Jenkins, Director, Union County Planning Department