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The Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council

FIRST AMENDED SITE CERTIFICATE FOR SHEPHERDS FLAT CENTRAL

I. INTRODUCTION

The Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (Council) issues this site certificate for the Shepherds Flat Central (the facility) in the manner authorized under ORS Chapter 469. This site certificate is a binding agreement between the State of Oregon (State), acting through the Council, and South Hurlburt Wind, LLC (certificate holder) authorizing the certificate holder to construct and operate the facility in Gilliam County and Morrow County, Oregon. [Amendment #1 for the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm (SFWF)]

The findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions of law underlying the terms and conditions of this site certificate are set forth in the following documents, incorporated herein by this reference: (a) the Council's *Final Order on the Application for the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm* issued on July 25, 2008, (b) the *Final Order on Amendment #1 for the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm*, (c) the *Final Order on Amendment #1*, (d) and the *Final Order on Amendment #2*. In interpreting this site certificate, any ambiguity will be clarified by reference to the following, in order of priority: (1) this Second Amended Site Certificate, (2) the *Final Order on Amendment #2*, (3) the *Final Order on Amendment #1*, (4) the *Final Order on Amendment #1 for the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm*, (5) the *Final Order on the Application for the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm* and (6) the record of the proceedings that led to the Final Orders on the Application, Amendment #1, and Amendment #2 for the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm and to the *Final Order on Amendment #1* and #2. [Amendment #1 (SFWF); Amendment #1]

[Text added by Amendment #1 (SFWF) was removed by Amendment #1].

In interpreting this site certificate, any ambiguity will be clarified by reference to the following, in order of priority: this Second Amended Site Certificate, Final Order on Amendment #2, the Final Order on Amendment #1, the Final Order on the Application and the record of the proceedings that led to the Final Orders on the Application and Amendments #1, and #2. [Amendments #1, and #2]

The definitions in ORS 469.300 and OAR 345-001-0010 apply to terms used in this site certificate, except where otherwise stated or where the context clearly indicates otherwise.

II. SITE CERTIFICATION

- 1. To the extent authorized by state law and subject to the conditions set forth herein, the State authorizes the certificate holder to construct, operate and retire a wind energy facility, together with certain related or supporting facilities, at the site in Gilliam County and Morrow County, Oregon, as described in Section III of this site certificate. ORS 469.401(1).
- 2. This site certificate is effective until it is terminated under OAR 345-027-0110 or the rules in effect on the date that termination is sought or until the site certificate is revoked under ORS 469.440 and OAR 345-029-0100 or the statutes and rules in effect on the date that revocation is ordered. ORS 469.401(1).
- 35. This site certificate does not address, and is not binding with respect to, matters that were not addressed in the Council's Final Orders on the Application and Amendment #1 for the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm and in the *Final Order on Amendment #1*. Such matters include,

- but are not limited to: building code compliance, wage, hour and other labor regulations,
- 2 local government fees and charges and other design or operational issues that do not relate to
- siting the facility (ORS 469.401(4)) and permits issued under statutes and rules for which the
- decision on compliance has been delegated by the federal government to a state agency other
- than the Council. 469.503(3). [Amendment #1 (SFWF); Amendment #1]
- 6 4. Both the State and the certificate holder shall abide by local ordinances, state law and the
- rules of the Council in effect on the date this site certificate is executed. ORS 469.401(2). In
- 8 addition, upon a clear showing of a significant threat to public health, safety or the
- 9 environment that requires application of later-adopted laws or rules, the Council may require
- 10 compliance with such later-adopted laws or rules. ORS 469.401(2).
- 5. For a permit, license or other approval addressed in and governed by this site certificate, the
- certificate holder shall comply with applicable state and federal laws adopted in the future to
- the extent that such compliance is required under the respective state agency statutes and
- rules. ORS 469.401(2).
- 6. Subject to the conditions herein, this site certificate binds the State and all counties, cities and
- political subdivisions in Oregon as to the approval of the site and the construction, operation
- and retirement of the facility as to matters that are addressed in and governed by this site
- 18 certificate. ORS 469.401(3).
- 7. Each affected state agency, county, city and political subdivision in Oregon with authority to
- 20 issue a permit, license or other approval addressed in or governed by this site certificate shall,
- upon submission of the proper application and payment of the proper fees, but without
- hearings or other proceedings, issue such permit, license or other approval subject only to
- conditions set forth in this site certificate. ORS 469.401(3).
- 8. After issuance of this site certificate, each state agency or local government agency that
- issues a permit, license or other approval for the facility shall continue to exercise
- enforcement authority over such permit, license or other approval. ORS 469.401(3).
- 9. After issuance of this site certificate, the Council shall have continuing authority over the site
- and may inspect, or direct the Oregon Department of Energy (Department) to inspect, or
- request another state agency or local government to inspect, the site at any time in order to
- ensure that the facility is being operated consistently with the terms and conditions of this
- site certificate. ORS 469.430.

III. DESCRIPTION

1. The Facility

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(a) The Energy Facility

The energy facility is an electric power generating facility with an average electric generating capacity of up to 97 megawatts and a peak generating capacity of not more than 290 megawatts that produces power from wind energy. The facility consists of not more than 116 wind turbines. The energy facility is described further in the *Final Order on Amendment #1 for the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm* and in the *Final Order on Amendment #1*. [Amendment #1 (SFWF); Amendment #1] Request for Amendment #2 approves O&M demonstration activities for two specific wind turbines (T368 and T370). The demonstration activities include replacing the wind turbine blades and modifying the nacelles. [Amendment #2]

(b) Related or Supporting Facilities

The facility includes the following related or supporting facilities described below and in greater detail in the *Final Order on Amendment #1 for the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm* and in the *Final Order on Amendment #1*:

- Power Collection System
- Collector Substation
- Meteorological towers
- Field workshop
- Control system
- Access roads

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- Additional construction areas
- 11 [Amendment #1 (SFWF); Amendment #1]

Power Collection System

A power collection system operating at 34.5 kilovolts (kV) transports power from each turbine to a collector substation. To the extent practicable, the collection system is installed underground at a depth of at least three feet. Segments of the collector system are aboveground. Aboveground segments are installed on single-pole, cross-arm structures. [Amendment #1]

Collector Substations and Interconnection

The facility includes a collector substation. The facility includes a 230-kV transmission line between the substation and the interconnection site. The interconnection site is located at the Bonneville Power Administration Slatt Switching Station. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]

Meteorological Towers

The facility includes two permanent meteorological (met) towers. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]

Field Workshop

The facility includes a field workshop. Including fenced areas, the field workshop occupies about 1.6 acres. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]

Control System

A fiber optic communications network links the control panels within each wind turbine to a host computer located in the field workshop. Supervisory, Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems at the field workshop collect operating and performance data from the turbines and the facility's met towers. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]

Access Roads

The facility includes up to 33 miles of new roads that provide access to the turbine strings. The access roads connect to graveled turbine turnouts at the base of each turbine. [Amendment #1 (SFWF); Amendment #1]

Temporary Construction Areas

During construction, the facility includes temporary laydown areas used to stage construction and store supplies and equipment. The facility includes construction crane paths to move construction cranes between turbine strings.

2. Location of the Facility

The facility is located in Morrow County and Gilliam County south of Interstate Highway 84 and east of Arlington, Oregon, between State Highways 19 and 74. The facility is located entirely on private land subject to long-term wind energy leases. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]

IV. CONDITIONS REQUIRED BY COUNCIL RULES

This section lists conditions required by OAR 345-027-0020 (Mandatory Conditions in Site Certificates), OAR 345-027-0023 (Site Specific Conditions), OAR 345-027-0028 (Monitoring Conditions) and OAR Chapter 345, Division 26 (Construction and Operation Rules for Facilities). These conditions should be read together with the specific facility conditions listed in Section V to ensure compliance with the siting standards of OAR Chapter 345, Divisions 22 and 24, and to protect the public health and safety. In these conditions, the definitions in OAR 345-001-0010 apply.

The obligation of the certificate holder to report information to the Department or the Council under the conditions listed in this section and in Section V is subject to the provisions of ORS 192.502 *et seq.* and ORS 469.560. To the extent permitted by law, the Department and the Council will not publicly disclose information that may be exempt from public disclosure if the certificate holder has clearly labeled such information and stated the basis for the exemption at the time of submitting the information to the Department or the Council. If the Council or the Department receives a request for the disclosure of the information, the Council or the Department, as appropriate, will make a reasonable attempt to notify the certificate holder and will refer the matter to the Attorney General for a determination of whether the exemption is applicable, pursuant to ORS 192.450.

In addition to these conditions, the site certificate holder is subject to all conditions and requirements contained in the rules of the Council and in local ordinances and state law in effect on the date the certificate is executed. Under ORS 469.401(2), upon a clear showing of a significant threat to the public health, safety or the environment that requires application of lateradopted laws or rules, the Council may require compliance with such later-adopted laws or rules.

The Council recognizes that many specific tasks related to the design, construction, operation and retirement of the facility will be undertaken by the certificate holder's agents or contractors. Nevertheless, the certificate holder is responsible for ensuring compliance with all provisions of the site certificate.

- 30 <u>1</u> OAR 345-025-0006 (1): The Council shall not change the conditions of the site certificate except as provided for in OAR Chapter 345, Division 27.
 - OAR 345-025-0006 (2): The certificate holder shall submit a legal description of the site to the Department of Energy within 90 days after beginning operation of the facility. The legal description required by this rule means a description of metes and bounds or a description of the site by reference to a map and geographic data that clearly and specifically identifies the outer boundaries that contain all parts of the facility.
- 37 <u>3</u> OAR 345-025-0006(3): The certificate holder shall design, construct, operate and retire the facility:
 - (a) Substantially as described in the site certificate;

1 (b) In compliance with the requirements of ORS Chapter 469, applicable Council rules, 2 and applicable state and local laws, rules and ordinances in effect at the time the site 3 certificate is issued; and

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- (c) In compliance with all applicable permit requirements of other state agencies.
- 5 <u>4</u> OAR 345-025-0006(4): The certificate holder shall begin and complete construction of the facility by the dates specified in the site certificate. (See Conditions 24 and 25.)
 - OAR 345-025-0006(5): Except as necessary for the initial survey or as otherwise allowed for wind energy facilities, transmission lines or pipelines under this section, the certificate holder shall not begin construction, as defined in OAR 345-001-0010, or create a clearing on any part of the site until the certificate holder has construction rights on all parts of the site. For the purpose of this rule, "construction rights" means the legal right to engage in construction activities. For wind energy facilities, transmission lines or pipelines, if the certificate holder does not have construction rights on all parts of the site, the certificate holder may nevertheless begin construction, as defined in OAR 345-001-0010, or create a clearing on a part of the site if the certificate holder has construction rights on that part of the site and:
 - (a) The certificate holder would construct and operate part of the facility on that part of the site even if a change in the planned route of the transmission line or pipeline occurs during the certificate holder's negotiations to acquire construction rights on another part of the site; or
 - (b) The certificate holder would construct and operate part of a wind energy facility on that part of the site even if other parts of the facility were modified by amendment of the site certificate or were not built.
- OAR 345-025-0006(6): If the certificate holder becomes aware of a significant environmental change or impact attributable to the facility, the certificate holder shall, as soon as possible, submit a written report to the Department describing the impact on the facility and any affected site certificate conditions.
- OAR 345-025-0006(7): The certificate holder shall prevent the development of any conditions on the site that would preclude restoration of the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition to the extent that prevention of such site conditions is within the control of the certificate holder.
- 32 <u>8</u> <u>OAR 345-025-0006(8)</u>: Before beginning construction of the facility, the certificate holder shall submit to the State of Oregon, through the Council, a bond or letter of credit, in a form and amount satisfactory to the Council to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition. The certificate holder shall maintain a bond or letter of credit in effect at all times until the facility has been retired. The Council may specify different amounts for the bond or letter of credit during construction and during operation of the facility. (See Condition 30.)
- OAR 345-025-0006(9): The certificate holder shall retire the facility if the certificate holder permanently ceases construction or operation of the facility. The certificate holder shall retire the facility according to a final retirement plan approved by the Council, as described in OAR 345-027-0110. The certificate holder shall pay the actual cost to restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition at the time of retirement, notwithstanding the Council's approval in the site certificate of an estimated amount required to restore the site.

- 1 10 OAR 345-025-0006 (10): The Council shall include as conditions in the site certificate all representations in the site certificate application and supporting record the Council deems to be binding commitments made by the applicant.
- OAR 345-025-0006(11): Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder shall restore vegetation to the extent practicable and shall landscape all areas disturbed by construction in a manner compatible with the surroundings and proposed use. Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder shall remove all temporary structures not required for facility operation and dispose of all timber, brush, refuse and flammable or combustible material resulting from clearing of land and construction of the facility.
- OAR 345-025-0006(12): The certificate holder shall design, engineer and construct the 12 10 facility to avoid dangers to human safety and the environment presented by seismic hazards 11 affecting the site that are expected to result from all maximum probable seismic events. As 12 used in this rule "seismic hazard" includes ground shaking, ground failure, landslide, 13 liquefaction triggering and consequences (including flow failure, settlement buoyancy, and 14 lateral spreading), cyclic softening of clays and silts, fault rupture, directivity effects and 15 soil-structure interaction. For coastal sites, this also includes tsunami hazards and 16 seismically-induced coastal subsidence. 17
- 13 OAR 345-025-0006(13): The certificate holder shall notify the Department, the State
 19 Building Codes Division and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries promptly
 20 if site investigations or trenching reveal that conditions in the foundation rocks differ
 21 significantly from those described in the application for a site certificate. After the
 22 Department receives the notice, the Council may require the certificate holder to consult
 23 with the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and the Building Codes Division
 24 and to propose mitigation actions.
- DAR 345-025-0006(14): The certificate holder shall notify the Department, the State
 Building Codes Division and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries promptly
 if shear zones, artesian aquifers, deformations or clastic dikes are found at or in the vicinity
 of the site. After the Department receives notice, the Council may require the certificate
 holder to consult with the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries and the Building
 Codes Division to propose and implement corrective or mitigation actions.
- OAR 345-025-0006(15): Before any transfer of ownership of the facility or ownership of the site certificate holder, the certificate holder shall inform the Department of the proposed new owners. The requirements of OAR 345-027-0100 apply to any transfer of ownership that requires a transfer of the site certificate.
- OAR 345-025-0006(16): If the Council finds that the certificate holder has permanently 35 ceased construction or operation of the facility without retiring the facility according to a 36 final retirement plan approved by the Council, as described in OAR 345-027-0110, the 37 Council shall notify the certificate holder and request that the certificate holder submit a 38 proposed final retirement plan to the Office within a reasonable time not to exceed 90 days. 39 If the certificate holder does not submit a proposed final retirement plan by the specified 40 date, the Council may direct the Department to prepare a proposed final retirement plan for 41 the Council's approval. Upon the Council's approval of the final retirement plan, the 42 Council may draw on the bond or letter of credit described in OAR 345-027-0020(8) to 43 44 restore the site to a useful, non-hazardous condition according to the final retirement plan,

- in addition to any penalties the Council may impose under OAR Chapter 345, Division 29.
- 2 If the amount of the bond or letter of credit is insufficient to pay the actual cost of
- retirement, the certificate holder shall pay any additional cost necessary to restore the site to
- a useful, non-hazardous condition. After completion of site restoration, the Council shall
- issue an order to terminate the site certificate if the Council finds that the facility has been retired according to the approved final retirement plan.
 - <u>OAR 345-025-0010(4)</u>: If the facility includes any transmission line under Council jurisdiction:

- (a) The certificate holder shall design, construct and operate the transmission line in accordance with the requirements of the National Electrical Safety Code (American National Standards Institute, Section C2, 1997 Edition); and
- (b) The certificate holder shall develop and implement a program that provides reasonable assurance that all fences, gates, cattle guards, trailers, or other objects or structures of a permanent nature that could become inadvertently charged with electricity are grounded or bonded throughout the life of the line.
- OAR 345-025-0010(5): If the proposed energy facility is a pipeline or a transmission line or has, as a related or supporting facility, a pipeline or transmission line, the Council shall specify an approved corridor in the site certificate and shall allow the certificate holder to construct the pipeline or transmission line anywhere within the corridor, subject to the conditions of the site certificate. If the applicant has analyzed more than one corridor in its application for a site certificate, the Council may, subject to the Council's standards, approve more than one corridor.
- OAR 345-025-0016: In the site certificate, the Council shall include conditions that address monitoring and mitigation to ensure compliance with the standards contained in OAR Chapter 345, Division 22 and Division 24. The site certificate applicant, or for an amendment, the certificate holder, shall develop proposed monitoring and mitigation plans in consultation with the Department and, as appropriate, other state agencies, local governments and tribes. Monitoring and mitigation plans are subject to Council approval. The Council shall incorporate approved monitoring and mitigation plans in applicable site certificate conditions.
 - OAR 345-026-0048: Following receipt of the site certificate or an amended site certificate, the certificate holder shall implement a plan that verifies compliance with all site certificate terms and conditions and applicable statutes and rules. As a part of the compliance plan, to verify compliance with the requirement to begin construction by the date specified in the site certificate, the certificate holder shall report promptly to the Department of Energy when construction begins. Construction is defined in OAR 345-001-0010. In reporting the beginning of construction, the certificate holder shall describe all work on the site performed before beginning construction, including work performed before the Council issued the site certificate, and shall state the cost of that work. For the purpose of this exhibit, "work on the site" means any work within a site or corridor, other than surveying, exploration or other activities to define or characterize the site or corridor. The certificate holder shall document the compliance plan and maintain it for inspection by the Department or the Council.

- <u>OAR 345-026-0080</u>: The certificate holder shall report according to the following requirements:
 - (a) General reporting obligation for energy facilities under construction or operating:
 - (i) Within six months after beginning construction, and every six months thereafter during construction of the energy facility and related or supporting facilities, the certificate holder shall submit a semiannual construction progress report to the Department of Energy. In each construction progress report, the certificate holder shall describe any significant changes to major milestones for construction. The certificate holder shall include such information related to construction as specified in the site certificate. When the reporting date coincides, the certificate holder may include the construction progress report within the annual report described in OAR 345-026-0080.
 - (ii) By April 30 of each year after beginning construction, the certificate holder shall submit an annual report to the Department addressing the subjects listed in OAR 345-026-0080. The Council Secretary and the certificate holder may, by mutual agreement, change the reporting date.
 - (iii) To the extent that information required by OAR 345-026-0080 is contained in reports the certificate holder submits to other state, federal or local agencies, the certificate holder may submit excerpts from such other reports to satisfy this rule. The Council reserves the right to request full copies of such excerpted reports.
 - (b) In the annual report, the certificate holder shall include the following information for the calendar year preceding the date of the report:
 - (i) Facility Status: An overview of site conditions, the status of facilities under construction, and a summary of the operating experience of facilities that are in operation. In this section of the annual report, the certificate holder shall describe any unusual events, such as earthquakes, extraordinary windstorms, major accidents or the like that occurred during the year and that had a significant adverse impact on the facility.
 - (ii) Reliability and Efficiency of Power Production: For electric power plants, the plant availability and capacity factors for the reporting year. The certificate holder shall describe any equipment failures or plant breakdowns that had a significant impact on those factors and shall describe any actions taken to prevent the recurrence of such problems.

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- (iii) Status of Surety Information: Documentation demonstrating that bonds or letters of credit as described in the site certificate are in full force and effect and will remain in full force and effect for the term of the next reporting period.
- (iv) Monitoring Report: A list and description of all significant monitoring and mitigation activities performed during the previous year in accordance with site certificate terms and conditions, a summary of the results of those activities and a discussion of any significant changes to any monitoring or mitigation program, including the reason for any such changes.
- (v) Compliance Report: A description of all instances of noncompliance with a site certificate condition. For ease of review, the certificate holder shall, in this section of the report, use numbered subparagraphs corresponding to the applicable sections of the site certificate.
- (vi) Facility Modification Report: A summary of changes to the facility that the certificate holder has determined do not require a site certificate amendment in accordance with OAR 345-027-0050.

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- 22 OAR 345-026-0105: The certificate holder and the Department of Energy shall exchange copies of all correspondence or summaries of correspondence related to compliance with statutes, rules and local ordinances on which the Council determined compliance, except for material withheld from public disclosure under state or federal law or under Council rules.
 The certificate holder may submit abstracts of reports in place of full reports; however, the certificate holder shall provide full copies of abstracted reports and any summarized correspondence at the request of the Department.
- 9 <u>23</u> OAR 345-026-0170: The certificate holder shall notify the Department of Energy within 72 hours of any occurrence involving the facility if:
 - (a) There is an attempt by anyone to interfere with its safe operation;
 - (b) A natural event such as an earthquake, flood, tsunami or tornado, or a human-caused event such as a fire or explosion affects or threatens to affect the public health and safety or the environment; or
 - (c) There is any fatal injury at the facility.

V. SPECIFIC FACILITY CONDITIONS

The conditions listed in this section include conditions based on representations in the site certificate application and supporting record. These conditions are required under OAR 345-027-0020(10). The certificate holder must comply with these conditions in addition to the conditions listed in Section VI. This section includes other specific facility conditions the Council finds necessary to ensure compliance with the siting standards of OAR Chapter 345, Divisions 22 and 24, and to protect the public health and safety. For conditions that require subsequent review and approval of a future action, ORS 469.402 authorizes the Council to delegate the future review and approval to the Department if, in the Council's discretion, the delegation is warranted under the circumstances of the case.

1. Certificate Administration Conditions

- The certificate holder shall begin construction of the facility by July 25, 2011. The Council may grant an extension of the deadline to begin construction in accordance with OAR 345-027-0030 or any successor rule in effect at the time the request for extension is submitted.

 [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]
- The certificate holder shall complete construction of the facility by July 25, 2014. 29 Construction is complete when: 1) the facility is substantially complete as defined by the 30 certificate holder's construction contract documents, 2) acceptance testing has been 31 satisfactorily completed and 3) the energy facility is ready to begin continuous operation 32 consistent with the site certificate. The certificate holder shall promptly notify the 33 Department of the date of completion of construction. The Council may grant an extension 34 of the deadline for completing construction in accordance with OAR 345-027-0030 or any 35 successor rule in effect at the time the request for extension is submitted. [Amendment #1 36 (SFWF)] 37
 - 26 The certificate holder shall construct a facility substantially as described in the site certificate and may select turbines of any type, subject to the following restrictions and compliance with all other site certificate conditions. Before beginning construction, the

- certificate holder shall provide to the Department a description of the turbine types selected for the facility demonstrating compliance with this condition.
 - (a) The total number of turbines at the facility must not exceed 116 turbines.
- (b) The combined peak generating capacity of the facility must not exceed 290 megawatts.
- (c) The turbine hub height must not exceed 105 meters and the maximum blade tip height must not exceed 150 meters.
- (d) The minimum blade tip clearance must be 25 meters above ground, with the exception of turbine number 368 and 370 for which the minimum blade tip clearance must be 21.5 meters above the ground.
- (e) The maximum volume of concrete above three feet below grade in the turbine foundations must not exceed 66 cubic yards.
- (f) The maximum combined weight of metals in the tower (including ladders and platforms) and nacelle must not exceed 393 U.S. tons per turbine.
- (g) The certificate holder shall request an amendment of the site certificate to increase the combined peak generating capacity of the facility beyond 290 megawatts, to increase the number of wind turbines to more than 116 wind turbines or to install wind turbines with a hub height greater than 105 meters, a blade tip height greater than 150 meters or a blade tip clearance less than 25 meters above ground.
- [Amendment #1 (SFWF); Amendment #1, Amendment #2]

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- The certificate holder shall obtain all necessary federal, state and local permits or approvals required for construction, operation and retirement of the facility or ensure that its contractors obtain the necessary federal, state and local permits or approvals.
- Before beginning construction, the certificate holder shall notify the Department in advance of any work on the site that does not meet the definition of "construction" in ORS 469.300, excluding surveying, exploration or other activities to define or characterize the site, and shall provide to the Department a description of the work and evidence that its value is less than \$250,000.
- Before beginning construction and after considering all micrositing factors, the certificate 29 holder shall provide to the Department, to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife 30 (ODFW) and to the Planning Directors of Morrow County and Gilliam County detailed 31 maps of the facility site, showing the final locations where the certificate holder proposes to 32 build facility components, and a table showing the acres of temporary and permanent 33 habitat impact by habitat category and subtype, similar to Table 9 in the Final Order on 34 Amendment #1 for the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm. The detailed maps of the facility site 35 shall indicate the habitat categories of all areas that would be affected during construction 36 (similar to the maps labeled "ODFW-2" in the site certificate application for the Shepherds 37 Flat Wind Farm). In classifying the affected habitat into habitat categories, the certificate 38 holder shall consult with the ODFW. The certificate holder shall not begin ground 39 disturbance in an affected area until the habitat assessment has been approved by the 40 Department. The Department may employ a qualified contractor to confirm the habitat 41 assessment by on-site inspection. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)] 42
 - <u>30</u> Before beginning construction, the certificate holder shall submit to the State of Oregon through the Council a bond or letter of credit in the amount described herein naming the

- State of Oregon, acting by and through the Council, as beneficiary or payee. The initial bond or letter of credit amount is either \$9.076 million (1st Quarter 2010 dollars), to be adjusted to the date of issuance as described in (b), or the amount determined as described in (a). The certificate holder shall adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit on an annual basis thereafter as described in (b).
- (a) The certificate holder may adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit based on the final design configuration of the facility and turbine types selected by applying the unit costs and general costs illustrated in Table 2 in the Final Order on the Amendment #1 for the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm and calculating the financial assurance amount as described in that order, adjusted to the date of issuance as described in (b) and subject to approval by the Department.
- (b) The certificate holder shall adjust the amount of the bond or letter of credit, using the following calculation and subject to approval by the Department:
- (i) Adjust the Subtotal component of the bond or letter of credit amount (expressed in 3rd Quarter 2009 dollars) to present value, using the U.S. Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator, Chain-Weight, as published in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' "Oregon Economic and Revenue Forecast" or by any successor agency (the "Index") and using the index value for 3rd Quarter 2009 dollars and the quarterly index value for the date of issuance of the new bond or letter of credit. If at any time the Index is no longer published, the Council shall select a comparable calculation to adjust 3rd Quarter 2009 dollars to present value.
- (ii) Add 1 percent of the adjusted Subtotal (i) for the adjusted performance bond amount to determine the adjusted Gross Cost.
- (iii) Add 10 percent of the adjusted Gross Cost (ii) for the adjusted administration and project management costs and 10 percent of the adjusted Gross Cost (ii) for the adjusted future developments contingency.
- (iv) Add the adjusted Gross Cost (ii) to the sum of the percentages (iii) and round the resulting total to the nearest \$1,000 to determine the adjusted financial assurance amount.
- (c) The certificate holder shall use a form of bond or letter of credit approved by the Council.
- (d) The certificate holder shall use an issuer of the bond or letter of credit approved by the Council.
- (e) The certificate holder shall describe the status of the bond or letter of credit in the annual report submitted to the Council under Condition 21.
- (f) The bond or letter of credit shall not be subject to revocation or reduction before retirement of the facility site.

[Amendment #1 (SFWF); Amendment #1]

If the certificate holder elects to use a bond to meet the requirements of Condition 30, the certificate holder shall ensure that the surety is obligated to comply with the requirements of applicable statutes, Council rules and this site certificate when the surety exercises any legal or contractual right it may have to assume construction, operation or retirement of the energy facility. The certificate holder shall also ensure that the surety is obligated to notify the Council that it is exercising such rights and to obtain any Council approvals required by applicable statutes, Council rules and this site certificate before the surety commences any activity to complete construction, operate or retire the energy facility.

- Before beginning construction, the certificate holder shall notify the Department of the identity and qualifications of the major design, engineering and construction contractor(s) for the facility. The certificate holder shall select contractors that have substantial experience in the design, engineering and construction of similar facilities. The certificate holder shall report to the Department any change of major contractors.
- The certificate holder shall contractually require all construction contractors and subcontractors involved in the construction of the facility to comply with all applicable laws and regulations and with the terms and conditions of the site certificate. Such contractual provisions shall not operate to relieve the certificate holder of responsibility under the site certificate.
- During construction, the certificate holder shall have a full-time, on-site assistant construction manager who is qualified in environmental compliance to ensure compliance with all site certificate conditions. The certificate holder shall notify the Department of the name, telephone number and e-mail address of this person.
- Within 72 hours after discovery of conditions or circumstances that may violate the terms or conditions of the site certificate, the certificate holder shall report the conditions or circumstances to the Department.

2. Land Use Conditions

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- The certificate holder shall consult with area landowners and lessees during construction and operation of the facility and shall implement measures to reduce or avoid any adverse impacts to farm practices on surrounding lands and to avoid any increase in farming costs.
- The certificate holder shall design and construct the facility using the minimum land area necessary for safe construction and operation. The certificate holder shall locate access roads and temporary construction laydown and staging areas to minimize disturbance with farming practices and, wherever feasible, shall place turbines and transmission interconnection lines along the margins of cultivated areas to reduce the potential for conflict with farm operations.
- During construction and operation of the facility, the certificate holder shall implement a plan to control the introduction and spread of noxious weeds. The certificate shall develop the weed control plan consistent with the Gilliam County and Morrow County Weed Control Programs.
- Before beginning construction of the facility, the certificate holder shall record in the real property records of Gilliam County a Covenant Not to Sue with regard to generally accepted farming practices on adjacent farmland consistent with Gilliam County Zoning Ordinance 7.020(T)(4)(a)(5).
- The certificate holder shall construct all facility components in compliance with the following setback requirements:
 - (a) All facility components must be at least 3,520 feet from the property line of properties zoned residential use or designated in the Gilliam County Comprehensive Plan as residential.
 - (b) Where (a) does not apply, the certificate holder shall maintain a minimum distance of 110-percent of maximum blade tip height, measured from the centerline of the turbine

- tower to the nearest edge of any public road right-of-way. The certificate holder shall assume a minimum right-of-way width of 60 feet.
 - (c) Where (a) does not apply, the certificate holder shall maintain a minimum distance of 1,320 feet, measured from the centerline of the turbine tower to the center of the nearest residence existing at the time of tower construction.
 - (d) Where (a) does not apply, the certificate holder shall maintain a minimum distance of 110-percent of maximum blade tip height, measured from the centerline of the turbine tower to the nearest boundary of the certificate holder's lease area, except as provided in (e).
 - (e) The turbine tower setback distance described in (d) does not apply to the two isolated areas excluded from the certificate holder's lease with the landowner identified as "Area A" and "Area B" in the *Final Order on Amendment #1*.
- 13 [Amendment #1]

- Within 90 days after beginning operation, the certificate holder shall provide to the
 Department and to the Planning Directors of Gilliam County and Morrow County the actual
 latitude and longitude location or Stateplane NAD 83(91) coordinates of each turbine
 tower, connecting lines and transmission lines. In addition, the certificate holder shall
 provide to the Department and to the Planning Directors of Gilliam County and Morrow
 County, a summary of as-built changes in the facility compared to the original plan, if any.
- The certificate holder shall install gates on all private facility access roads in Gilliam County, in accordance with Gilliam County Zoning Ordinance Section 7.020(T)(4)(d)(6).

3. Cultural Resource Conditions

- Before beginning construction, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department a map showing the final design locations of all components of the facility and areas that would be temporarily disturbed during construction. In addition, the certificate holder shall comply with the following requirements:
 - (a) The certificate holder shall avoid disturbance within a 30-meter buffer around the prehistoric archaeological sites and historic-period archaeological sites within the facility boundary identified by AINW as "possibly eligible" for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) as described in the Final Order on the Application for the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm.
 - (b) The certificate holder shall avoid disturbance of the stacked rock features within the facility boundary identified by AINW as "possibly eligible" for listing in the NRHP as described in the Final Order on the Application for the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm and shall, to the extent practicable, maintain a 30-meter no-construction buffer around these features. If a 30-meter buffer cannot be maintained, the certificate holder shall consult with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Department to determine appropriate action to preserve or document the feature.
 - (c) The certificate holder shall label "no entry" areas around all identified historic, cultural or archaeological resource sites on construction maps and drawings, and if construction activities will occur within 200 feet of an identified site, the certificate holder shall flag a 30-meter buffer around the site.

- (d) The certificate holder shall hire qualified personnel to conduct pre-construction field investigation for historic, cultural or archaeological resources in any areas of potential construction disturbance that AINW did not previously survey.
- (e) The certificate holder shall provide written reports of the field investigation required under (d) to the Department and to the SHPO. If any historic, cultural or archaeological resources are found that the SHPO determines to be significant, the certificate holder shall consult with the Department and the SHPO to develop plan to avoid disturbance of the resources during construction and operation of the facility. The certificate holder shall instruct all construction personnel to avoid areas where the resources were found and shall implement other appropriate measures to protect the resources.

[Amendment #1 (SFWF)]

- The certificate holder shall ensure that a qualified archeologist, as defined in OAR 736-051-0070, instructs construction personnel in the identification of cultural materials and avoidance of accidental damage to identified resource sites.
 - The certificate holder shall ensure that construction personnel cease all ground-disturbing activities in the immediate area if any archaeological or cultural resources are found during construction of the facility until a qualified archeologist can evaluate the significance of the find. The certificate holder shall notify the Department and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the find. If the SHPO determines that the resource is significant, the certificate holder shall make recommendations to the Council for mitigation, including avoidance, field documentation and data recovery, in consultation with the Department, SHPO, interested tribes and other appropriate parties. The certificate holder shall not restart work in the affected area until the certificate holder has demonstrated to the Department and the SHPO that it has complied with archaeological resource protection regulations.
 - In reference to the presumed alignments of the Oregon Trail described in the Final Order on the Application, the certificate holder shall comply with the following requirements:
 - (a) The certificate holder shall not locate facility components on visible remnants of the Oregon Trail and shall avoid any construction disturbance to those remnants.
 - (b) The certificate holder shall not locate facility components on undeveloped land where the trail alignment was marked by existing Oregon-California Trail Association markers as described in the October 2007 Archaeological Investigations Northwest, Inc. report (No. 2012) on the Oregon Trail.
 - (c) Before beginning construction, the certificate holder shall provide to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and to the Department photographic documentation of the presumed Oregon Trail alignments within the site boundary.
 - (d) The certificate holder shall ensure that construction personnel proceed carefully in the vicinity of the presumed alignments of the Oregon Trail. If any intact physical evidence of the trail is discovered, the certificate holder shall avoid any disturbance to the intact segments, by redesign, re-engineering or restricting the area of construction activity. The certificate holder shall promptly notify the SHPO and the Department of the discovery. The certificate holder shall consult with the SHPO and the Department to determine appropriate mitigation measures.

4. Geotechnical Conditions

- Before beginning construction, the certificate holder shall conduct a site-specific geotechnical investigation and shall report its findings to the Oregon Department of Geology & Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) and the Department. The certificate holder shall conduct the geotechnical investigation after consultation with DOGAMI and in general accordance with DOGAMI open file report 00-04 "Guidelines for Engineering Geologic Reports and Site-Specific Seismic Hazard Reports."
- The certificate holder shall design and construct the facility in accordance with requirements set forth by the State of Oregon's Building Code Division and any other applicable codes and design procedures. The certificate holder shall design facility structures to meet or exceed the minimum standards required by the 2003 International Building Code.
- The certificate holder shall design, engineer and construct the facility to avoid dangers to human safety presented by non-seismic hazards. As used in this condition, "non-seismic hazards" include settlement, landslides, flooding and erosion.

5. Hazardous Materials, Fire Protection & Public Safety Conditions

- The certificate holder shall handle hazardous materials used on the site in a manner that protects public health, safety and the environment and shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal environmental laws and regulations. The certificate holder shall not store diesel fuel or gasoline on the facility site.
- If a spill or release of hazardous material occurs during construction or operation of the facility, the certificate holder shall notify the Department within 72 hours and shall clean up the spill or release and dispose of any contaminated soil or other materials according to applicable regulations. The certificate holder shall make sure that spill kits containing items such as absorbent pads are located on equipment and at the field workshop. The certificate holder shall instruct employees about proper handling, storage and cleanup of hazardous materials. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]
- During construction, the certificate holder shall ensure that construction personnel are trained in fire prevention and response, that construction vehicles and equipment are operated on graveled areas to the extent possible and that open flames, such as cutting torches, are kept away from dry grass areas.
- During operation, the certificate holder shall ensure that all on-site employees receive
 annual fire prevention and response training, including tower rescue training, by qualified
 instructors or members of the local fire districts. The certificate holder shall ensure that all
 employees are instructed to keep vehicles on roads and off dry grassland, except when offroad operation is required for emergency purposes. The certificate holder shall encourage
 employees to become volunteer members of local fire departments and shall facilitate
 appropriate training.
- During construction and operation of the facility, the certificate holder shall ensure that the field workshop and all service vehicles are equipped with shovels and portable fire extinguishers of a 4A5OBC or equivalent rating. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]

- During construction and operation of the facility, the certificate holder shall develop and 1 implement fire safety plans in consultation with the local fire protection agencies (the North 2 Gilliam County Rural Fire Protection District and the Ione Rural Fire Protection District) to 3 minimize the risk of fire and to respond appropriately to any fires that occur on the facility 4 site. In developing the fire safety plans, the certificate holder shall take into account the dry 5 nature of the region and shall address risks on a seasonal basis. The certificate holder shall 6 meet annually with local fire protection agency personnel to discuss emergency planning 7 and shall invite local fire protection agency personnel to observe any emergency drill or 8 tower rescue training conducted at the facility. 9
- Upon the beginning of operation of the facility, the certificate holder shall provide a site 10 56 plan to the local fire protection agencies (the North Gilliam County Rural Fire Protection 11 District and the Ione Rural Fire Protection District). The certificate holder shall indicate on 12 the site plan the identification number assigned to each turbine and the location of all 13 facility structures and shall provide an updated site plan if additional turbines or other 14 structures are later added to the facility. During operation, the certificate holder shall ensure 15 that appropriate fire protection agency personnel have an up-to-date list of the names and 16 telephone numbers of facility personnel available to respond on a 24-hour basis in case of 17 an emergency on the facility site. 18
- Before beginning construction, the certificate holder shall submit a Notice of Proposed
 Construction or Alteration to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Oregon
 Department of Aviation identifying the proposed final locations of turbine towers and
 meteorological towers. The certificate holder shall promptly notify the Department of the
 responses from the FAA and the Oregon Department of Aviation. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]
- The certificate holder shall construct turbines on concrete foundations and shall surround the base of each tower with a ten-foot pad area of washed crushed rock on all sides. The certificate holder shall cover turbine pad areas with non-erosive, non-flammable material as soon as possible following exposure during construction and shall maintain the pad area covering during operation of the facility.
- The certificate holder shall follow manufacturers' recommended handling instructions and procedures to prevent damage to turbine or turbine tower components that could lead to failure.
- The certificate holder shall install and maintain self-monitoring devices on each turbine, connected to a fault annunciation panel or supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system at the field workshop to alert operators to potentially dangerous conditions. The certificate holder shall maintain automatic equipment protection features in each turbine that would shut down the turbine and reduce the chance of a mechanical problem causing a fire. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]
- The certificate holder shall construct turbine towers with no exterior ladders or access to the turbine blades and shall install locked tower access doors. The certificate holder shall keep tower access doors locked at all times except when authorized personnel are present.
- The certificate holder shall have an operational safety-monitoring program and shall inspect all turbine and turbine tower components on a regular basis. The certificate holder shall

- maintain or repair turbine and turbine tower components as necessary to protect public 1 safety. 2
- For turbine types having pad-mounted step-up transformers, the certificate holder shall 3 install the transformers at the base of each tower in locked cabinets designed to protect the 4 public from electrical hazards and to avoid creation of artificial habitat for raptor prey. 5
- To protect the public from electrical hazards, the certificate holder shall enclose the facility 6 substation with appropriate fencing and locked gates. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)] 7
- The certificate holder shall construct access roads with a finished width of approximately 8 65 16 feet, a compacted base of native soil and a gravel surface to a depth of four to ten inches. 9 [Amendment #1 (SFWF); Amendment #1] 10
- During construction, the certificate holder shall implement measures to reduce traffic 66 11 impacts, including: 12

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- (a) Providing notice to the City of Arlington Road Department, the Gilliam County Road Department and the Gilliam County Sheriff's Office in advance of deliveries that could cause traffic disruption in Arlington.
- (b) Providing notice to the residents of Arlington in advance of deliveries that could cause traffic disruption.
- (c) Requiring flaggers to be at appropriate locations at appropriate times during construction to direct traffic.
- The certificate holder shall cooperate with the Gilliam County Road Department and the Morrow County Public Works Department to ensure that any unusual damage or wear to county roads that is caused by construction of the facility is repaired by the certificate holder. Upon completion of construction, the certificate holder shall restore county roads to pre-construction condition or better, to the satisfaction of the applicable county departments. If required by Morrow County or Gilliam County, the certificate holder shall post bonds to ensure funds are available to repair and maintain roads affected by the proposed facility.
- During construction, the certificate holder shall require that all on-site construction 28 contractors develop and implement a site health and safety plan that informs workers and 29 others on-site what to do in case of an emergency and that includes the locations of fire 30 extinguishers and nearby hospitals, important telephone numbers and first aid techniques. 31 The certificate holder shall ensure that construction contractors have personnel on-site who 32 are trained and equipped for tower rescue and who are first aid and CPR certified. 33
- During operation, the certificate holder shall develop and implement a site health and safety 34 plan that informs employees and others on-site what to do in case of an emergency and that 35 includes the locations of fire extinguishers and nearby hospitals, important telephone 36 numbers and first aid techniques. 37
- During construction and operation of the facility, the certificate holder shall provide for on-38 site security and shall establish good communications between on-site security personnel 39 and local law enforcement agencies (Gilliam County Sheriff and Morrow County Sheriff). 40 During operation, the certificate holder shall ensure that appropriate law enforcement 41 agency personnel have an up-to-date list of the names and telephone numbers of facility

- personnel available to respond on a 24-hour basis in case of an emergency on the facility site.
- The certificate holder shall notify the Department and the Planning Directors of Gilliam
 County and Morrow County within 72 hours of any accidents including mechanical failures
 on the site associated with construction or operation of the facility that may result in public
 health and safety concerns.

6. Water, Soils, Streams & Wetlands Conditions

- 7 The certificate holder shall not build any roads or construct transmission line support poles within Eightmile Creek or within a 10-foot buffer from the ordinary high water line of the creek.
- The certificate holder shall conduct all construction work in compliance with an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) satisfactory to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and as required under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Discharge General Permit #1200-C. The certificate holder shall include in the ESCP any procedures necessary to meet local erosion and sediment control requirements or storm water management requirements.
- During construction, the certificate holder shall limit truck traffic to designated existing and improved road surfaces to avoid soil compaction, to the extent practicable.
- During construction, the certificate holder shall implement best management practices to control any dust generated by construction activities, such as applying water to roads and disturbed soil areas.
- During construction, the certificate holder shall reduce temporary disturbance impacts by making use of previously disturbed areas, including roadways and tracks, and by preserving vegetation rootstalks by crushing, rather than scraping, vegetation in areas of temporary disturbance.
- During facility operation, the certificate holder shall routinely inspect and maintain all roads, pads and trenched areas and, as necessary, maintain or repair erosion and sediment control measures. The certificate holder shall restore areas that are temporarily disturbed during facility maintenance or repair activities to pre-disturbance condition or better.
- During facility operation, the certificate holder shall obtain water for on-site uses from a well at the field workshop, subject to compliance with applicable permit requirements. The certificate holder shall not use more than 5,000 gallons of water per day from the facility's on-site well. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]

7. Transmission Line & EMF Conditions

The certificate holder shall install the 34.5-kV collector system underground to the extent practicable. The certificate holder shall install underground lines at a minimum depth of three feet. Based on geotechnical conditions or other engineering considerations, the certificate holder may install segments of the collector system aboveground on single-pole, cross-arm structures, but the total length of aboveground double-circuit segmentsmust not exceed 9 miles and the total length of aboveground single-circuit segments must not exceed 6 miles. [Amendment #1 (SFWF); Amendment #1]

- The certificate holder shall ground appropriate sections of fencing that parallel transmission lines to reduce the risk of shock from induced voltage. In particular, the certificate holder shall ground appropriate sections of fencing located in the northern project area on the west side of Eightmile Canyon if the certificate holder builds a parallel transmission line in that location that could induce a voltage on the fence.
- The certificate holder shall take reasonable steps to reduce or manage human exposure to electromagnetic fields, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Constructing all aboveground transmission lines at least 200 feet from any residence or other occupied structure, measured from the centerline of the transmission line.
 - (b) Constructing all aboveground 34.5-kV transmission lines with a minimum clearance of 20 feet from the ground.
 - (c) Constructing all aboveground 230-kV transmission lines with a minimum clearance of 24 feet from the ground.
 - (d) Fencing the areas near the facility substation to ensure that substation equipment is not accessible to the public.
 - (e) Providing to landowners a map of underground and overhead transmission lines on their property and advising landowners of possible health risks.
 - (f) Designing and maintaining all transmission lines so that alternating current electric fields do not exceed 9 kV per meter at one meter above the ground surface in areas accessible to the public.
- 21 [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]

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In advance of, and during, preparation of detailed design drawings and specifications for 230-kV and 34.5-kV transmission lines, the certificate holder shall consult with the Utility Safety and Reliability Section of the Oregon Public Utility Commission to ensure that the designs and specifications are consistent with applicable codes and standards.

8. Plants, Wildlife & Habitat Protection Conditions

- The certificate holder shall conduct wildlife monitoring as described in the *Wildlife Monitoring and Mitigation Plan* that is incorporated in the *Final Order on Amendment #2*as Attachment D and as amended from time to time. [Amendment #1 (SFWF); Amendment #1;
 Amendment #2]
- The certificate holder shall restore areas disturbed by facility construction but not occupied by permanent facility structures, and temporarily disturbed during routine operational road work activity, according to the methods and monitoring procedures described in the Revegetation Plan that is incorporated in the Final Order on Amendment #2 for the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm as Attachment C and as amended from time to time. [Amendment #1 (SFWF); Amendment #2]
- The certificate holder shall acquire the legal right to create, enhance, maintain and protect a habitat mitigation area as long as the site certificate is in effect by means of an outright purchase, conservation easement or similar conveyance and shall provide a copy of the documentation to the Department. Within the habitat mitigation area, the certificate holder shall improve the habitat quality as described in the *Habitat Mitigation Plan* that is incorporated in the *Final Order on Amendment #1* as Attachment C and as amended from time to time. [Amendment #1 (SFWF); Amendment #1]

- The certificate holder shall avoid permanent and temporary disturbance to the areas described in (a) through (g) and, during the times indicated, shall avoid construction disturbance in the areas described in (h) through (k). The certificate holder shall flag these areas for the duration of construction activities nearby and shall ensure that construction personnel avoid disturbance of the areas. The avoidance areas are:
 - (a) All Category 1 habitat and those areas of Category 2 habitat shown on the "ODFW-2" Figures 1 through 12 in the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm Application. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]
 - (b) Areas of Category 3 shrub-steppe habitat as described in the *Final Order on Amendment #1 for the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm*, Section IV.4.(b)A, including three small areas of sage shrub-steppe habitat, one small area of purshia shrub-steppe habitat and one small area of shrub-steppe rabbitbrush habitat. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]
 - (c) All seeps, riparian areas and vernal pools.

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- (d) All water sources for wildlife, including perennial and intermittent streams, stock ponds and watering stations.
 - (e) All faces of bluffs or rock outcroppings.
 - (f) All trees or other structures that contain active raptor nests.
- (g) For the facility substation and field workshop, all Category 3 habitat. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]
- (h) The area within 1,000 feet of Category 2 Washington ground squirrel (WGS) habitat (as shown on "ODFW-2" Figure 8 in the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm Application) during the period in which the squirrels are active. To determine when the WGS are active, the certificate holder shall hire a qualified independent professional biologist to monitor the onsite colony within the Category 1 WGS habitat area described in the Final Order on the Application. The biologist shall begin monitoring the colony on January 15 if construction activity is occurring within 0.5 miles of the Category 2 WGS habitat at that time. Otherwise, the biologist shall begin monitoring upon the start of construction activity within 0.5 miles of the Category 2 WGS habitat at any time between January 15 and June 30. The biologist shall conduct weekly monitoring to detect signs of WGS activity. If signs of WGS activity are observed, the certificate holder shall halt construction activities within the avoidance area and shall notify the Department. The certificate holder shall flag the avoidance area and ensure that construction personnel avoid disturbance of the area until the biologist has determined that the WGS are no longer active. While the WGS are active, the biologist may suspend weekly monitoring until May 1. The certificate holder may resume construction activities within the avoidance area when the WGS are no longer active, as determined by the absence of WGS activity during three consecutive weeks of monitoring by the biologist. [This text had been removed by Amendment #1 (SFWF) and was restored by Amendment #1]
- (i) The area within 0.5 miles of Category 3 curlew nesting habitat and the area within 0.5 miles the BLM Horn Butte Wildlife Area during the nesting season (March 8 through June 15). Before beginning construction, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department a map showing these avoidance areas relative to areas of potential construction disturbance. The certificate holder may engage in construction activities in these areas at times other than the nesting season.
- (j) The area within 1,000 feet of any essential, limited and irreplaceable Washington ground squirrel (WGS) habitat within the new areas added to the site by Amendment #1 (excluding the areas within the site boundaries of Shepherds Flat North, Shepherds Flat Central and Shepherds Flat South as approved on September 11, 2009) during the period in

- which the squirrels are active. The certificate holder shall hire a qualified independent professional biologist to conduct pre-construction surveys for State-listed threatened, endangered or sensitive wildlife species in these new areas within 1,000 feet of any area potentially disturbed by facility construction. To determine whether WGS habitat exists and to determine whether WGS are active, the biologist shall search for WGS in suitable habitat using a two-survey protocol approved by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). The certificate holder shall submit the results of the survey to ODFW and to the Department. If signs of WGS activity are observed, the certificate holder shall flag the avoidance area and ensure that construction personnel avoid disturbance of the area until the biologist has determined that the WGS are no longer active.
- (k) Areas within a suitable buffer around confirmed populations of Laurent's milk-vetch or any other State-listed threatened or endangered plant species within the new areas added to the site by Amendment #1 (excluding the area within the site boundaries of Shepherds Flat North, Shepherds Flat Central and Shepherds Flat South as approved on September 11, 2009). The certificate holder shall not install facility components or cause temporary disturbance within these areas. The certificate holder shall hire a qualified independent professional biologist to conduct pre-construction surveys for State-listed threatened or endangered plant species in these new areas within 1,000 feet of any area potentially disturbed by facility construction. The certificate holder shall submit the results of the survey to the Department.
- [Amendment #1]

- 87 The certificate holder shall microsite the facility in conformance with the industry's best practices. The certificate holder shall follow the recommendations of a qualified wildlife biologist to avoid building turbine towers in the following locations:
 - (a) Areas of increased risk to avian species due to constricted flight paths, such as narrow ridge saddles and gaps between hilltops.
 - (b) Areas on slopes greater than 20 percent.
 - (c) [text removed by Amendment #1 (SFWF)]
 - (d) [text removed by Amendment #1 (SFWF)]
- During construction, the certificate holder shall avoid construction activities in areas around active nests of the following species during the sensitive period, as provided in this condition:

<u>Species</u>	Sensitive Period	Early Release Date	
Swainson's hawk	April 1 to August 15	May 31	
Ferruginous hawk	March 15 to August 15	May 31	
Burrowing owl	April 1 to August 15	July 15	

The certificate holder shall conduct pre-construction surveys, using a protocol approved by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to determine whether there are any active nests of these species within 0.5 miles of any areas that would be disturbed during construction. The certificate holder shall search the scheduled construction areas and all areas within 0.5 miles of the construction areas. If a nest is occupied by any of these species after the beginning of the sensitive period, the certificate holder will flag the boundaries of a 0.5-mile buffer area around the nest and shall instruct construction personnel to avoid disturbance of the area. The certificate holder shall hire a qualified independent professional biologist to observe the active nest sites during the sensitive period for signs of

- disturbance and to notify the Department of any non-compliance with this condition. If the 1 biologist observes nest site abandonment or other adverse impact to nesting activity, the 2 certificate holder shall implement appropriate mitigation, in consultation with ODFW and 3 subject to the approval of the Department, unless the adverse impact is clearly shown to 4 have a cause other than construction activity. The certificate holder may begin or resume 5 construction activities within a buffer area before the ending day of the sensitive period if 6 any known nest site is not occupied by the early release date. If a nest site is occupied, then 7 the certificate holder may begin or resume construction before the ending day of the 8 sensitive period with the approval of ODFW, after the young are fledged. The certificate 9 holder shall use a protocol approved by ODFW to determine when the young are fledged 10 (the young are independent of the core nest site). 11
- 12 <u>89</u> The certificate holder shall not remove any trees that are greater than three feet in height.
- The certificate holder shall design all aboveground transmission line support structures following the most current suggested practices for avian protection on power lines published by the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee.
- 16 <u>91</u> The certificate holder shall reduce the risk of injuries to avian species by:
 - (a) Installing turbine towers that are smooth steel structures that lack features that would allow avian perching.
 - (b) Installing meteorological towers that are non-guyed structures to eliminate the risk of avian collision with guy-wires.
 - (c) Avoiding installation of aboveground transmission lines across narrow saddles, ravines and similar features and, where such crossings cannot be avoided, installing linemarkers to make the lines more visible to avian species.
 - 92 The certificate holder shall impose and enforce construction and operation speed limits of 5 miles per hour on roads within 1,000 feet of Category 1 or Category 2 Washington ground squirrel habitat and 20 miles per hour on all other facility roads and shall ensure that all construction and operations personnel are instructed on the importance of cautious driving practices while on facility roads. [Amendment #1 (SFWF); Amendment #1]

9. Visual Effects Conditions

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- 29 93 To reduce the visual impact of the facility, the certificate holder shall:
 - (a) Mount nacelles on smooth, steel structures, painted uniformly in a matte-finish, neutral white color.
 - (b) Paint substation structures in a neutral color to blend with the surrounding landscape.
 - (c) Not allow any advertising to be used on any part of the facility.
 - (d) Use only those signs required for facility safety, required by law or otherwise required by this site certificate, except that the certificate holder may erect a sign to identify the facility near the field workshop, may paint turbine numbers on each tower and may allow unobtrusive manufacturers' logos on turbine nacelles.
 - (e) Not locate any facility signs along Highway 74.
 - (f) Design signs in accordance with Gilliam County Zoning Ordinance Section 8.030 and Morrow County Zoning Ordinance Section 4.070, as applicable.
 - (g) Maintain any signs allowed under this condition in good repair.
- 42 [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]

- 94 The certificate holder shall design and construct the field workshop to be generally consistent with the character of similar buildings used by commercial farmers or ranchers in the area and shall paint the building in a neutral color to blend with the surrounding landscape. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]
- 95 The certificate holder shall not use exterior nighttime lighting except:
 - (a) The minimum turbine tower lighting required or recommended by the Federal Aviation Administration.
 - (b) Security lighting at the field workshop and substation, provided that such lighting is shielded or downward-directed to reduce glare.
 - (c) Minimum lighting necessary for repairs or emergencies.
 - (d) Minimum lighting necessary for nighttime construction. The certificate holder may use lighting only at the work location and only directed downward to illuminate the work area at the turbine base or upward from the base to illuminate the turbine tower; construction lighting shall not be directed outward. The certificate holder shall use nighttime lighting only with the approval of the owner of the property on which the work is conducted and shall provide notice of nighttime construction to occupants of all residences within one-half mile of the construction site.
- [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]

10. Noise Control Conditions

- 96 To reduce noise impacts at nearby residences, the certificate holder shall:
 - (a) Confine the noisiest operation of heavy construction equipment to the daylight hours.
 - (b) Require contractors to install and maintain exhaust mufflers on all combustion engine-powered equipment; and
 - (c) Establish a complaint response system at the construction manager's office to address noise complaints.
- 97 Before beginning construction, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department:
 - (a) Information that identifies the final design locations of all turbines to be built at the facility.
 - (b) The maximum sound power level for the substation transformers and the maximum sound power level and octave band data for the turbines selected for the facility based on manufacturers' warranties or confirmed by other means acceptable to the Department.
 - (c) The results of noise analysis of the facility to be built according to the final design performed in a manner consistent with the requirements of OAR 340-035-0035 (1)(b)(B)(iii)(IV) and (VI) demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Department that the total noise generated by the facility (including the noise from turbines and substation transformers) would meet the ambient degradation test and maximum allowable test at the appropriate measurement point for all potentially-affected noise sensitive properties.
 - (d) For each noise-sensitive property where the certificate holder relies on a noise waiver to demonstrate compliance in accordance with OAR 340-035-0035 (1)(b)(B)(iii)(III), a copy of the a legally effective easement or real covenant pursuant to which the owner of the property authorizes the certificate holder's operation of the facility to increase ambient statistical noise levels L_{10} and L_{50} by more than 10 dBA at the appropriate measurement point. The legally-effective easement or real covenant must: include a legal description of the burdened property (the noise sensitive property); be recorded in the real property

- records of the county; expressly benefit the certificate holder; expressly run with the land and bind all future owners, lessees or holders of any interest in the burdened property; and not be subject to revocation without the certificate holder's written approval.
- During operation, the certificate holder shall maintain a complaint response system to 4 address noise complaints. The certificate holder shall promptly notify the Department of 5 any complaints received regarding facility noise and of any actions taken by the certificate 6 holder to address those complaints. In response to a complaint from the owner of a noise 7 sensitive property regarding noise levels during operation of the facility, the Council may 8 require the certificate holder to monitor and record the statistical noise levels to verify that 9 the certificate holder is operating the facility in compliance with the noise control 10 regulations. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)] 11

11. Waste Management Conditions

- The certificate holder shall provide portable toilets for on-site sewage handling during construction and shall ensure that they are pumped and cleaned regularly by a licensed contractor who is qualified to pump and clean portable toilet facilities.
- During operation, the certificate holder shall discharge sanitary wastewater generated at the field workshop to a licensed on-site septic system in compliance with county permit requirements. The certificate holder shall design the septic system for a discharge capacity of less than 2,500 gallons per day. [Amendment #1 (SFWF)]
- The certificate holder shall implement a waste management plan during construction that includes but is not limited to the following measures:
 - (a) Recycling steel and other metal scrap.
 - (b) Recycling wood waste.

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- (c) Recycling packaging wastes such as paper and cardboard.
- (d) Collecting non-recyclable waste for transport to a local landfill by a licensed waste hauler or by using facility equipment and personnel to haul the waste.
- (e) Segregating all hazardous wastes such as used oil, oily rags and oil-absorbent materials, mercury-containing lights and lead-acid and nickel-cadmium batteries for disposal by a licensed firm specializing in the proper recycling or disposal of hazardous wastes.
- (f) Discharging all concrete truck rinse water into foundation holes and completing truck wash-down off-site.
- The certificate holder shall implement a waste management plan during operation that includes but is not limited to the following measures:
 - (a) Training employees to minimize and recycle solid waste.
 - (b) Recycling paper products, metals, glass and plastics.
 - (c) Recycling used oil and hydraulic fluid.
 - (d) Collecting non-recyclable waste for transport to a local landfill by a licensed waste hauler or by using facility equipment and personnel to haul the waste.
 - (e) Segregating all hazardous, non-recyclable wastes such as used oil, oily rags and oil-absorbent materials, mercury-containing lights and lead-acid and nickel-cadmium batteries for disposal by a licensed firm specializing in the proper recycling or disposal of hazardous wastes.

- 103 Before beginning construction, the certificate holder shall determine whether any 1 construction disturbance would occur in locations not previously investigated for potential 2 jurisdictional waters as described in the Final Order on Amendment #1. The certificate 3 holder shall conduct pre-construction investigations in these new areas within 1,000 feet of 4 any area potentially disturbed by facility construction to determine whether any State-5 jurisdictional waters exist in those locations. The certificate holder shall submit a written 6 report on the pre-construction investigation to the Department of Energy and to the 7 Department of State Lands for approval before beginning construction and shall ensure that 8 construction would have no impact on any jurisdictional water identified in the report. 9 10 [Amendment #1]
 - 12. New Conditions applicable to RFA2 facility modifications
- The conditions listed in this section are specific to the facility modifications approved in the Second Amended Site Certificate.
- 14 104 After January 1 but no later than April 30 of the year after completion of the Operations and Maintenance demonstration activity for wind turbines 368 and 370, as approved in RFA2, the certificate holder shall include in its Annual Report an activity and operational status summary of the repowered wind turbines.

 [Amendment #2]
- Following completion of the O&M demonstration activity at wind turbines 368 and 370, as approved in RFA2, the certificate holder shall implement an ongoing inspection, monitoring and remediation program as follows:
 - (a) Submit to the Department a copy of an appropriate foundation inspection plan that specifies timing, frequency and methodology for evaluation of wind turbine foundation integrity, fatigue stress and other design checks, as recommended by the wind turbine manufacturer.
 - (b) Within five months of completion of the O&M demonstration activity at wind turbine 368, the certificate holder must complete a crack depth investigation or other testing such as coring to verify if the foundation cracks are surface or deep cracks. The certificate holder shall submit to the Department and DOGAMI the results of the crack depth investigation, remediation recommendations, and remediation schedule
 - (c) Wind turbine 368 shall not be operated more than five months after the O&M demonstration activity unless the remediation actions are implemented per the investigation report referenced in (b), unless, based on the findings of the investigation report referenced in (b), approval to continue to operate wind turbine 368 without remediation actions is granted from the Department in consultation with DOGAMI.

[Amendment #2]

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106 Before beginning the operation and maintenance demonstration activities at Turbines 368 and 370, the certificate holder shall submit a Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Oregon Department of Aviation identifying the new maximum blade tip height of 150 meters. The certificate holder shall

1 2 3		promptly notify the Department of the responses from the FAA and the Oregon Department of Aviation. [Amendment #2]
4	<u>107</u>	Prior to completion of the O&M demonstration activity for wind turbines 368 and 370, as
5		approved in RFA2, the certificate holder shall submit to the Department the maximum
6		sound power level and octave band for the modified wind turbines based on manufacturer'
7		warranties or confirmed by other means acceptable to the Department.
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VI. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

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To transfer this site certificate or any portion thereof or to assign or dispose of it in any other manner, directly or indirectly, the certificate holder shall comply with OAR 345-027-0400.

VII. SEVERABILITY AND CONSTRUCTION

If any provision of this agreement and certificate is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and conditions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the agreement and certificate did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

VIII. GOVERNING LAW AND FORUM

This site certificate shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oregon. Any litigation or arbitration arising out of this agreement shall be conducted in an appropriate forum in Oregon.

IX. EXECUTION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

This site certificate may be executed in counterparts and will become effective upon signature by the Chair of the Energy Facility Siting Council and the authorized representative of the certificate holder. [Amendment #1 (SFWF); Amendment #1; Amendment #2]

12 **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this site certificate has been executed by the State of Oregon, acting by and through its Energy Facility Siting Council, and by South Hurlburt Wind, LLC.

ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

Barry Beyeler, Chair

Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council

Date: 10/25/2019

SOUTH HURLBURT WIND, LLC

By: Caithness Shepherds Flat, LLC

its Manager

By: Caithness NorthWestern Wind, LLC

its Managing Member

Print: Vandana Gupta, Vice President

Date: 10/25/19