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To: Energy Facility Siting Council

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Subject: Agenda Item J (Action Item): Lone Pine to Whetstone Transmission Line Project, Special Advisory Group (SAG) Appointments for the March 24, 2023 EFSC Meeting

Attachments: Attachment 1: Jackson County Board of Commissioners SAG Order
Attachment 2: City of Medford City Council SAG Order

BACKGROUND

The Oregon Department of Energy (Department) received a Notice of Intent (NOI) for an Application for Site Certificate (ASC) for the Long Pine to Whetstone Transmission Line on March 9, 2023. The applicant is PacifiCorp, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy.

The Lone Pine to Whetstone Transmission Line is a 230 kilovolt (kV) single-circuit alternating current (AC) transmission line that will extend 10-12 miles between the communities of Lone Pine and Whetstone in Jackson County, near the City of Medford. The proposed transmission line includes two potential configurations/alternative routes. The transmission line will be constructed using H-frame wood pole structures, ranging in height from 75-105 feet in height with an approximately 600-foot span between poles and a right-of-way not to exceed 125 feet.

SPECIAL ADVISORY GROUP APPOINTMENT

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 469.480(1) requires the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) to designate as a Special Advisory Group (SAG) the governing body of any local government within whose jurisdiction a facility is proposed to be located. Based on the proposed facility location and governing bodies within Jackson County and the City of Medford, the Council is required to designate the Jackson County Board of Commissioners and the City of Medford City Council as the SAGs for Council proceedings associated with the proposed facility. As a SAG, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, or the Jackson County Planning Department, if designated to comment on their behalf, is tasked with identifying applicable substantive criteria from its acknowledged comprehensive land use plan and land use ordinance with which the applicant and proposed facility must comply. As a SAG, the City of Medford City Council, or the City of Medford Planning Department, if designated to comment

on their behalf, is tasked with identifying applicable city code or ordinances with which the applicant and facility must comply.

RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with ORS 469.480(1) and based on the proposed facility location, the Department recommends Council appoint the Jackson County Board of Commissioners and City of Medford City Council as the SAGs for EFSC proceedings related to the NOI, ASC and future site certificate amendments, as applicable, for the proposed Lone Pine to Whetstone Transmission Line Project.

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