To: Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council

From: Maxwell Woods, Senior Policy Advisor

Date: October 4, 2017

Re: Agenda Item E – Appointment of Special Advisory Group for the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project (Action Item) – For October 19, 2017 EFSC Meeting.

On September 11, 2017, the Oregon Department of Energy received a Notice of Intent to submit an application for site certificate for the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project from Nolin Hills Wind, LLC (a subsidiary of Capital Power Corporation), a wind power facility with nominal generating capacity of approximately 350 megawatts. The precise number, size, and actual layout of the proposed wind turbines has not yet been determined. The proposed facility would be located on approximately 44,900 acres of private land in Umatilla County, south of I-84, approximately 4 miles south of Echo and 10 miles west of Pendleton. The proposed energy facility would also include related and supporting facilities, including an approximately 18-mile, 230-kilovolt transmission line; 34.5-kV electrical collector lines; one or more on-site collector substations; an operations and maintenance building; meteorological (met) towers; access roads; and additional construction areas such as temporary staging areas.

ORS 469.480(1) requires the Energy Facility Siting Council to designate as a special advisory group the governing body of any local government within whose jurisdiction a facility is proposed to be located. The proposed facility would be located entirely within Umatilla County. The governing body of Umatilla County is the Umatilla County Board of County Commissioners. The Department recommends that the Council designate the Umatilla County Board of County Commissioners as the special advisory group for the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project.
BEFORE THE
ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  )  ORDER APPOINTING UMATILLA COUNTY
FOR SITE CERTIFICATE FOR THE  )  BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS
NOLIN HILLS WIND POWER PROJECT  )  SPECIAL ADVISORY GROUP

The Oregon Department of Energy received the Notice of Intent to submit an application for site certificate for the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project from Nolin Hills Wind, LLC (a subsidiary of Capital Power Corporation) on September 11, 2017. The proposed project location is in Umatilla County.

ORS 469.480(1) requires the Energy Facility Siting Council to designate as a special advisory group the governing body of any local government within whose jurisdiction a facility is proposed to be located. The governing body of Umatilla County is the Umatilla County Board of County Commissioners.

Therefore, it is ordered that the Umatilla County Board of County Commissioners is appointed as the special advisory group to advise the Energy Facility Siting Council in any site certificate proceedings for the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project.

Barry Beyeler, CHAIR
OREGON ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

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