To: Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council  
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On December 21, 1982, the Energy Facility Siting Council issued a site certificate to PacifiCorp for the Eugene to Medford Transmission Line. The facility includes 137-miles of 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line extending from PacifiCorp’s Meridian Substation in Medford to PacifiCorp’s Spencer switching station south of Eugene. PacifiCorp has informed ODOE that it intends to submit an application to amend its site certificate to include a new substation and an approximately 18-mile 230 kV transmission line, which will also include a double-circuit with an existing 115 kV transmission line. The transmission line would extend between an existing substation near Grants Pass and the new proposed substation in Jackson County. Other related and supporting facility components are also expected in the amendment request. This would constitute the fourth amendment to the Eugene to Medford Transmission Line Site Certificate, and PacifiCorp refers to the project components collectively as the “Sams Valley Reinforcement Project.”

ORS 469.480(1) requires the Energy Facility Siting Council (Council) to designate as a special advisory group the governing body of any local government within whose jurisdiction a facility, or proposed facility modification, is proposed to be located. The existing Eugene to Medford Transmission Line is located within Lane, Douglas and Jackson counties. The facility modifications to be included in Request for Amendment 4 would be located within Jackson and Josephine counties, as well as the City of Rogue River. The governing bodies of these local jurisdictions include: Jackson County Board of Commissioners, Josephine County Board of Commissioners, and City of Rogue River City Council. At the time of the original site certificate application, the Council appointed the Jackson County Board of Commissioners as a special advisory group.

The Department recommends that Council appoint the Josephine County Board of Commissioners and City of Rogue River City Council, and re-affirm the original appointment of Josephine County Board of Commissioners as the special advisory groups for the fourth amendment request to the Eugene to Medford Transmission Line site certificate.
BEFORE THE
ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR SITE CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT FOR THE EUGENE TO MEDFORD TRANSMISSION LINE

ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL ADVISORY GROUPS

PacifiCorp received a site certificate for Eugene to Medford Transmission Line on December 21, 1982 from the Energy Facility Siting Council. The facility is located within Lane, Douglas, and Jackson counties. PacifiCorp will be requesting a site certificate amendment for facility modifications that are proposed to be located within Jackson and Josephine counties, as well as City of Rogue River. These modifications include a new substation and an approximately 18-mile 230 kV transmission line, which will also include a double-circuit with an existing 115 kV transmission line. Other related and supporting facility components are also included. The project is referred to by PacifiCorp as the “Sams Valley Reinforcement Project.”

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 proposed facility, or proposed facility modification, is located. The Jackson County Board of Commissioners is the governing body of Jackson County, the Josephine County Board of Commissioners is the governing body of Josephine County, and the City Council of Rogue River is the governing body of the City of Rogue River. At the time of the original site certificate application, Council appointed the Jackson County Board of Commissioners as a special advisory group.

Therefore, it is ordered that the Josephine County Board of Commissioners and City of Rogue River City Council are appointed as the special advisory groups, and it is reaffirmed that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners is a special advisory group, to advise the Energy Facility Siting Council in any site certificate proceedings for the fourth amendment to the Eugene to Medford Transmission Line site certificate.

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