To: Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council

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On November 13, 2017, the Department issued a Draft Proposed Order (DPO) for the proposed Boardman Solar Energy Facility. The DPO provides staff’s analysis of the application and preliminary recommendations regarding the proposed facility’s compliance with each of the applicable Council standards as well as all other Oregon statutes and rules identified as applicable to the facility in the Project Order. The Department recommends that the Council approve the Boardman Solar Energy Facility Application for Site Certificate and issue a Site Certificate, subject to the conditions listed in the DPO.

Pursuant to OAR 345-015-0230(1), following the close of the record of the public hearing, the Council will review the DPO at its December 15, 2017 meeting. The record of the public hearing will close at the conclusion of the public hearing to be held on December 14, 2017 (in the City of Boardman), unless the Council decides otherwise. Prior to the Council’s December 15th meeting, the Department will provide to the Council copies of written comments received on the record of the public hearing. At the Council’s December 15th meeting, the Department will present to the Council a summary of oral testimony and written comments received on the record of the public hearing.

Following the Council’s review of the DPO, the Department will issue a Proposed Order in accordance with ORS 469.370(4), taking into consideration the comments of the Council, agency consultation, and any comments submitted on the record of the public hearing. In conjunction with the issuance of the Proposed Order, the Department will also issue a notice of contested case. As the independent hearing officer appointed by Council for the Boardman Solar Energy Facility, Alison Webster, J.D. will conduct a contested case proceeding on the application for site certificate pursuant to ORS 469.370(5).