To: Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council

From: Maxwell Woods, Senior Policy Advisor

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In January, the Oregon Department of Energy received two Notices of Intent (NOI) to submit applications for site certificates for photovoltaic solar energy facilities. Both proposed facilities would be located in Lake County. The two facilities are not affiliated or associated with each other in any way, are proposed by different companies, and are approximately 115 miles apart.

Obsidian Solar Center

The NOI for the Obsidian Solar Center was submitted to the Department on January 16, 2018. The Obsidian Solar Center, proposed by Obsidian Solar Center LLC, a subsidiary of Obsidian Renewables LLC, would be located in northern Lake County, near the communities of Christmas Valley and Fort Rock. In the NOI, the applicant states that the facility may have a nominal capacity of up to 600 MW, occupy up to 7,000 acres, and could include a battery storage component in addition to the solar PV power generation component. The precise size and actual layout of the proposed facility has not yet been determined. The applicant states in the NOI that it intends to submit a preliminary application for site certificate in July 2018. The NOI can be downloaded from the Department’s website at: http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/OSC.aspx

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 Lake County. The governing body of Lake County is the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

The Department recommends that the Council designate the Lake County Board of Commissioners as the special advisory group for the Obsidian Solar Center to advise the Energy Facility Siting Council in any site certificate proceedings for the Obsidian Solar Center.
Blue Marmot Solar Energy Facility

The NOI for the Blue Marmot Solar Energy Facility was submitted to the Department on January 19, 2018. The Blue Marmot Solar Energy Facility, proposed by Blue Marmot Solar Park LLC, a subsidiary of EDP Renewables North America LLC, would be located in southern Lake County, in and around the town of Lakeview. The proposed facility is comprised of up to five separate solar array sites and related or supporting facilities, which would all be located within the site boundary.

In the NOI, the applicant states that the facility may have a nominal capacity of up to 60 MW. The precise size and actual layout of the proposed facility has not yet been determined. The applicant states in the NOI that it intends to submit a preliminary application for site certificate in April 2018. The NOI can be downloaded from the Department’s website at: http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/BMS.aspx

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 in Lake County and in the Town of Lakeview. The governing body of Lake County is the Lake County Board of Commissioners, and the governing body of Lakeview is the Lakeview Town Council.

The Department recommends that the Council designate the Lake County Board of Commissioners and the Lakeview Town Council as the special advisory groups for the Blue Marmot Solar Energy Facility to advise the Energy Facility Siting Council in any site certificate proceedings for the Blue Marmot Solar Energy Facility.
BEFORE THE
ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) ORDER APPOINTING LAKE COUNTY
FOR SITE CERTIFICATE FOR THE ) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND
BLUE MARMOT SOLAR ENERGY ) LAKEVIEW TOWN COUNCIL AS SPECIAL
FACILITY ) ADVISORY GROUPS

The Oregon Department of Energy received the Notice of Intent to submit an application for site certificate for the Blue Marmot Solar Energy Facility from Blue Marmot Solar Park LLC, a subsidiary of EDP Renewables North America LLC, on January 19, 2018. The proposed facility would include components in both Lake County and the Town of Lakeview.

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 Lake County is the Lake County Board of Commissioners and the governing body of Lakeview is the Lakeview Town Council.

Therefore, it is ordered that the Lake County Board of Commissioners and the Lakeview Town Council are appointed as the special advisory groups to advise the Energy Facility Siting Council in any site certificate proceedings for the Blue Marmot Solar Energy Facility.

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Barry Beyeler, CHAIR
OREGON ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

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OF THE STATE OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) ORDER APPOINTING LAKE COUNTY
FOR SITE CERTIFICATE FOR THE ) BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS
OBSIDIAN SOLAR CENTER ) SPECIAL ADVISORY GROUP

The Oregon Department of Energy received the Notice of Intent to submit an application for site certificate for the Obsidian Solar Center from Obsidian Solar Center, LLC, a subsidiary of Obsidian Renewables, LLC, on January 16, 2018. The proposed facility location is in Lake 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 Lake County is the Lake County Board of Commissioners.

Therefore, it is ordered that the Lake County Board of Commissioners is appointed as the special advisory group to advise the Energy Facility Siting Council in any site certificate proceedings for the Obsidian Solar Center.

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