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FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. on April 27, 2018 by Chair Barry Beyeler.

Roll Call: Council Chair Barry Beyeler, Council Vice-Chair Hanley Jenkins, Council Members Betty Roppe, Marcy Grail and Ann Gravatt were present. Council Members Jack Billings and Direlle Calica were not available.

Oregon Department of Energy representatives present were Director Janine Benner, Assistant Director/Council Secretary Todd Cornett, Senior Policy Advisor Maxwell Woods, Senior Siting Analyst Kellen Tardaewether, Siting Analyst Chase McVeigh-Walker, Rulemaking Coordinator Jason Sierman, Operations Analyst Sean Mole, Public Affairs Specialist Cliff Voliva, and Division Assistant Esther Kooistra.

EFSC Counsel Jesse Ratcliffe, Department of Justice (DOJ) was also present.

A. Consent Calendar (Information and Action Items) – Todd Cornett, Assistant Director/Council Secretary

1) Meeting Minutes

Action: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Jenkins and seconded by Councilor Roppe that the Council approve the February 23, 2018 meeting minutes with correction of scrivener's error.
Vote: Councilor Roppe, Yes; Vice-Chair Jenkins, Yes; Chair Beyeler, Yes; Councilor Gravatt, Yes; Councilor Grail, Yes.
Motion Carried.

2) Council Secretary Report¹

a. Agenda Modification: No agenda modifications.

Staffing Updates: Todd Cornett, Council Secretary, reported that Sarah Esterson, Siting Analyst, has returned from being on leave.

All Siting Division staff (with the exception of Sarah Esterson and Sisily Fleming), Public Affairs Specialist Elizabeth Ross, Department of Justice Counsel Jesse Ratcliffe, Chair Beyeler, and Councilor Roppe attended a tour of the Klondike Wind Farm Facility yesterday [April 26, 2018]. No Council business was discussed during the site visit.

b. Project Updates:

Mr. Cornett stated that there have been three amendment determination requests submitted since the last Council meeting.

Hermiston Generating Plant – The request is to install two new electrical taps to the existing 230 kV Line. This electrical line is owned and operated by Umatilla Electric but is a related and supporting facility to the energy facility. The modification is for Umatilla Electric to extend its distribution system beyond the Energy Facility in order to provide additional retail electric service. The modification will have no impact, either directly or indirectly, on the Energy Facility itself or its operations. Staff has reviewed this request and has issued a determination that site certificate amendment is not required because this type of change is specifically exempt from an amendment under OAR 345-027-0053(5)

¹ Audio for Mr. Cornett's Council Secretary Report = 00:06:40 – April 27, 2018

and the proposed change is in substantial compliance with the terms and conditions of the site certificate.

Wheatridge Wind Project – Approved but not yet built 500 MW wind project. Amendment #2 will be submitted shortly, and is anticipated to consist of an option for a different turbine model as well as adding a battery storage system. The Amendment Determination Request is to have Amendment 2 be reviewed under the Type B path rather than the Type A path. Staff has determined that the Type B process is not justified for several reasons and that the amendment will be reviewed under the Type A process.

Stateline Wind Project – This is an approved and operating wind facility in Umatilla County. Amendment 5 will be soon submitted. The amendment is anticipated to propose replacing existing nacelles and turbine blades on some turbine towers. The certificate holder has requested to have the amendment reviewed under the Type B path rather than the Type A path. Staff is still evaluating this Amendment Determination Request.

Mr. Cornett discussed two new solar projects in Lake County:

Blue Marmot Solar – a proposed 60 MW Solar PV project that would be located in Lake County, in and around the Town of Lakeview. The Notice of Intent (NOI) was submitted earlier this year. On March 6, staff attended a County Commission meeting in Lakeview at the request of the County Commissioners. ODOE has received approximately 50 comments during the Notice of Intent phase. We have recently been notified that the applicant has requested to temporarily suspend the NOI pending submission of an amended NOI in the near future.

Obsidian Solar Center – a proposed 600 MW Solar PV project that would be located on up to 7,000 acres in Lake County, outside of Christmas Valley. This project is also in the NOI phase. On March 6, staff held a public information meeting at the Lake County High School. There were approximately 55 people in attendance. We have also had approximately 50 comments during the NOI phase.

- c. Future EFSC Meeting Dates: There will be no May meeting. The next meeting to be held June 28-29, 2018 and will likely be in Salem.
- d. Senator Olsen Workgroup: Mr. Cornett provided background that Senator Olsen established a workgroup to look for ways to make the EFSC process more efficient, effective and accountable to Oregon residents and utilities. There have been three meetings thus far; the first was on November 17, 2017 and was an overview of the EFSC process. The second was on January 16, 2018 and was related to EFSC rulemaking. The third meeting was on March 27, 2018 and included multiple items, including discussion of the definition of an energy facility; Chair Beyeler and Councilor Grail were in attendance at multiple meetings; Councilor Roppe has been on the phone. The fourth meeting will be on May 1, 2018 with a continuation on the discussion of an energy facility definition and discussion of the public guide.

B. Eugene to Medford Transmission Line Project Consultant Appointment² (Action Item) – Maxwell Woods, Senior Policy Advisor

The Department recommended that the Council appoint Golder Consulting Firm to serve as a consultant to assist with the Department's review of the request for amendment to the PacifiCorp Eugene to Medford Transmission Line Site Certificate (the "Sams Valley Reinforcement Project"). Mr. Woods provided a background to amendment 4 and identified a potential need for a consultant.

² Audio for Mr. Woods' Presentation of Agenda Item B = 00:28:47 - April 27, 2018

Mr. Woods answered Councilor Gravatt's question regarding how the department identifies consultants. He explained there is a Master Service Agreement (MSA) and under the Contract Agreement, ODOE can request for a specific bid under a particular task from approved qualified firms. The MSA is renewed every four years, until 2022, when the MSA must be put out for bid again.

Action: A motion was made by Councilor Roppe and seconded by Councilor Gravatt that the Council appoint Golder Consulting Firm as the Consultant on Record to advise the Council in the proceedings related to the review of the Application for Site Certificate for the Eugene to Medford Transmission Line Project.

Vote: Councilor Roppe, Yes; Vice-Chair Jenkins, Yes; Chair Beyeler, Yes; Councilor Gravatt, Yes; Councilor Grail, Abstain.

Motion Carried.

C. [9:00 a.m.] Golden Hills Wind Project, Informational Hearing on Transfer Request (Information Item)³ – Chase McVeigh-Walker, Siting Analyst

The Council held an informational hearing regarding the transfer of ownership of the Golden Hills Wind Project site certificate from Orion Renewable Energy Group to Pacific Wind Development LLC, a subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables. The facility has not been constructed. The Council accepted public comments during the hearing only regarding the transfer request. The agenda item began at 9:08 a.m.

Mr. McVeigh-Walker provided a background and summary of prior amendment requests, stating Golden Hills Wind LLC submitted their fourth amendment request in October 2017. The amendment requests transferring ownership of the Golden Hills Wind Project Site Certificate holder from the current company, Orion Renewable Energy Group, LLC to Pacific Wind Development, LLC, a new parent company and wholly-owned subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables, LLC. and extending the construction commencement deadline from June 18, 2018 to June 18, 2020. The request does not seek to extend the completion of construction deadline (June 18, 2021). The proposed order addresses each of the Council standards and recommends that the Council find the amended facility complies with Council standards, or with new or modified site certificate conditions.

Chair Beyeler opened the Informational Hearing at 9:14 a.m.

There was one public comment from Mr. Brian Walsh, Avangrid Renewables, and he provided a background on Avangrid Renewables.

Chair Beyeler closed the Hearing at 9:17 a.m.

More information is located on the <u>Council Meetings website</u> for additional details pertaining to Mr. McVeigh-Walker's <u>presentation</u>.

D. Golden Hills Wind Project, Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 4 and Request to Transfer⁴ (Action Item) – Chase McVeigh-Walker, Siting Analyst

The Council considered the Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 4 of the Golden Hills Wind Project site certificate. The public comment period and deadline for requesting a contested case closed on April 2, 2018, and an informational hearing on the transfer was held under Agenda Item C.

Mr. McVeigh-Walker stated Amendment 4 requests include a site certificate transfer and a construction commencement deadline two year extension. Mr. McVeigh-Walker provided a procedural history and comments on Amendment 4 (from reviewing agencies and a public comment).

³ Audio for Mr. McVeigh-Walker's presentation of Agenda Item C = 00:36:13 – April 27, 2018

⁴ Audio for Mr. McVeigh-Walker's Presentation of Agenda Item D = 00:46:32 – April 27, 2018

The Department received a request for contested case with two issues identified in the Request for Contested Case. Mr. McVeigh-Walker presented the Department's analysis of the contested case requests.

Secretary Cornett responded to Council Member Roppe's question regarding rules and regulations for Category 6 habitat. Mr. Cornett said that for every category, rules reference ODFW's rules on categorization and that each specific category has obligations. Max Woods, Senior Policy Analyst, explained Category 6 is habitat that is low potential to become an essential or important habitat for fish and wildlife; mitigation goal is to minimize impacts. Mr. Woods stated ODFW would strongly prefer projects be sited on Category 6 habitat.

Council Member Gravatt commented that the issues raised in the contested case are legitimate, but issues raised have been addressed by the Department.

Action: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Jenkins and seconded by Councilor Gravatt that the Council Deny the Contested Case request on the Golden Hills Wind Project Amendment #4 because the issues identified in the contested case request fail to raise a significant issue of fact or law that may affect the Council's determination that the facility meets an applicable standard; and that the Council adopt an order denying a contested case.

Vote: Councilor Gravatt, Yes; Councilor Grail, Yes; Councilor Roppe, Yes; Vice-Chair Jenkins, Yes; Chair Beyeler, Yes.

Motion Carried.

Chair Beyeler asked when we could anticipate the construction on the BPA substation being completed and if the two projects could move together towards an end date. Vice-Chair Jenkins questioned, whether it is realistic to construct 120 wind turbines with the construction period of one year.

Council Member Grail asked the date of the first amendment; Mr. McVeigh-Walker said the first amendment was approved in May, 2009. Councilor Grail then asked if there is a limit to the number of amendment requests with Mr. Cornett responding that we are under the old amendment rules for this project and there is no limitation on the number of time extension requests, but each one is limited to a 2 year timeframe. Mr. Cornett clarified that under the new rules, there is a maximum of 2 extensions of 3 year timeframes.

Brian Walsh, Avangrid Renewables, spoke about the history and background of the Golden Hills Wind project, including several changes in ownership. Original leases were signed in 2001 and 2002; one of the first leases signed in Oregon for wind energy. With changing ownerships, additional time is required to get to construction. Also, Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) initiated a new scoping process which was unforeseen and is taking a longer amount of time. Mr. Walsh mentioned the typical build period for a wind project is 12 months; they are looking for flexibility in the start time, anticipating BPA energizing the substation in a timely manner. Vice-Chair Jenkins expressed his concern that BPA is still in their scoping process for the substation and if there was a projection for the completion on the scoping process. Mr. Walsh responded it was imminent, noting a lot of activity in Oregon and commented on the number of requested amendments. Mr. Walsh concluded by letting the Council know he is preparing to submit amendment 5 which will include larger turbine blades.

Action: A motion was made by Councilor Roppe and seconded by Vice-Chair Jenkins that the Council approve Amendment 4 of the site certificate for the Golden Hills Wind Project, including the request for transfer, and adopt the final order as presented by staff.

Vote: Councilor Grail, Yes; Councilor Roppe, Yes; Vice-Chair Jenkins, Yes; Chair Beyeler, Yes; Councilor Gravatt, Yes.

Motion Carried.

The certificate holder's amendment request and the Department's proposed order can be found on the Department's website at <u>http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/GHW.aspx</u>. More

information is located on the <u>Council Meetings website</u> for additional details pertaining to Mr. McVeigh-Walker's <u>staff report</u> and presentation.

[10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break]

E. Biennial Energy Report⁵ (Information Item) – Janine Benner, Director of Oregon Department of Energy

The Council received an update on Oregon Department of Energy's activities. Director Benner provided an overview of the agency including history, organizational structure, current agency transition, and charting a course for the future.

Director Benner credited the hard work by people inside and outside the agency resulting in the agency being healthier than in the past. Established in 1975, the founding statutes prioritize energy efficiency, sustainability, state leadership, and ensuring an adequate energy supply while protecting Oregon's environment and public safety. Director Benner stated Oregon was the first state in the nation to set CO2 emission standards for new energy facilities and described the agency's diverse responsibilities, from helping homeowners save energy to overseeing Oregon's interests in the world's largest environmental cleanup at Hanford.

Director Benner reiterated ODOE's mission: Leading Oregon to a safe, clean, and sustainable energy future. The agency consists of Energy Planning and Innovation: to provide expertise on Oregon's energy resources, everything from energy resiliency and connectivity to efficiency and conservation; Nuclear Safety & Emergency Preparedness: overseeing Oregon's interests in the Hanford nuclear facility cleanup and preparing for nuclear and energy-related emergencies; Energy Development Services: providing incentives for renewable energy and energy efficiency to Oregon residents, public agencies and schools, nonprofits, businesses, and tribes; and the Siting Division which the Council is familiar with.

More information is located on the <u>Council Meetings website</u> for additional details pertaining to Director Benner's <u>presentation</u>.

F. The Climate Trust Update⁶ (Information Item) – Sheldon Zakreski, Chief Operating Officer, The Climate Trust

The Council received a presentation about The Climate Trust Board and Oregon Offset Committee. Mr. Zakreski stated the mission of The Climate Trust is to mobilize conservation finance to maximize environmental returns. He discussed the CO2 Standard and the updated organization chart and discussed the role of board members and their role with the organization.

Please refer to the <u>PowerPoint Presentation</u> located on the <u>Council Meetings website</u> for additional details pertaining to Mr. Zakreski's presentation.

G. Public Comment⁷

This time was reserved for the public to address the Council regarding any item within the Council's jurisdiction that is not otherwise closed for comment.

<u>Irene Gilbert</u> of La Grande provided comments: stating appreciation to ODOE showing the energy generation types on their website; requesting that the website show the actual sources of generation within Oregon as opposed to the larger region. Ms. Gilbert stated consumed energy has a much different mix than generated

⁵ Audio for Ms. Benner's Presentation of Agenda Item E = 01:44:20 – April 27, 2018

⁶ Audio for Mr. Zakreski's Presentation of Agenda Item F = 02:24:00 – April 27, 2018

⁷ Audio for Public Comment for Agenda Item G = 02:59:40 – April 27, 2018

energy. Ms. Gilbert commented about the Joint Interim Committee and commented on Council's decision on her contested case request and subsequent denial.

<u>Glenn Harrison</u>, Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council, Albany, OR, provided information handouts regarding Item H (B2H) related to the historical, cultural, and archaeological portions of the B2H project as it relates to Oregon Trails. Mr. Harrison provided Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Council's response to the preliminary agency preferred alternative transmission line route and discussed their concerns.

[12:00 p.m. – 12:25 p.m. Break]

H. [WORKING LUNCH] Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line, Project Update⁸ (Information Item) – Kellen Tardaewether, Senior Siting Analyst

The Council received a status update regarding the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line site certificate application. Ms. Tardaewether provided a project overview and an update on milestones that have been reached. The Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line project is a proposed 500 kV electric transmission line, approximately 272 miles in length, located in Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker and Malheur Counties in Oregon with components in Idaho. Ms. Tardaewether provided a project background, explaining the proposed facility is under EFSC jurisdiction and must receive a site certificate. The proposed facility has portions of the proposed route crossing federal land, the proposed facility must also receive regulatory approval from the federal government.

Vice-Chair Jenkins questioned if we (Council) will receive Bureau of Land Management (BLM) selected routes identified as well as what's proposed. Ms. Tardaewether responded, as an exercise to see the differences, it could be provided, however, the (Department's) role is to evaluate the route(s) an applicant proposes. Vice-Chair Jenkins discussed federal lands' decision making and stated his concern of the linkage between private and federal lands.

Mr. Cornett stated that any project on federal lands could be both EFSC jurisdictional and federal jurisdictional, and ultimately, it is Idaho Power's responsibility to submit those route options within the EFSC process that line up with what was in the Record of Decision for the BLM on federal lands. Vice-Chair Jenkins commented what has been challenging is the jurisdictional authorities between the federal government and state government and it is important to explain who had what responsibility in the decision making process. Ms. Tardaewether responded the jurisdiction will be explained in the DPO and going forward, how the state and the BLM would work together with documentation. Secretary Cornett stated regardless of the BLM decision, it doesn't predispose the Council to making the same decision, either on or off federal lands. The applicant's responsibility is to show they meet the burden of proof on the entirety of the route for the state standards.

Chair Beyeler echoed Vice-Chair Jenkins concern, if we don't know the preferred routes of the BLM and the Forest Service through the BLM, then we're flying blind in order to make those determinations.

Council Member Roppe's asked if the Oregon Historic Trail Advisory Council was taken into consideration. Ms. Tardaewether responded they have been part of the completeness review of the Amended Preliminary Application.

Council Member Gravatt asked what is the anticipated time of moving from completeness to compliance. Ms. Tardaewether responded there is no hard date, but in the foreseeable future.

Chair Beyeler questioned if PUC had acknowledged or approved the IRP. Ms. Tardaewether stated on April 10, 2018, the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) acknowledged that IPC conduct ongoing permitting, planning studies, and regulatory filings, and acknowledged IPC conduct preliminary construction activities, acquire long-

⁸ Audio for Ms.Tardaewether's Presentation of Agenda Item H = 03:11:54 – April 27, 2018

lead materials, and construct the B2H project. The Department established prior to this that to meet the least cost plan rule both permitting and construction would have to be acknowledged. Chair Beyeler asked a clarification question regarding meeting the least cost plan rule for completeness. Ms. Tardaewether reiterated that the PUCs' acknowledgement meets the Council's Need Standard.

Ms. Tardaewether introduced a memo that the Department sent to IPC regarding linear facilities that do not have access to all of the areas in the site boundary or analysis area. Please refer to the Council Meetings website for where this memo is attached to the staff report. The memo outlines the procedural pathway and rationale for how ODOE is going to evaluate the proposed facility and bring it to Council for decision. The memo evaluated each type of survey and if site access is necessary to evaluate a particular resource, based on characteristics of each resource. Councilor Gravatt asked how many properties the applicant does not have access to. Ms. Tardaewether stated it varied by resource due to the long time period of the project and changes in land access agreements. Ms. Tardaewether explained the rationale for how the Department may deem an application complete for some resources, even though IPC may not have accessed portions of the site boundary to conduct all surveys. Ms. Tardaewether also provided examples and descriptions of the resources where the Department may rely on survey information for portions of the site boundary accessed and surveyed, in combination with desktop analysis and literature reviews and be able to deem the application complete because the information is adequate for the Council to make findings or impose conditions requiring the applicant to submit this information as a pre-construction condition. However, for certain resources, if a site certificate were to be authorized by Council, an amendment would still be required in order for Council to review and consider those areas not previously accessible.

Ms. Tardaewether stated that providing such pathways to proceed with the EFSC review and decision may be necessary and only be available for persons (as defined in ORS 758.400) that provide utility service or a transmission company that cannot gain access to one or more properties along routes or alternative routes. In circumstances where a person providing utility service or a transmission company is not able to negotiate land leases or purchase terms with landowners, and access would require the condemnation of land, the person shall petition the Oregon Public Utility Commission (Oregon PUC) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN). Secretary Cornett summarized that the Oregon PUC cannot grant a CPCN to an investor owned utility for a state jurisdictional project until they have a site certificate. However, applicants can't get access on the properties where owners are unwilling to grant that access until they get a CPCN and are able to use imminent domain authority. The purpose of the memo is to explain the review path to get out of this regulatory catch 22.

Ms. Tardaewether also briefly discussed that the Department plans to issue a Second Amended Project Order to make administrative and other changes. Completeness review of the ApASC is ongoing. Ms. Tardaewether finished the presentation by discussing the locations, purpose and content of the informational meetings for the public after the application has been deem complete and reiterated that this is not a public comment period.

Please refer to the <u>PowerPoint Presentation</u> located on the <u>Council Meetings website</u> for additional details pertaining to Ms. Tardaewether's <u>staff report</u> and <u>presentation</u>.

I. Rulemaking: Carbon Dioxide, Phase II⁹ (Action Item) – Jason Sierman, Rulemaking Coordinator

The purpose of this rulemaking project is to evaluate, and potentially modify, the Council's CO2 emissions standards. The CO2 emissions standards apply to base load gas plants, non-base load power plants, and certain non-generating energy facilities. The update to Council included a summary of staff's research to find the most efficient combined-cycle combustion turbine energy facility operating in the United States, previews of staff's analysis of the 13 principles under 345-024-0510 and the fiscal impacts of this rulemaking, a summary of the input received to date from the Rulemaking Advisory Committee, and a summary of the milestones and next

⁹ Audio for Mr.Sierman's Presentation of Agenda Item I = 04:24:26 – April 27, 2018

steps for this project. Council deliberated and authorized staff to file official public notice and set a rulemaking hearing for the June 28-29, 2018 EFSC meeting.

Action: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Jenkins and seconded by Councilor Grail that the Council authorize staff to issue official public notice for this rulemaking with the condition that staff cannot issue notice until after it receives and considers all input from the Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC). Vote: Vice-Chair Jenkins, Yes; Chair Beyeler, Yes; Councilor Gravatt, Yes; Councilor Grail, Yes; Councilor Roppe, Yes.

Motion Carried.

Please refer to the <u>Staff Report</u> located on the <u>Council Meetings website</u> for additional details pertaining to Mr. Sierman's <u>presentation</u>.

J. The Climate Trust Board, Appointments¹⁰ (Action Item) – Todd Cornett, Assistant Director/Council Secretary

The Council considered potential appointees for The Climate Trust Board. Currently The Climate Trust is the only qualified organization to receive funds through the carbon standard. The statutory and rule requirement is that three members of the decision making body are required to be Council appointees. Sheldon Zakreski stated based on conversations with individuals and after a review of resumes, the two nominations he recommended are Brad Hunter and Ryan McGraw. Secretary Cornett also clarified The Climate Trust Board terms are for four year terms.

Action: A motion was made by Councilor Grail and seconded by Vice-Chair Jenkins that the Council appoint Brad Hunter to The Climate Trust Board for a period of four years.
Vote: Councilor Grail, Yes; Councilor Roppe, Yes; Vice-Chair Jenkins, yes; Chair Beyeler, Yes; Councilor Gravatt, Yes.
Motion Carried.

Action: A motion was made by Councilor Grail and seconded by Vice-Chair Jenkins that the Council appoint Ryan McGraw to The Climate Trust Board for a period of four years.
Vote: Chair Beyeler, Yes; Councilor Gravatt, No; Councilor Grail, Yes; Councilor Roppe, Yes; Vice-Chair Jenkins, Yes.
Motion Carried.

K. Public Comment¹¹

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<u>Irene Gilbert</u>, Friends of the Grande Ronde Valley, Stop B2H, Blue Mountain Alliance, commented about the Idaho Power application to the Public Utilities Commission. Ms. Gilbert commented on Oregon Public Utilities Commission acknowledging Idaho's Power Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Ms. Gilbert mentioned issues related to Union County, Baker County, Umatilla County, as well as Malheur County. Ms. Gilbert stated the land use issue was fairly simple and straightforward as a general issue. Ms. Gilbert mentioned there was a court decision about what constitutes forest land as being designated by soil type and unfortunately in Union County, their land use planning document is designated by prevailing use. Ms. Gilbert expressed her hope in thoroughly paying attention to input.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

¹⁰ Audio for Mr. Cornett's Presentation of Agenda Item J = 05:12:20 – April 27, 2018

¹¹ Audio for Public Comment for Agenda Item K = 05:34:37 – April 27, 2018