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To: Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council)
From: Todd Cornett, ODOE Assistant Director / Council Secretary
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Re: Agenda Item G (Action Item): The Climate Trust Board Appointment for the June 29, 2018 EFSC Meeting

In accordance with ORS 469.503(2)(e)(N) (See Attachment B), any “Qualified Organization” that is eligible to receive offset funds related to the Council’s carbon standard must have a decision making body that includes three Council appointees. The Climate Trust Board is currently the only “Qualified Organization” eligible to receive offset funds.

Arya Behbahani, General Manager for Environmental & Licensing Services at Portland General Electric was originally appointed by EFSC to The Climate Trust Board as one of the three Council appointees in September of 2008 and has been reappointed since that time. Her current term expires on June 24th, 2018. Ms. Behbahani has expressed interest in serving another four year term. There are two others who have also expressed interest in being appointed by EFSC to The Climate Trust Board. For the Councils consideration, all three individuals are included in the table below and their letters of interest and resumes can found in Attachment A on the page numbers also included in the table below.

Page Number	Name	Title	Organization
4	Arya Behbahani	General Manager, Environmental & Licensing Services	Portland General Electric
8	Tanya Barham	Director of Operations and Product Development	Portland Energy Conservation Inc.
10	Lesley Jantarasami	Senior Policy Analyst (Climate)	Oregon Department of Energy

At the April Council meeting, EFSC made two appointments to The Climate Trust Board and each was for a four year term, consistent with The Climate Trust bylaws. Staff recommends that the Council also make this appointment for a four year term.

ATTACHMENT A – LETTERS OF INTERESTS AND RESUMES

ATTACHMENT B – OREGON REVISED STATUTE 469.503(2)(E)(N)

"Qualified organization" means an entity that:

(i) Is exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended and in effect on December 31, 1996;

(ii) Either is incorporated in the State of Oregon or is a foreign corporation authorized to do business in the State of Oregon;

(iii) Has in effect articles of incorporation that require that offset funds received pursuant to this section are used for offsets that require that decisions on the use of the offset funds are made by a decision-making body composed of seven voting members of which three are appointed by the council (emphasis added), three are Oregon residents appointed by the Bullitt Foundation or an alternative environmental nonprofit organization named by the body, and one is appointed by the applicants for site certificates that are subject to paragraph (d) of this subsection and the holders of such site certificates, and that require nonvoting membership on the body for holders of site certificates that have provided funds not yet disbursed under paragraph (d)(A) of this subsection;

(iv) Has made available on an annual basis, beginning after the first year of operation, a signed opinion of an independent certified public accountant stating that the qualified organization's use of funds pursuant to this statute conforms with generally accepted accounting procedures except that the qualified organization shall have one year to conform with generally accepted accounting principles in the event of a nonconforming audit;

(v) Has to the extent applicable, except for good cause, entered into contracts obligating at least 60 percent of the offset funds to implement offsets within two years after the commencement of construction of the facility; and

(vi) Has to the extent applicable, except for good cause, complied with paragraph (d)(A)(i) of this subsection.