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To: Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council

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Subject: Agenda Item K (Action Item) – Nolin Hills Wind Power Project, Request for Extension of Notice of Intent Timeline for the August 22-23, 2019 EFSC Meeting

Attachments: Attachment 1: Applicant's Request to Extend Notice of Intent Timeline for the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project
Attachment 2: Draft Order Granting an Extension of the Notice of Intent

SUMMARY

The Nolin Hills Wind Power Project is a proposed wind energy generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of approximately 350 megawatts. The facility would be located in Umatilla County, south of I-84, and approximately 4 miles south of Echo and 10 miles west of Pendleton. On September 11, 2017, Nolin Hills Wind, LLC (applicant)¹ submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply for a site certificate for the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project. In accordance with OAR 345-020-0060, the NOI will expire two years after submittal, or on September 11, 2019, unless the Council extends the expiration date.

On July 15, 2019, the applicant submitted a request to extend the NOI expiration date by one year, for a requested new expiration date of September 11, 2020. While the applicant originally expected to submit a preliminary application for site certificate (pASC) in February 2018, the applicant delayed submittal of the pASC to conduct season-dependent field surveys for sensitive wildlife species. The survey results enable the applicant to adjust the planned location of facility components. The applicant states that it is continuing to refine the siting of the proposed wind turbines as well as the route for the associated transmission line. The applicant requests the one-year extension to complete siting modifications and resource studies and to prepare and submit the pASC.

Pursuant to OAR 345-020-0060, the Council may extend the NOI expiration date for a period of up to one year if the applicant submits a petition to the Council not less than 45 days before the NOI expiration date and the Council finds that the petition shows good cause. The applicant

¹ Nolin Hills Wind, LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Capital Power (US) Holdings, Inc.
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submitted its extension request more than 45 days before the NOI expiration date and the Department considers it a timely petition.

The Department recommends that the Council find that the applicant has shown good cause for an extension and that the Council grant a one-year extension of the NOI expiration date (to September 11, 2020). A draft order to extend the NOI timeline is attached for your review, in addition to the applicant's extension request.