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To: Energy Facility Siting Council

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Subject: Agenda Item B (Information Item):
Bakeoven Solar Project – Supplemental Staff Report on the Draft Proposed
Order on Application for Site Certificate for the March 13, 2020 EFSC Meeting

Attachments: Attachment 1: Applicant Responses to DPO Comments

BACKGROUND

As a supplement to the Agenda Item B staff report for the March 13, 2020 Energy Facility Siting Council (Council) meeting, the Department provides Attachment 1 for Council review and consideration. Attachment 1 includes the applicants' responses to comments and additional information and evidence to support their February 25, 2020 comments predominately related to their alternative approach for satisfying the Council's Retirement and Financial Assurance standard, as outlined in the Application for Site Certificate. The Department of Energy, in consultation with its legal Council from Oregon Department of Justice, are currently evaluating the applicants' responses and new information, and are preparing to present to Council its evaluation of the merits of the information.

Agenda Item B will include Council's review and consideration of issues raised on the record of the Draft Proposed Order (DPO) public hearing for the proposed Bakeoven Solar Facility, which includes up to 303 megawatts alternating current (MWac) of solar photovoltaic energy generation equipment, and related or supporting facilities including an approximately 11-mile 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line; a collector substation; an operations and maintenance building; communication and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system; site access, internal service roads, 8-foot perimeter fencing, and gates; temporary staging areas, and up to 100 MW of either lithium-ion or flow battery storage systems. Following the Council's review and consideration of issues raised on the record of the DPO public hearing, the Department will issue a proposed order in accordance with OAR 345-015-0230(2), taking into consideration the comments of the Council, public comments received on the record of the DPO public hearing, and agency consultation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department recommends Council consider both legal and policy implications of the applicants' request for an alternative approach to satisfying the Council's Retirement and Financial standard and provide input to the Department on the preferred approach.

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