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**To:** Energy Facility Siting Council

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**Subject:** Agenda Item H (Action Items):

Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility -

Council approval, modification or rejection of Certificate Holder's Request for Condition Exception; and, Habitat Mitigation Plan Amendment for the March

13, 2020 EFSC Meeting

Attachments: Attachment 1: Draft Condition Exception Request

## **SUMMARY**

Agenda Item H will include Council review and approval, modification or rejection of a condition exception request, inclusive of mitigation measures, for potential disturbance impacts to Laurent's milkvetch (*Astragalus collinus* var. *laurentii*), a state-listed threatened plant, from construction of the Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility (facility). The facility includes 300 megawatts of wind energy generation components and is currently under construction in Morrow County. As a supplement to the Agenda Item H staff report for the March 13, 2020 Energy Facility Siting Council (Council) meeting, the Department provides Attachment 1, the certificate holder's exception request with impact assessment proposed mitigation, for Council review and consideration.

The Department of Energy, in consultation with Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), are currently evaluating the scope, implementation strategy and appropriate deliverables for the mitigation measures proposed. Comments from the Department and ODA on the draft Condition Exception Request were provided to the certificate holder on March 3, 2020, with responses expected by March 6, 2020.

## **ATTACHMENT:**

Attachment 1: Draft Condition Exception Request

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