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**To:** Energy Facility Siting Council

**From:** Todd Cornett, Assistant Director/Council Secretary

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**Subject:** Agenda Item H (Action Item): EFSC Appointment to The Climate Trust's Oregon Offset Committee – for the October 22-23, 2020 EFSC Meeting

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## BACKGROUND

The Climate Trust (TCT) is the sole “qualified organization” to be eligible to receive offset funds related to the Council’s Carbon standard. In order for TCT to be a “qualified organization” they must meet several requirements that are established in rule and statute. One of those requirements is listed in OAR 345-001-0010(49)(c)(B), the definition of a “qualified organization.”

*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 OAR 345-024-0550, 345-024-590, and 345-024-0620 and the holders of such site certificates; and*

Previously, the Council would make the three appointments to the TCT Board. Since TCT has expanded the scope of their organization beyond activities related to the Council’s carbon standard, the body that now makes the decision regarding offset funds is the Oregon Offset Committee (OOC).

The Council’s current three appointments to the OOC are:

1. Ryan McGraw – Formerly the President of Orion Energy Group, currently Vice President, Project Development, PacifiCorp. Appointed on April 27, 2018 with a term expiration of April 27, 2022.
2. Brad Hunter – Vice President & Senior Business Lender with Craft3. Appointed on April 27, 2018 with a term expiration of April 27, 2022.

3. Arya Behbehani – General Manager of Environmental and Licensing Services with Portland General Electric. Re-appointed on July 1, 2018 with a term expiration of June 30, 2022.

Mr. McGraw will be moving out of state and will need to be replaced.

Council was provided the above information and three Council appointment options, as well as an overview of the responsibilities as provided by Sheldon Zakreski, Executive Director of The Climate Trust, at the August 21, 2020 Council meeting. One of the options was to appoint a Council member to the Oregon Offset Committee and Council Members Condon and Truitt both expressed their interest. Since that meeting Council Member Truitt has deferred to Council Member Condon, who is still interested in being appointed.

**STAFF RECOMMENDION**

Staff recommends Council appoint Council Member Condon to the Oregon Offset Committee for a period of 4 years, beginning today and concluding on October 23, 2024.