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**To:** Energy Facility Siting Council

**From:** Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor

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**Subject:** Agenda Item E (Action Item):  
Wagon Trail Solar Project, Appointment of Morrow County Board of Commissioners as the Special Advisory Group for the November 19-20 EFSC Meeting

**Attachments:** Attachment 1: Special Advisory Group Appointment Order

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On November 3, 2020, the Oregon Department of Energy (Department) received a Notice of Intent (NOI) from Wheatridge East Wind, LLC (applicant), a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC for the proposed Wagon Trail Solar Project. The proposed Wagon Trail Solar Project would consist of up to 4,500 acres of solar photovoltaic energy generation equipment with a nominal generating capacity of up to 500 megawatts, located in Morrow County, approximately 10 miles northeast of the City of Lexington. Related and supporting facilities would consist of distributed energy storage (lithium-ion batteries); power collection system; up to four collector substations; operation and maintenance building; up to 3 meteorological towers; site access, service roads, perimeter fencing and gates; 8-mile 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line; and temporary construction areas. The applicant anticipates submitting the preliminary application for site certificate in March 2021.

ORS 469.480(1) requires the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) to designate as a special advisory group the governing body of any local government within whose jurisdiction a facility is proposed to be located. Based on the proposed facility location and governing body within Morrow County, the Council is required to designate the Morrow County Board of Commissioners as the special advisory group for EFSC proceedings associated with the proposed facility. As a special advisory group, the Morrow County Board of Commissioners or the Planning Department, if designated to comment on their behalf, is tasked with identifying applicable substantive criteria from its acknowledged comprehensive land use plan and land use ordinance which the applicant and proposed facility must comply.

The NOI is available for download via hyperlink:

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