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To: Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council

From: Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor

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Re: Agenda Item H – Consultant Appointment for Assistance with the Nolin Hills Wind Project Application for Site Certificate for the October 22, 2021 EFSC Meeting (Action Item)

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 469.470(6), the Energy Facility Siting Council (Council) is authorized to appoint and utilize technical contractors in support of its review of materials contained in an Application for Site Certificate (ASC) or Request for Amendment of a Site Certificate (RFA).

The Oregon Department of Energy (Department) currently maintains a contract with a consulting firm, Hart Crowser - a professional services company with an office in Oregon, which has a team of professionals providing specialized technical consulting services. It is important to note that Council appointment of a consultant for use in review of materials provides authorization for the Department to proceed in the contracting process.

CONSULTANT SUPPORT REQUEST

In accordance with statute, the Department requests Council approval to appoint a contractor for technical support in review of the above-referenced types of materials, including technical analysis and drafting of the Draft Proposed Order, for the Nolin Hills Wind Project Application for Site Certificate. The Department has determined that use of a consultant is needed, given current and forecasted workload within the Siting Division, and to support achievement of internal and regulatory milestones and deadlines in an efficient manner.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the Council find that Hart Crowser is qualified and capable to serve as a consultant to assist with the Department's review of materials and technical writing associated with the Draft Proposed Order for the Nolin Hills Wind Project.