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To: Energy Facility Siting Council

From: Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor

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Subject: Agenda Item J (Action Item): Hearing Officer Appointment for Proceedings on the Application for Site Certificate for the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project for the January 28, 2022 EFSC Meeting

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Oregon Department of Energy (Department) recommends that the Energy Facility Siting Council (Council) appoint Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Kate Triana as the hearing officer for the proposed Nolin Hills Wind Power Project.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-015-0023 and 345-015-0220, the Department requests that Council appoint a hearing officer to conduct the public hearing for the draft proposed order (DPO) on the Application for Site Certificate (ASC) and the contested case proceeding on the proposed order for the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project, a proposed 600 megawatts (MW) wind and solar facility, to be located in Umatilla County, Oregon. The public hearing on the DPO is anticipated to occur in 2022, following release of the DPO. A contested case proceeding is a required process step by Council's rules for all ASCs, and will proceed following release of the Department's proposed order.

HEARING OFFICER EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

ALJ Triana received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Colorado State University, and a J.D. from Willamette University College of Law. She is an active member of the Oregon State Bar. Before joining OAH in 2013, she worked as a law clerk for a solo practitioner and as an adjudicator for the Employment Department. She has extensive experience conducting contested case hearings for OAH with various state agencies, boards, and commissions, including the Department of Human Service, the Oregon Health Authority, the Employment Department, the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Education, the Department of Revenue, the Department of State Lands, the Public Employees Retirement Board, the Department of Forestry, the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the Board of Pharmacy, the Oregon Youth Authority, and the Environmental Quality Commission.