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**To:** Energy Facility Siting Council

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

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**Subject:** Agenda Item I (Action Item): Council Appointment to the Oregon Climate Trust

Offset Committee for the September 19, 2025 EFSC Meeting

## **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. <u>Cindy Condon</u> – EFSC member.

First Term: October 23, 2020 - October 22, 2024.

2. <u>Brad Hunter</u> – Vice President & Senior Business Lender with Craft3.

First Term: April 27, 2018 - April 26, 2022. Second Term: April 27, 2022 - April 26-2026 3. Morgan Rider – Thriving Design Cofounder First Term: January 20, 2023 - January 19, 2027

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Reappoint Cindy Condon to the Oregon Offset Committee for the following term: October 23, 2024 - October 22, 2028.