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To: Energy Facility Siting Council

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Subject: Agenda Item E (Hearing/Action Item): Transfer Hearing and Council Review of draft Final order on Request for Amendment to Transfer Certificate Holder of Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility Site Certificate for the March 19-20, 2026 EFSC Meeting

Attachments: Attachment 1: Request to Amend to Transfer (Request for Amendment 4)
Attachment 2: Draft Final Order on Request to Amend to Transfer
Attachment 3: Placeholder (comments on Request to Transfer, if received)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Oregon Department of Energy (Department) recommends that the Energy Facility Siting Council (Council) review the Request for Certificate Holder Transfer of the Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility Site Certificate (Attachment 1 of this Staff Report), any comments received during the comment period (Attachment 2 of this Staff Report), the Department's draft Final Order on the Request for Amendment to Transfer (Attachment 3 of this Staff Report), and take action at the March 20, 2026 Council meeting to either approve or reject the transfer request.

BACKGROUND

Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility (facility) is an operational 111 megawatt (MW) wind power generation facility within a 7,962 acre (12.4 square miles) site boundary, in Gilliam County. The facility consists of 74 wind turbines, with a blade tip height of 423 feet. The facility has been in operation since 2011. The certificate holder is Leaning Juniper II, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Avangrid Power, LLC (parent company).

Pursuant to OAR 345-027-0400(1), "A request for amendment to a site certificate to transfer the site certificate is required for a transaction that results in a change in the ownership, possession or control of the facility or the certificate holder." A "new owner" refers to the person or entity that will gain ownership, possession or control of the facility or the certificate holder." In the Request to Transfer, the certificate holder requests a site certificate transfer to reflect a change in ownership of the facility from Leaning Juniper II, LLC to Leaning Juniper 2B, LLC, where Leaning Juniper 2B, LLC would be the "new owner" and certificate holder authorized to operate and retire components of the facility.

TRANSFER REQUEST PROCESS

The procedural requirements for a Request for Amendment to Transfer a Site Certificate are established in OAR 345-027-0400. A procedural requirement includes the Department's issuance of a Public Notice of the Request for Amendment to Transfer to all persons on the Council's general mailing list, the special mailing list established for the facility, list of property owners supplied by the certificate holder, and reviewing agencies as defined in OAR 345-001-0010(52). The Department issued this notice on February 19, 2026. The notice established a comment period extending from February 19, 2026 through the close of a public hearing on the Request to Amend to Transfer on March 20, 2026.

Since issuance of the Notice, no comments have been received. Attachment 2 of this staff report is a placeholder, to be replaced with any comment received in the Supplemental Council packet materials.

The transfer hearing is scheduled to occur at the March 20, 2026 Council meeting, at approximately 9:30 am (Additional details on WebEx login and conference call-in number for the transfer hearing are provided on the Department's Council meeting webpage at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/Council-Meetings.aspx>)

To approve this Request for Amendment to Transfer a Site Certificate, Council must find that the new owner has the ability to satisfy the requirements of the Organizational Expertise (OAR 345-022-0010) and Retirement and Financial Assurance (OAR 345-022-0050) standards. Council must also find that the new owner is or will be lawfully entitled to possession or control of the site or facility. As presented in the draft Final Order on the Request for Amendment to Transfer Certificate Holder of the Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility Site Certificate (Attachment 3 of this staff report), the Department recommends that the Council find that the new certificate holder complies with the applicable standards.