

February 28, 2020

Via U.S. First-Class Mail Todd Cornett, Siting Division Administrator Oregon Department of Energy 550 Capitol Street NE, First Floor Salem, OR 97310

Re: Application for Site Certificate, Nolin Hills Wind Power Project

Dear Mr. Cornett:

On behalf of Capital Power, Nolin Hills Wind LLC (Applicant) submits this Preliminary Application for Site Certificate (pASC) for the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project (Project). The Applicant proposes to construct and operate a wind energy generation facility and related or supporting facilities located in Umatilla County, Oregon. The Project will generate up to 350 megawatts (MW). The Project will interconnect to the regional grid via either publicly owned and operated transmission lines to be constructed locally by the Umatilla Electric Cooperative (UEC), or a new 230-kV transmission line anticipated to be constructed, owned, and operated by the Applicant to the proposed Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Stanfield Substation.

The Applicant anticipates filing a supplement to the pASC in late June or early July following completion of additional resource surveys along an approximately one-mile segment of the BPA transmission line route and Washington ground squirrel surveys in the southeastern portion of the Project. The supplement will contain supplemental information and analysis for the following exhibits:

- Exhibit J. Wetlands and Other Jurisdictional Waters (supplemental wetland delineation report)
- Exhibit P. Fish and Wildlife Habitats and Species (supplemental habitat, rare plant, and Washington Ground Squirrel survey reports; and supplemental analysis as appropriate)
- Exhibit Q. Threatened and Endangered Species (supplemental Washington Ground Squirrel and rare plant analysis, as appropriate based on survey results)
- Exhibit S. Historic, Cultural, and Archaeological Resources (supplemental cultural resource survey report and analysis, as appropriate based on survey results)

We look forward to working with you during this application process.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact me at:

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Sincerely,

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