MEMORANDUM

To: Individuals Interested in the Public Hearing on the Draft Proposed Order for the Obsidian Solar Center

From: Kellen Tardaewether, Senior Siting Analyst, Oregon Department of Energy

Date: March 25, 2020

Re: POSTPONED: April 23, 2020 Hearing for the Obsidian Solar Center Draft Proposed Order

The Oregon Department of Energy (Department), staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC), is issuing this update to indicate that due to the COVID19 pandemic crisis, it will be postponing the public hearing on the draft proposed order (DPO) for the Obsidian Solar Center (proposed facility). On March 12, 2020 the Department issued notice of the public hearing on the DPO consistent with OAR 345-015-0220. The notice provided information for a public hearing on the DPO scheduled for April 23, 2020 at the North Lake School in Silver Lake Oregon. That meeting is hereby canceled due to closures and social distancing measures to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

As stated in the notice of the DPO hearing, the public comment period for the Obsidian Solar Center was to end at the close of the April 23, 2020. The comment period for the proposed facility will now remain open until the end of the to-be-rescheduled public hearing. For more information on the Obsidian Solar Center and the DPO please visit the project webpage at: https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/OSC.aspx

The Department will reschedule the hearing on the DPO for a later date consistent with all applicable Oregon Administrative Rules and Oregon Revised Statutes, the Governor’s Executive Orders, and in a manner that seeks to ensure everyone’s safety. Once the Department has additional details, it will re-notice and circulate the notice of the DPO hearing under OAR 345-015-0220 (2) and (3).