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MEMORANDUM

To: Christopher M. Clark, Senior Siting Analyst, Oregon Department of Energy

From: Lindsay Somers, Regional Habitat Biologist, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Re: Mitigation Proposal for Bat Threshold Exceedance at Vansycle II

Vansycle II Wind, LLC has proposed curtailment of project turbines as a permanent operational mitigation measure to reduce bat mortality at the Vansycle II Wind Project, located in northern Umatilla County, OR. The proposed curtailment strategy used mortality monitoring data collected on the facility to determine months with the greatest risk of bat strikes. The proposal has three elements:

1. Curtail all turbines year-round below 3.0 meters/second (m/s).
2. Raise the cut-in speed to 5.0 m/s during the months of July and October
3. Raise the cut-in speed to 6.0 m/s during the months of August and September

Curtailment has been shown to reduce bat fatalities for the State-sensitive bat species of concern in the Vansycle II Wind Project area, hoary bat (*Lasiurus cinereus*) and silver-haired bat (*Lasionycteris noctivagans*). If implemented, this would be the first wind energy facility to implement curtailment measures in Oregon. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife supports curtailment as a strategy to minimize and mitigate bat mortality risks associated with wind power projects.

ODFW appreciates the opportunity to engage with Oregon Department of Energy and Vansycle II Wind, LLC on this proposed mitigation strategy and looks forward to continued collaboration to ensure that Oregon's wildlife and habitats remain healthy and resilient for future generations.

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