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To: Energy Facility Siting Council

From: Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor

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Subject: Agenda Item I (Action Item):
Hearing Officer Reassignments for Future Contested Case Proceedings for the Muddy Creek Energy Park and the Heppner Wind Project for the June 26, 2026 EFSC Meeting

Attachment: Attachment 1: Order Appointing Replacement Hearing Officers

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Oregon Department of Energy (Department) recommends that the Energy Facility Siting Council (Council) appoint Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Kate Triana as the hearing officer to replace previously appointed ALJ Dove Gutman for proceedings on the proposed Muddy Creek Energy Park application for site certificate (ASC); and ALJ Dove Gutman as the hearing officer to replace previously appointed Kate Triana for proceedings on the proposed Heppner Wind Project ASC.

BACKGROUND

At the March 19-20, 2026 meeting, in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rule 345-015-0023 and 345-015-0220, the Council appointed ALJ Dove Gutman and ALJ Kate Triana of the Oregon Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) as the hearing officers for the ASC proceedings of the proposed Muddy Creek Energy Park and proposed Heppner Wind Project, respectively. On May 11, 2026, OAH requested that the project assignments be switched.

HEARING OFFICER EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

ALJ Triana received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Colorado State University, and a J.D. from Willamette University College of Law. She is an active member of the Oregon State Bar. She has extensive experience conducting contested case hearings for OAH with various state agencies, boards, and commissions, including the Department of Human Service, the Oregon Health Authority, the Employment Department, the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Education, the Department of Revenue, the Department of State Lands, the Public Employees Retirement Board, the Department of Forestry, the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the Board of Pharmacy, the Oregon Youth Authority, and the Environmental Quality Commission.

ALJ Dove Gutman graduated from Willamette University College of Law in June 1994. She presides over cases involving various state agencies, boards, commissions and departments, including: the Department of Human Service, the Oregon Health Authority, the Employment Department, the Oregon Department of Transportation, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Revenue, the Department of State Lands, the Public Employees Retirement Board, the Department of Forestry, the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the Board of Pharmacy, the Oregon Youth Authority, the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission, the Oregon Board of Nursing, the Oregon Department of Energy, the Environmental Quality Commission, the Secretary of State Elections Division, the Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care, Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Veterinary Medical Examining Board, Oregon Water Resources Department, Oregon Board of Optometry, and the Department of Education.