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Subject: Agenda Item I (Action Item): Boardman Coal Plant Termination of Site Certificate for the November 19-20, 2026 EFSC Meeting

Attachment: Attachment: Department's Draft Order to Terminate Site Certificate.

Background

The Boardman Coal Plant Site Certificate was issued to Portland General Electric's (certificate holder) in 1975; the facility, a 550 megawatt [MW] coal-fired electric generating power plant in Morrow County, was placed into service in 1980. The site certificate was issued, and subsequently amended, prior to the Energy Facility Siting Council's (Council or EFSC) 1993 adoption of the site certificate termination standard set forth in OAR 345-027-0110. Thus, this site certificate termination is not evaluated under OAR 345-027-0110.

Termination Request

The facility ceased operation in 2020; the certificate holder requested to terminate the Site Certificate on November 12, 2024 (Draft Order Attachment 1). The Department has reviewed the certificate holder's termination request, coordinated with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality on the status of the environmental conditions at the site, and conducted a final site inspection. Based on this information, the Department provides a draft Order (See Attachment) recommending that the Council find that the certificate holder has retired the Boardman Coal Plant in a manner that is protective of public health, safety and the environment and that the Site Certificate can be terminated.

Recommended Council Action

The Department recommends that, based on the preponderance of evidence and pursuant to the recommended findings of fact and conclusions of law in the draft Order, the Council conclude it is appropriate to grant the request to terminate the Boardman Coal Plant Site Certificate.