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TO: Wind Energy Advisory Committee

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SUBJECT: Ideas for Review Standards

Below are some possible ideas for rule language for OAR 660-033-0130:

“A wind power generation facility on designated cropland or high-value agricultural land shall meet the following requirements:

- 1) Turbines, pads, roads and accessory uses shall be sited to strictly minimize the amount of farmland taken out of production, both directly - in chosen development sites - and indirectly - in awkward land configurations resulting from development that are difficult for farm machinery to access; and
- 2) All topsoil shall be stripped from agricultural land used for turbine pads and vehicle and equipment traffic and parking, and stockpiled separate from other excavated material. Topsoil stockpiles shall be clearly designated in the field and on construction drawings; and
- 3) As a condition of approval prior to, during and after facility construction, the transport of cranes shall be limited to roads constructed for that purpose and not allowed to move cross-country, so as to minimize soil compaction; and
- 4) As a condition of approval after facility construction, soils that have been compacted through the creation or widening of roads or the creation of pads that are no longer needed for those uses shall be decompacted to a depth of 18 inches with a deep ripper or heavy-duty chisel plow and the stockpiled topsoil replaced on them.”