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To: Energy Facility Siting Council

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Subject: Agenda Item H (Action Item): Hearing Officer Appointment for Proceedings on the Application for Site Certificate for the West End Solar Project for the April 22, 2022 EFSC Meeting

Attachment 1: West End Solar Project Hearing Officer Appointment Order

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Oregon Department of Energy (Department) recommends that the Energy Facility Siting Council (Council) appoint Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Alison Greene Webster as the hearing officer for the proposed West End Solar Project application for site certificate (ASC).

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-015-0023 and 345-015-0220, the Department requests that Council appoint a hearing officer to conduct the public hearing for the draft proposed order (DPO) on the Application for Site Certificate (ASC) and the contested case proceeding on the proposed order for the West End Solar Project, a proposed 50 megawatts (MW) solar facility, to be located in Umatilla County, Oregon. The ASC for the West End Solar Project is being process under the Council's rules for Expedited Review for Small Capacity Facility. The public hearing on the DPO is anticipated to occur in 2022, following release of the DPO. A contested case proceeding is a required process step by Council's rules for all ASCs, and will proceed following release of the Department's proposed order.

HEARING OFFICER EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

The Department recommends Council appoint Ms. Alison Greene Webster as its hearing officer for the West End Solar Project proceedings. Ms. Greene Webster is a Senior Administrative Law Judge with the Oregon Office of Administrative Hearings. Ms. Greene Webster is the Council-appointed hearing officer presiding over the contested case proceedings for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line, currently under review. She also was previously appointed by Council to serve as its hearing officer for the Boardman Solar Energy Facility proceedings in 2017/2018. Additionally, at the Office of Administrative Hearings, Ms. Greene Webster has presided over numerous contested case hearings for a variety of state agencies, boards, and commissions, including the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department

of Transportation, Oregon Health Authority, and Oregon Department of Human Services. Ms. Greene Webster is also a trainer and peer reviewer for other administrative law judges. Ms. Greene Webster received her J.D. from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

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