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To: Persons interested in Cascade Wind Project

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Subject: Cascade Wind Update for March 2008

Status of Cascade Wind Project Application

As you probably know, in May 2007, UPC Wind submitted an application to the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) to build the Cascade Wind Project, a proposed 60 Megawatt wind generation facility on Seven Mile Hill, near The Dalles.

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) has been reviewing that application for the last nine months. We have held two well attended public meetings in The Dalles, and have received more than a hundred public comments. Most comments stated that the project should not be built in its proposed location.

In June 2007, we sent a Request for Additional Information to UPC. We forwarded all of the public comments, and directed UPC to address the issues raised in those comments. In October 2007, we received a partial response to our Request. The Department realizes that many local residents are anxious for information about any new developments regarding this project.

Updated information on the Project

On February 28, 2008, ODOE met with two representatives from UPC. Briefly, they said:

- UPC is considering changes to the project layout. These changes could involve moving some of the turbines from their originally proposed locations, and adding some turbines at new locations instead.
- UPC's reason for moving some of the turbine locations is to try and address the public comments.
- UPC provided no specific information on which turbines it would move, or where the new locations would be. UPC did say that it would have to do more studies for these changes, including wildlife habitat, noise, scenic impact, and the other impacts that are listed in the EFSC standards.
- UPC did not know how long it would take to submit the new information, but it could take several months. The company plans to submit a greatly revised application. The revisions will be extensive and will replace the original application almost entirely.

Schedule for 2008

We do not know how long UPC will take to do the additional studies and write the revisions. Any prediction at this point would be speculation. However, as soon as any new information is received from UPC, ODOE will make it available to the public.

To comment or ask further questions

Please feel free to contact ODOE with questions or comments. You can contact ODOE in writing, by email, or by telephone. The ODOE contact for this project is:

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