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Chair Jennifer French
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Re: City of Oregon's Support for the Application of Clean Energy Future-Oregon, LLC for an Amendment to its Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for an Electric Generation Facility in Oregon, Lucas County, Ohio, OPSB Case No. 22-0826-EL-BGA

Dear Chair French :

The intent of this letter is to inform the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB" or "Board") that the City of Oregon is in full support of the proposed construction and operation of the Oregon Energy Center (the Project). An Opinion, Order, and Certificate was originally issued on December 7, 2017 approving the application (Case No. 17-0530-EL-BGN). Subsequently, the Board issued a Certificate on May 17, 2018 authorizing the first amendment (Case No. 17-2512-EL-BGA) subject to the conditions set forth in the Certificate. Per the Certificate, a continuous course of construction is required to commence within five years of the Certificate. Due to delays beyond its control, Clean Energy Future-Oregon, LLC has requested a one-year extension of the Certificate date, which is set to expire on December 7, 2022.

As outlined in the amendment application, the Project and construction schedule has encountered delays due to the recent global shutdown. Specifically, components of the Project including, supply chain, financing and transportation were impacted by the COVID-19 global pandemic. Although the Project schedule has been delayed, construction is currently schedule to begin by October 2023 and commercial operation is anticipated by fall of 2026. As further explained in the amendment application, the Project is on track to meet 2027-summer peak load demand within the PJM Interconnection LLC marketplace, driven by increasing demand from electrical vehicle usage and the post COVID-19 economic growth era.



The amendment, requesting a one-year extension of the Certificate date, will allow the City of Oregon and surrounding area to benefit from the Project in a number of ways, including salary tax, income tax, property tax, water/sewer service revenues and a significant number of construction and permanent jobs. The City of Oregon believes the amendment is reasonable and appropriate considering the direct impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Failure to approve the requested extension would deprive the Oregon/Toledo of these benefits.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Board promptly approve the requested extension of Clean Energy Future-Oregon, LLC OPSB certificate as requested in the amendment application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (419) 698-7045 or mseferian@oregonohio.org.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Seferian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and last name "Seferian" clearly distinguishable.

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