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In t	the Matter of	Election	)			
for	Solar Siting	Standards	)	Order	No.	BCC2025-046
for	Umatilla Cour	ty	)			

WHEREAS Umatilla County currently applies the Oregon Administrative Rule for the siting of photovoltaic solar generating projects and has not adopted more restrictive standards for solar siting;

WHEREAS OAR 660-033-0130(38) currently allows Umatilla County to approve solar projects up to 12 acres (without taking a Goal 3 exception) on high value farmland, 20 acres on arable lands and 320 acres on non-arable lands, and larger projects are permitted through the Energy Facility Siting Council;

WHEREAS OAR Chapter 660 has been amended to provide new pathways to site solar projects in Eastern Oregon;

WHEREAS OAR 660 Division 23 increases the acreage limits for local sites, and requires a Goal 5 solar siting project; Division 33 also increases acreage limits and requires additional analysis and impacts for the project;

WHEREAS the new rules will be applicable to Umatilla County on January 1, 2026, unless the county opts out of the new rules.

NOW THEREFORE the Board of Commissioners orders that Umatilla County will opt out of implementing the new solar siting standards provided by OAR 660 Divisions 23 and 33 for Eastern Oregon Solar Siting, and will instead continue to apply directly the existing rules under OAR 660-033-0130(38).

DATED this 15th day of October, 2025.

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Celinda A (Timmons, Chair

Daniel N. Dorran, Commissioner

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John M. Shafer, Commissioner



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