

CHAPTER 656

AN ACT

HB 2807

Relating to energy; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 184.345, 469.030, 469.110, 469.120, 469.421, 469.450 and 470.575 and section 47a, chapter 753, Oregon Laws 2009.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

**ANNUAL ENERGY RESOURCE
SUPPLIER ASSESSMENT**

SECTION 1. ORS 469.421 is amended to read:

469.421. (1) Subject to the provisions of ORS 469.441, any person submitting a notice of intent, a request for exemption under ORS 469.320, a request for an expedited review under ORS 469.370, a request for an expedited review under ORS 469.373, a request for the State Department of Energy to approve a pipeline under ORS 469.405 (3), an application for a site certificate or a request to amend a site certificate shall pay all expenses incurred by the Energy Facility Siting Council, *the State Department of Energy and the Oregon Department of Administrative Services* and the department related to the review and decision of the council. These expenses may include legal expenses, expenses incurred in processing and evaluating the application, issuing a final order or site certificate, commissioning an independent study by a contractor, state agency or local government under ORS 469.360, and changes to the rules of the council that are specifically required and related to the particular site certificate.

(2) Every person submitting a notice of intent to file for a site certificate, a request for exemption or a request for expedited review shall submit the fee required under the fee schedule established under ORS 469.441 to the [State] department [of Energy] when the notice or request is submitted to the council. To the extent possible, the full cost of the evaluation shall be paid from the fee paid under this subsection. However, if costs of the evaluation exceed the fee, the person submitting the notice or request shall pay any excess costs shown in an itemized statement prepared by the council. In no event shall the council incur evaluation expenses in excess of 110 percent of the fee initially paid unless the council provides prior notification to the applicant and a detailed projected budget the council believes necessary to complete the project. If costs are less than the fee paid, the excess shall be refunded to the person submitting the notice or request.

(3) Before submitting a site certificate application, the applicant shall request from the [State] department [of Energy] an estimate of the costs expected to be incurred in processing the application. The department shall inform the applicant of that amount and require the applicant to make periodic payments of the costs pursuant to a cost re-

imbursement agreement. The cost reimbursement agreement shall provide for payment of 25 percent of the estimated costs when the applicant submits the application. If costs of the evaluation exceed the estimate, the applicant shall pay any excess costs shown in an itemized statement prepared by the council. In no event shall the council incur evaluation expenses in excess of 110 percent of the fee initially estimated unless the council provided prior notification to the applicant and a detailed projected budget the council believes is necessary to complete the project. If costs are less than the fee paid, the council shall refund the excess to the applicant.

(4) Any person who is delinquent in the payment of fees under subsections (1) to (3) of this section shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (11) of this section.

(5) Subject to the provisions of ORS 469.441, each holder of a certificate shall pay an annual fee, due every July 1 following issuance of a site certificate. For each fiscal year, upon approval of the [State Department of Energy's] department's budget authorization by an odd-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly or as revised by the Emergency Board meeting in an interim period or by the Legislative Assembly meeting in special session or in an even-numbered year regular session, the Director of the State Department of Energy promptly shall enter an order establishing an annual fee based on the amount of revenues that the director estimates is needed to fund the cost of ensuring that the facility is being operated consistently with the terms and conditions of the site certificate, any order issued by the department under ORS 469.405 (3) and any applicable health or safety standards. In determining this cost, the director shall include both the actual direct cost to be incurred by the council, *the State Department of Energy and the Oregon Department of Administrative Services* and the department to ensure that the facility is being operated consistently with the terms and conditions of the site certificate, any order issued by the [State] department [of Energy] under ORS 469.405 (3) and any applicable health or safety standards, and the general costs to be incurred by the council, *the State Department of Energy and the Oregon Department of Administrative Services* and the department to ensure that all certificated facilities are being operated consistently with the terms and conditions of the site certificates, any orders issued by the [State] department [of Energy] under ORS 469.405 (3) and any applicable health or safety standards that cannot be allocated to an individual, licensed facility. Not more than 35 percent of the annual fee charged each facility shall be for the recovery of these general costs. The fees for direct costs shall reflect the size and complexity of the facility and its certificate conditions.

(6) Each holder of a site certificate executed after July 1 of any fiscal year shall pay a fee for the remaining portion of the year. The amount of the fee shall be set at the cost of regulating the facility

during the remaining portion of the year determined in the same manner as the annual fee.

(7) When the actual costs of regulation incurred by the council[, *the State Department of Energy and the Oregon Department of Administrative Services*] **and the department** for the year, including that portion of the general regulation costs that have been allocated to a particular facility, are less than the annual fees for that facility, the unexpended balance shall be refunded to the site certificate holder. When the actual regulation costs incurred by the council[, *the State Department of Energy and the Oregon Department of Administrative Services*] **and the department** for the year, including that portion of the general regulation costs that have been allocated to a particular facility, are projected to exceed the annual fee for that facility, the director [*of the State Department of Energy*] may issue an order revising the annual fee.

(8)(a) In addition to any other fees required by law, each energy resource supplier shall pay to the [State] department [*of Energy*] annually its share of an assessment to fund the **programs and activities** of the [*Energy Facility Siting Council, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and the State Department of Energy, determined by the Director of the State Department of Energy in the following manner:*] **council and the department**.

(b) **Prior to filing budget forms under ORS 291.208 for purposes related to the compilation and preparation of the Governor's budget under ORS 291.216, the director shall determine the projected aggregate amount of revenue to be collected from energy resource suppliers under this subsection that will be necessary to fund the programs and activities of the council and the department for each fiscal year of the upcoming biennium. After making that determination, the director shall convene a public meeting with representatives of energy resource suppliers and other interested parties for the purpose of providing energy resource suppliers with a full accounting of:**

(A) **The projected revenue needed to fund each department program or activity; and**

(B) **The projected allocation of moneys derived from the assessment imposed under this subsection to each department program or activity.**

[(a)] (c) Upon approval of the budget authorization of the [*Energy Facility Siting Council, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and the State Department of Energy*] **council and the department** by an odd-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly, the director [*of the State Department of Energy*] shall promptly enter an order establishing the amount of revenues required to be derived from an assessment pursuant to this subsection in order to fund [*the activities of the Energy Facility Siting Council, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and the State Department of Energy, including those enumerated in ORS 469.030 and others authorized by law,*] **programs and ac-**

tivities that the council and the department are charged with administering and authorized to conduct under the laws of this state, including those enumerated in ORS 469.030, for the first fiscal year of the forthcoming biennium. On or before June 1 of each even-numbered year, the director [*of the State Department of Energy*] shall enter an order establishing the amount of revenues required to be derived from an assessment pursuant to this subsection in order to fund the [*activities of the Energy Facility Siting Council, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and the State Department of Energy, including those enumerated in ORS 469.030 and others authorized by law,*] **programs and activities that the council and the department are charged with administering and authorized to conduct under the laws of this state, including those enumerated in ORS 469.030,** for the second fiscal year of the biennium. The order shall take into account any revisions to the biennial budget of the [*Energy Facility Siting Council, the State Department of Energy and the Oregon Department of Administrative Services*] **council and the department** made by the Emergency Board meeting in an interim period or by the Legislative Assembly meeting in special session or in an even-numbered year regular session. [*However, an assessment under this section may not be used to derive revenue for funding State Department of Energy activities related to the energy efficiency and sustainable technology loan program described in ORS chapter 470.*]

[(b)] (d) Each order issued by the director pursuant to paragraph [(a)] (c) of this subsection shall allocate the aggregate assessment set forth [*therein*] **in the order** to energy resource suppliers in accordance with paragraph [(c)] (e) of this subsection.

[(c)] (e) The amount assessed to an energy resource supplier shall be based on the ratio which that supplier's annual gross operating revenue derived within this state in the preceding calendar year bears to the total gross operating revenue derived within this state during that year by all energy resource suppliers. The assessment against an energy resource supplier shall not exceed [*five-tenths of one*] **0.375** percent of the supplier's gross operating revenue derived within this state in the preceding calendar year. The director shall exempt from payment of an assessment any individual energy resource supplier whose calculated share of the annual assessment is less than \$250.

[(d)] (f) The director shall send each energy resource supplier subject to assessment pursuant to this subsection a copy of each order issued[,] by registered or certified mail **or through use of an electronic medium with electronic receipt verification.** The amount assessed to the energy resource supplier pursuant to the order shall be considered to the extent otherwise permitted by law a government-imposed cost and recoverable by the energy resource supplier as a cost included within the price of the service or product supplied.

[(e)] (g) The amounts assessed to individual energy resource suppliers pursuant to paragraph [(c)]

(e) of this subsection shall be paid to the [State] department [of Energy] as follows:

(A) Amounts assessed for the first fiscal year of a biennium shall be paid not later than 90 days following adjournment sine die of the odd-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly; and

(B) Amounts assessed for the second fiscal year of a biennium shall be paid not later than July 1 of each even-numbered year or 90 days following adjournment sine die of the even-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly, whichever is later.

[(f)] (h) An energy resource supplier shall provide the director, on or before May 1 of each year, a verified statement showing its gross operating revenues derived within the state for the [preceding calendar year.] **calendar or fiscal year that was used by the energy resource supplier for the purpose of reporting federal income taxes for the preceding calendar or fiscal year.** The statement [shall] **must** be in the form prescribed by the director and is subject to audit by the director. The statement [shall] **must** include an entry showing the total operating revenue derived by petroleum suppliers from fuels sold that are subject to the requirements of [section 3a,] Article IX, **section 3a**, of the Oregon Constitution, and ORS 319.020 with reference to aircraft fuel and motor vehicle fuel, and ORS 319.530. The director may grant an extension of not more than 15 days for the requirements of this subsection if:

(A) The energy supplier makes a showing of hardship caused by the deadline;

(B) The energy supplier provides reasonable assurance that the energy supplier can comply with the revised deadline; and

(C) The extension of time does not prevent the [Energy Facility Siting Council, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or the State Department of Energy] **council or the department** from fulfilling [their] **its** statutory responsibilities.

[(g)] (i) As used in this section:

(A) "Energy resource supplier" means an electric utility, natural gas utility or petroleum supplier supplying, generating, transmitting or distributing electricity, natural gas or petroleum products in Oregon.

(B) "Gross operating revenue" means gross receipts from sales or service made or provided within this state during the regular course of the energy supplier's business, but does not include either revenue derived from interutility sales within the state or revenue received by a petroleum supplier from the sale of fuels that are subject to the requirements of [section 3a,] Article IX, **section 3a**, of the Oregon Constitution, or ORS 319.020 or 319.530.

(C) "Petroleum supplier" has the meaning given that term in ORS 469.020.

[(h)] (j) In determining the amount of revenues that must be derived from any class of energy resource suppliers by assessment pursuant to this subsection, the director shall take into account all other known or readily ascertainable sources of re-

venue to the [Energy Facility Siting Council, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and the State Department of Energy] **council and department**, including, but not limited to, fees imposed under this section and federal funds, and may take into account any funds previously assessed pursuant to ORS 469.420 (1979 Replacement Part) or section 7, chapter 792, Oregon Laws 1981.

[(i)] (k) Orders issued by the director pursuant to this section shall be subject to judicial review under ORS 183.484. The taking of judicial review shall not operate to stay the obligation of an energy resource supplier to pay amounts assessed to it on or before the statutory deadline.

(9)(a) In addition to any other fees required by law, each operator of a nuclear fueled thermal power plant or nuclear installation within this state shall pay to the [State] department [of Energy] annually on July 1[,] an assessment in an amount determined by the director to be necessary to fund the activities of the state and the counties associated with emergency preparedness for a nuclear fueled thermal power plant or nuclear installation. The assessment shall not exceed \$461,250 per year. Moneys collected as assessments under this subsection are continuously appropriated to the [State] department [of Energy] for this purpose.

(b) The [State] department [of Energy] shall maintain and [shall] cause other state agencies and counties to maintain time and billing records for the expenditure of any fees collected from an operator of a nuclear fueled thermal power plant under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(10) Reactors operated by a college, university or graduate center for research purposes and electric utilities not connected to the Northwest Power Grid are exempt from the fee requirements of subsections (5), (8) and (9) of this section.

(11)(a) All fees assessed by the director against holders of site certificates for facilities that have an installed capacity of 500 megawatts or greater may be paid in several installments, the schedule for which shall be negotiated between the director and the site certificate holder.

(b) Energy resource suppliers or applicants or holders of a site certificate who fail to pay a fee provided under subsections (1) to (9) of this section or the fees required under ORS 469.360 after it is due and payable shall pay, in addition to that fee, a penalty of two percent of the fee a month for the period that the fee is past due. Any payment made according to the terms of a schedule negotiated under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall not be considered past due. The director may bring an action to collect an unpaid fee or penalty in the name of the State of Oregon in a court of competent jurisdiction. The court may award reasonable attorney fees to the director if the director prevails in an action under this subsection. The court may award reasonable attorney fees to a defendant who prevails in an action under this subsection if the court determines that the director had no objectively reasonable basis for asserting the claim or no

reasonable basis for appealing an adverse decision of the trial court.

SECTION 2. Section 47a, chapter 753, Oregon Laws 2009, is amended to read:

Sec. 47a. Notwithstanding ORS 469.441, in addition to any assessment imposed under ORS 469.421 (8), the State Department of Energy may impose a special assessment on energy resource suppliers that are subject to the assessment described in ORS 469.421 (8). The special assessment authorized under this section may not exceed \$300,000. The department shall calculate the share of the special assessment to be paid by an energy resource supplier based on the most recent gross operating revenue ratio determined for that supplier under ORS 469.421 [(8)(c)] (8)(e) as of the special assessment date. The department may not impose the special assessment authorized under this section more than once and may not impose the special assessment after July 1, 2010. Moneys received by the department from the special assessment must be deposited to the Energy Project Supplemental Fund and used to pay costs incurred by the department or the Director of the State Department of Energy in implementing or administering loan programs for small scale local energy projects.

SECTION 3. (1) The Director of the State Department of Energy shall convene an advisory work group composed of stakeholders representing energy resource suppliers, the customers who ultimately pay for the energy supplier assessment imposed under ORS 469.421 (8) through their energy bills and other groups that have an interest in the provision and regulation of energy in this state.

(2) The advisory work group shall review and make recommendations on the State Department of Energy's proposals related to:

- (a) Planning, policy and technical analysis;
- (b) Legislative concepts; and
- (c) The department's requested budget.

(3) The work group shall meet at least two times per year at the call of the director.

ENERGY-RELATED PROCEEDINGS

SECTION 4. ORS 469.110 is amended to read:

469.110. (1) [As to] **At the direction of the Director of the State Department of Energy, the State Department of Energy may represent the state's energy-related interests in any matter involving the federal government, its departments or agencies, which is within the scope of the power and duties of the State Department of Energy, [the department may represent its interest or, upon request, may] and may, upon request, represent the interest of [any] a county, city, state agency, federally recognized Native American or American Indian tribe, special district or owner or operator of [any] an energy facility.**

(2) **At the direction of the director,** the department may intervene in any proceeding undertaken by an agency for the purpose of expressing its views as to the effect of an agency action, upon state energy resources and state energy policy.

SECTION 5. Section 6 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 469.300 to 469.563.

SECTION 6. (1) As used in this section, "energy resource supplier" has the meaning given that term in ORS 469.421.

(2)(a) If the State Department of Energy submits comments or written or oral testimony in a rulemaking, contested case, ratemaking or other proceeding conducted by another agency, as defined in ORS 183.310, and if the comment or testimony is about a substantive matter at issue in the proceeding, the department shall provide, once for each proceeding, notice to energy resource suppliers as described in this section.

(b) If the department submits written comments or intervenes in a proceeding conducted by a federal agency, the department shall provide, once for each proceeding, notice to energy resource suppliers as described in this section.

(c) This section does not apply to:

(A) The department's participation in a procedural matter related to a proceeding described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection;

(B) The department's participation in a federal facility siting proceeding;

(C) The department's work with the Energy Facility Siting Council;

(D) The department's work on nuclear safety and emergency preparedness; or

(E) Federal judicial or legislative proceedings.

(3) The department shall create and maintain a list of energy resource suppliers that request to receive notice described in subsection (2) of this section. The department may create separate lists for the different types of proceedings.

(4) Notice provided under this section may be provided by electronic mail and must include a description of the department's interest in the proceeding.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, notice must be provided under this section:

(a) No later than seven days before submitting initial comments on a substantive matter at issue in a rulemaking proceeding described in subsection (2)(a) of this section or a proceeding involving the adoption of federal regulations;

(b) No later than 15 days before submitting initial comments or written or oral testimony on a substantive matter at issue in a contested case, ratemaking or other proceeding described in subsection (2)(a) of this section; or

(c) No later than 15 days before submitting initial written comments or written testimony on a substantive matter at issue in a proceeding conducted by a federal agency other than a proceeding involving the adoption of federal regulations.

(6) If providing notice in accordance with subsection (5) of this section is prejudicial to the department's ability to participate in a rulemaking, contested case, ratemaking or other proceeding described in subsection (2) of this section, the department may provide notice as soon as it is practicable to provide notice. If the department provides notice as described in this subsection, the department shall include in the notice an explanation of why providing notice in accordance with subsection (5) of this section is prejudicial to the department.

(7) The department may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

DUTIES

SECTION 7. ORS 469.030 is amended to read: 469.030. (1) There is created the State Department of Energy.

(2) The State Department of Energy shall:

(a) Be the central repository within the state government for the collection of data on energy resources;

(b) Endeavor to utilize all public and private sources to inform and educate the public about energy problems and ways in which the public can conserve energy resources;

(c) Engage in research, but whenever possible, contract with appropriate public or private agencies and dispense funds for research projects and other services related to energy resources, except that the State Department of Energy shall endeavor to avoid duplication of research whether completed or in progress;

(d) Qualify for, accept and disburse or utilize any private or federal moneys or services available for the administration of ORS 176.820, 192.501 to 192.505, 192.690, 469.010 to 469.155, 469.300 to 469.563, 469.990, 757.710 and 757.720;

(e) Administer federal and state energy allocation and conservation programs and energy research and development programs and apply for and receive available funds therefor;

(f) Be a clearinghouse for energy research to which all agencies shall send information on all energy related research;

(g) Prepare contingent energy programs to include all forms of energy not otherwise provided pursuant to ORS 757.710 and 757.720;

(h) Maintain an inventory of energy research projects in Oregon and the results thereof;

(i) Collect, compile and analyze energy statistics, data and information;

(j) Contract with public and private agencies for energy activities consistent with ORS 469.010 and this section; [and]

(k) Upon request of the governing body of any affected jurisdiction, coordinate a public review of a proposed transmission line according to the provisions of ORS 469.442[.]; and

(L) Advise the Governor on energy-related matters.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ACCOUNT

SECTION 8. ORS 469.120 is amended to read:

469.120. (1) The State Department of Energy Account is established.

(2) **The account shall consist of** all funds received by the State Department of Energy pursuant to law [*shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the State Department of Energy Account*]. All moneys in the account are continuously appropriated to the State Department of Energy for payment of expenses of the [State] department [*of Energy, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services*] and of the Energy Facility Siting Council.

(3) Moneys collected under ORS 469.421 (8) may be expended only for the purposes of programs and activities that the council and the department are charged with administering and authorized to conduct under the laws of this state, including those enumerated in ORS 469.030.

[(3)] (4) The Director of the State Department of Energy shall keep a record of all moneys deposited in the [State Department of Energy] account. The record shall indicate by special cumulative accounts the source from which moneys are derived and the individual activity or program, **including any activities described in section 6 of this 2013 Act**, against which each withdrawal is charged. **On or after October 1 of each year, the director shall make available, upon request, the record for the prior fiscal year to any energy resource supplier that has paid the assessment imposed under ORS 469.421 (8). The director shall make the record available within 30 days of receiving the request.**

TRANSFER OF ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

SECTION 9. The duties, functions and powers of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services relating to the Energy Facility Siting Council are imposed upon, transferred to and vested in the State Department of Energy.

SECTION 10. ORS 469.450 is amended to read:

469.450. (1) There is established **in the State Department of Energy** an Energy Facility Siting Council, [*to be located within the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and*] consisting of seven

public members, who shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner prescribed in ORS 171.562 and 171.565.

(2) The term of office of each member is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the Governor. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor whose term begins on July 1 next following. A member is eligible for reappointment, but no member shall serve more than two full terms. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

(3) No member of the council shall be an employee, director or retired employee or director of, or a consultant to, or have any pecuniary interest, other than an incidental interest which is disclosed and made a matter of public record at the time of the appointment to the council, in:

(a) Any corporation or utility operating or interested in establishing an energy facility in this state; or *[in]*

(b) Any manufacturer of *[related]* equipment **related to the operation or establishment of an energy facility in this state.**

(4) No member shall for two years after the expiration of the term of the member accept employment with *[any]* **an** owner or operator of *[any]* **an** energy facility that is subject to ORS 469.300 to 469.563, 469.590 to 469.619, 469.930 and 469.992.

(5) Employment of a person in violation of this section shall be grounds for revocation of any license issued by this state or *[any]* **an** agency *[thereof and]* **of this state that is** held by the owner or operator of the energy facility that employs *[such]* **the** person.

(6) **The State Department of Energy shall provide clerical and staff support to the council and fund the activities of the council through fees collected under ORS 469.421.**

SECTION 11. ORS 184.345 is amended to read: 184.345. *[(1)]* The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide on a reimbursable basis administrative and other services, as agreed to, to:

- [(a)]* (1) The Department of Corrections;
- [(b)]* (2) The Department of Human Services;
- [(c)]* (3) The Oregon Health Authority; and
- [(d)]* (4) The State Board of Education.

[(2)] **In addition to its duties under subsection (1) of this section, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide clerical support to the Energy Facility Siting Council.**

SECTION 12. (1) **On the effective date of this 2013 Act:**

(a) **The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall:**

(A) **Deliver to the State Department of Energy all records and property within the jurisdiction of the director that relate to the duties,**

functions and powers transferred by section 9 of this 2013 Act; and

(B) **Transfer to the State Department of Energy those employees engaged primarily in the exercise of the duties, functions and powers transferred by section 9 of this 2013 Act.**

(b) **The Director of the State Department of Energy shall take possession of the records and property, and shall take charge of the employees and employ them in the exercise of the duties, functions and powers transferred by section 9 of this 2013 Act, without reduction of compensation but subject to change or termination of employment or compensation as provided by law.**

(2) **The Governor shall resolve any dispute between the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and the State Department of Energy relating to transfers of records, property and employees under this section, and the Governor's decision is final.**

SECTION 13. (1) **The unexpended balances of amounts authorized to be expended by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, from revenues dedicated, continuously appropriated, appropriated or otherwise made available for the purpose of administering and enforcing the duties, functions and powers transferred by section 9 of this 2013 Act are transferred to and are available for expenditure by the State Department of Energy for the biennium beginning July 1, 2013, for the purpose of administering and enforcing the duties, functions and powers transferred by section 9 of this 2013 Act.**

(2) **The expenditure classifications, if any, established by Acts authorizing or limiting expenditures by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services remain applicable to expenditures by the State Department of Energy under this section.**

SECTION 14. **The transfer of duties, functions and powers to the State Department of Energy by section 9 of this 2013 Act does not affect any action, proceeding or prosecution involving or with respect to such duties, functions and powers begun before and pending at the time of the transfer, except that the State Department of Energy is substituted for the Oregon Department of Administrative Services in the action, proceeding or prosecution.**

SECTION 15. (1) **Nothing in sections 9 and 12 to 17 of this 2013 Act or the amendments to ORS 184.345, 469.421 and 469.450 by sections 1, 10 and 11 of this 2013 Act relieves a person of a liability, duty or obligation accruing under or with respect to the duties, functions and powers transferred by section 9 of this 2013 Act. The State Department of Energy may undertake the**

collection or enforcement of any such liability, duty or obligation.

(2) The rights and obligations of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services legally incurred under contracts, leases and business transactions executed, entered into or begun before the effective date of section 9 of this 2013 Act accruing under or with respect to the duties, functions and powers transferred by section 9 of this 2013 Act are transferred to the State Department of Energy. For the purpose of succession to these rights and obligations, the State Department of Energy is a continuation of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services and not a new authority.

SECTION 16. Notwithstanding the transfer of duties, functions and powers by section 9 of this 2013 Act, the rules of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services with respect to such duties, functions or powers that are in effect on the effective date of section 9 of this 2013 Act continue in effect until superseded or repealed by rules of the State Department of Energy. References in such rules of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or an officer or employee of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services are considered to be references to the State Department of Energy or an officer or employee of the State Department of Energy.

SECTION 17. Whenever, in any uncodified law or resolution of the Legislative Assembly or in any rule, document, record or proceeding authorized by the Legislative Assembly, in the context of the duties, functions and powers transferred by section 9 of this 2013 Act, reference is made to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, or an officer or employee of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, whose duties, functions or powers are transferred by section 9 of this 2013 Act, the reference is considered to be a reference to the State Department of Energy or an officer or employee of the State Department of Energy who by this 2013 Act is charged with carrying out such duties, functions and powers.

JOBS, ENERGY AND SCHOOLS FUND

SECTION 18. ORS 470.575 is amended to read: 470.575. (1) The Jobs, Energy and Schools Fund

is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Jobs, Energy and Schools Fund shall be credited to the Jobs, Energy and Schools Fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Department of Energy for use as provided in this section.

(2) The fund shall consist of any moneys directed by law, gift, grant or donation to the fund and moneys from base efficiency package fees collected pursuant to ORS 470.655.

(3) The department shall use fund moneys:

(a) To promote energy efficiency, renewable energy and energy conservation projects, including the clean energy deployment program established in ORS 470.810, that would otherwise result in a higher overall cost to the applicant when energy costs and the financing and repayment costs for the project are considered, *[by using the fund moneys to help produce a lower-or zero-interest cost of loans obtained through the Small Scale Local Energy Project Loan Fund established in section 1, Article XI-J of the Oregon Constitution, or the Clean Energy Deployment Fund established in ORS 470.800 for the applicant]* **by using the fund moneys to help reduce the overall financing costs associated with related projects;** or

(b) To transfer to an appropriate fund for carrying out any purpose under this chapter specified as a condition of a gift, grant or donation.

APPLICABILITY

SECTION 19. The amendments to ORS 469.421 by section 1 of this 2013 Act apply to the establishment of the amount required to fund the activities and programs of the Energy Facility Siting Council and the State Department of Energy for the 2015-2017 biennium and subsequent biennia.

CAPTIONS

SECTION 20. The unit captions used in this 2013 Act are provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2013 Act.

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