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## Glacier Ridge Wind Farm Application for Certificate of Site Compatibility, Case No. PU-16-539: Late-Filed Exhibit No. 30

### Description of construction practices to ensure topsoil will be segregated appropriately in freezing conditions:

Glacier Ridge Wind Farm, LLC understands and agrees that topsoil, up to 12 inches, or topsoil to the depth of cultivation, whichever is greater, over and along trench areas, roadways, tower locations, and locations of associated facilities must be carefully stripped and segregated from the subsoil. Any area on which excavated subsoil will be placed must first be stripped of topsoil. The stripped topsoil must not be stockpiled in natural drainages, and must be protected from water erosion. Care must be taken to protect topsoil from unnecessary compaction by heavy machinery.

Glacier Ridge Wind requested approval from the Commission to remove topsoil after topsoil freezes in the late fall/ early winter. Once the frost penetrates the subsoil, it inhibits proper soil segregation and the soil must be thawed in order to segregate the topsoil; therefore, Glacier Ridge Wind will either complete topsoil removal prior to the frost penetrating the subsoil, or will thaw the soil in locations where topsoil must be segregated.