



Energy Facility Siting Council

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Energy Facility Siting Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

March 24, 2023 - 8:30 AM

Oregon Department of Energy
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Roll Call and Opening Remarks

- A. **Consent Calendar (Action Item & Information Item)** – Approval of January 22, 2023 minutes; Council Secretary Report; and other routine Council business.
- B. **West End Solar Project, Final Order on Application for Site Certificate with Potential for Material Change Hearing. Public Notice of Hearing to Adopt Final Order (ORS 469.370(7)) (Action Item)** – Kellen Tardaewether, Senior Siting Analyst. Council will review the Proposed Order on the ASC for the West End Solar Project and will either adopt, modify or reject the Proposed Order as the Final Order. If Council amends or rejects the Proposed Order, it will hold a hearing to adopt a final order (material change hearing), and provide an opportunity for the applicant to comment on material changes to the Proposed Order. The West End Solar Project is a 324-acre solar photovoltaic energy generation facility proposed in Umatilla County.
- C. **2023 Legislative Session Update (Information Item)** – Christy Splitt, Government Relations Coordinator. The Council will receive an overview of the 2023 legislative session.

- D. Oregon Trail Solar Facility, Final Order on Request for Amendment 1 of the Site Certificate (Action Item)** – Kathleen Sloan, Senior Siting Analyst. Council will review the Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 1 (RFA1) of the Oregon Trail Solar Site Certificate and will either adopt, modify or reject the Proposed Order as the Final Order. The Oregon Trail Solar Facility is an approved, but not constructed, wind/solar photovoltaic energy generation facility to include up to 16 wind turbines or up to 400 acres of solar facility components, in Gilliam County.
- E. Public Comment Period (Information Item)** – This time is reserved for the public to address the Council regarding any item within Council jurisdiction that is not otherwise closed for comment. Applications for Site Certificates which are closed for comment include the West End Solar Project and the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project.
- F. Initiation of Rulemaking Alignment Phase 1 (Action Item)** – Tom Jackman, Rulemaking Coordinator. The Council will consider staff’s recommendation to initiate phase 1 proposed revisions to the Council’s rules in Divisions 15, 20, 21 and potentially others to improve the consistency of rules and the application process.
- G. Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility, Request to Amend Habitat Mitigation Plan (Action Item)** – Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Siting Analyst. Council will receive a presentation on the Site Certificate’s Habitat Mitigation Plan, implemented from 2017 to 2021, and will review a request to amend the plan to incorporate new enhancement actions necessary to address success issues. Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility is an operational underground natural gas storage facility located in Columbia County.
- H. Coyote Springs Cogeneration, Request to Amend Ecological Monitoring Program (Action Item)** – Elizabeth Bobe, Siting Compliance Officer. Council will receive a presentation on the Site Certificate’s Ecological Monitoring Program and will review a request to amend the program to support long-term maintenance of tree-planting efforts at Messner Pond. Coyote Springs Cogeneration is an operational 442-MW combined-cycle, natural gas facility in Morrow County.
- I. Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility II, Laurent’s Milkvetch Mitigation Update (Information Item)** – Kate Sloan, Senior Siting Analyst, and Jordan Brown, Lead Conservation Biologist, Native Plan Conservation, Oregon Department of Agriculture. Council will receive a presentation on the status of mitigation for direct impacts to Threatened and Endangered plant species, Laurent’s milkvetch, resulting from facility construction. Council approved the mitigation (seed collection, seed banking, germination and transplant trials/study) in March 2020. Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility II is an operational, 200 MW wind facility in Morrow County.
- J. Lone Pine to Whetstone Transmission Line, Appointment of Special Advisory Groups (Action Item)** – Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor. Council will review a request to appoint City of Medford’s Planning Commission and Jackson County’s Board of Commissioners as the Special Advisory Groups under ORS 469.480(1) for EFSC proceedings related to a 230 kV transmission line, with two proposed routes, to be located within the jurisdictions of the City of Medford and Jackson County.

Anticipated Adjournment at 2:30 p.m.

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- April 20-21, 2023
 - May 18-19, 2023
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