



# Public Notice

## Information Meeting and Request for Comments Notice of Intent Received: Carty Generating Station



### Introduction

The Oregon Department of Energy (the Department) has received a Notice of Intent from Portland General Electric Company (PGE). PGE intends to file an application for the construction and operation of an electricity generating facility in Morrow County, south of Boardman, Oregon. The proposed Carty Generating Station will be a combined-cycle generating plant fueled by natural gas.

Upon completion the Carty Generating Station would produce up to 900 megawatts (MW) of electrical power. PGE is proposing to build the project in two stages. According to Oregon law, PGE must obtain approval (a site certificate) from the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (Council) before building and operating the Carty Generating Station.

The Council's site certificate process is a consolidated permitting process that includes the review of applicable regulations of most other state agencies. The Department serves as staff to the Council and conducts the application process for site certificates. This notice explains how interested members of the public can provide comments to the Department during the review process.

Please note that the submittal of a Notice of Intent (NOI) to file an application is only the very first step of the application process. The Department does not make any recommendations during this phase of the review process, nor does the Council make any decisions regarding the proposed facility.

We invite you to submit comments or attend the information meeting listed below if you have any questions or concerns. Representatives from the Department and PGE will be on hand to explain the project and answer your questions. The information meeting is not a formal public hearing. There will be additional chances to provide comments to the Council during the application review process, even if you do not have any comments about the NOI. The review process is explained on Page 2 of this notice.

### Information Meeting:

**Date:** September 29, 2009

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

(Department and PGE staff  
will be available at 6:30 p.m.)

### Energy Facility Siting

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Salem, OR 97301  
Phone: (503) 378-4040  
Fax: (503) 373-7806

245 East Main Street  
Suite C  
Hermiston, OR 97838  
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Fax: (541) 567-6861

Toll-Free in Oregon:  
1-800-221-8035

[www.oregon.gov/ENERGY](http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY)

### Comment Period:

September 4, 2009 through  
October 8, 2009 (5:00 p.m.)

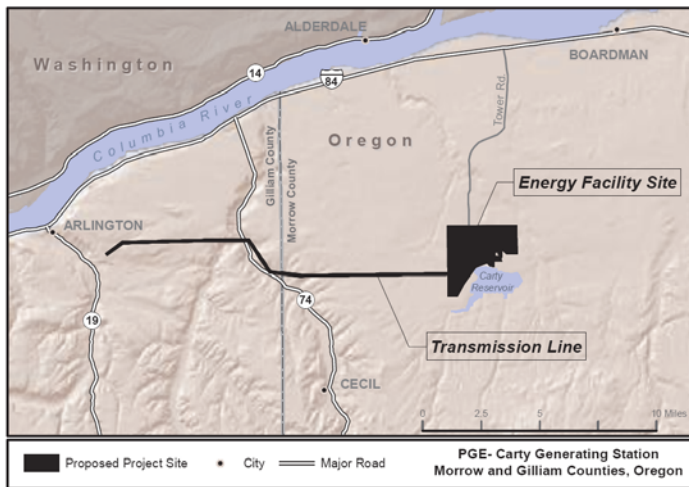
### Location:

Port of Morrow  
Riverfront Center  
Well Springs Conference Room  
2 Marine Drive  
Boardman, Oregon 97818  
<http://www.portofmorrow.com/contact.htm>

### Where will the proposed facility be located?

The proposed Carty Generating Station will be located about 13 miles southwest of Boardman, Oregon, adjacent to Boardman coal-fired generating plant (also operated by PGE) in Morrow County. The site is accessed from the Tower Road interchange on Interstate 84 (exit 159). The site boundary will encompass approximately 5,000 acres, including a transmission line that extends about 18 miles west into Gilliam County. The actual generating facility will be located within a fenced area about 55 acres in size.

The map on the following page shows the general project location. More detailed maps can be found in the Carty Generating Station Notice of Intent that is posted on the Department's website at [www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/review.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/review.shtml).



## What is a Notice of Intent (NOI)?

The NOI contains preliminary information about the proposed facility, its location, and its potential environmental and community impacts. The NOI also identifies federal, state, and local government permits needed for the facility, and provides the names and addresses of adjacent property owners. (You might have received this notice because you are on the list the applicant provided.) The applicant must also state how it intends to comply with Oregon’s land use standards, and must include other information required by Oregon law. PGE has indicated in the NOI that it intends to satisfy the Council’s land use standard by seeking a Council determination of compliance with Morrow County and Gilliam County land use standards.

The NOI is not the actual application to construct the facility, only a notice to the Department and the public that the applicant intends to submit an Application for a Site Certificate in the near future. The actual application contains much more detail than the NOI. As explained in the next section, an additional comment period is held when a complete application is filed with the Department.

## Description of the Carty Generating Station

The proposed Carty Generating Station will be constructed in two stages and upon completion will be capable of generating up to 900 MW of electrical power. Each stage would include construction of one or more high efficiency combustion turbine generators fired by natural gas, heat recovery steam generators, and a steam turbine generator (collectively referred to as a “block”).

In addition to the two generating blocks, the facility will include a new switchyard with generator transformers, auxiliary boilers, up to four evaporation ponds, and administrative and water treatment buildings.

The facility will also include a transmission line approximately 18 miles long. PGE is considering two options for interconnection with the electrical power grid. The preferred option is to utilize the existing 500-kilovolt (kV) Boardman to Slatt transmission line. The second option is to construct a new transmission line which would be located primarily within the right-of-way for the existing line.

The proposed facility will consume about 150 million cubic feet of natural gas per day upon completion. Natural gas will be supplied to the facility through a lateral pipeline that will be connected to an existing pipeline operated by the Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation (GTN). The lateral pipeline is not included within the scope of the NOI because it will be permitted, owned, and operated by GTN and is outside the jurisdiction of the Council. Natural gas pipelines are permitted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

## What happens next?

After the NOI public comment period is complete, the Department and the applicant review and consider the comments received. The Department also reviews comments from other government agencies (city, county, state, federal, and tribal). Each agency identifies the agency’s requirements that apply to the facility, and any other issues of special concern. The Department uses the comments to prepare a “Project Order” for the applicant. The Project Order identifies specific information that the applicant must include in the Application for a Site Certificate. The time between the Notice of Intent and the Project Order represents Phase 1 in the review and approval process for a Site Certificate.

Phase 2 begins when the applicant submits a preliminary application containing the information required by the Project Order. PGE anticipates submitting the preliminary application in late December, 2009. The Department and other government agencies then begin the review of the preliminary application. The Department usually requests additional information from the applicant during this review phase. Phase 2 can last several

months and ends when the Department determines that the application is complete.

Phase 3 begins after the Department files the complete application and sends a public notice inviting interested persons to comment on the application. The Department publishes the notice in a local newspaper and sends it to persons on the Department's mailing lists and to property owners listed in the application. The Department may hold another public information meeting during the application comment period. After the close of the comment period on the application, the Department reviews and prepares responses to the comments received and begins preparation of its recommendations to the Council.

Phase 4 begins when the Department issues a "Draft Proposed Order." The Draft Proposed Order includes proposed findings on each of the Council's standards. It is during this phase that the Department opens a public comment period and conducts a public hearing. You must provide oral or written comment during this phase if you want to preserve your right to participate in contested case proceedings or subsequent appeals of the Council's decision.

The Department's website [[oregon.gov/ENERGY](http://oregon.gov/ENERGY)] describes the Council's site certificate review and approval process in much greater detail. The website also describes the standards the applicant must meet to obtain a Site Certificate, and the options the applicant has to comply with Oregon's land use standards.

### **How do I get more information and review related documents?**

You can review and download documents about the Carty Generating Station, including the Notice of Intent, on the Department's web page or at the Salem or Hermiston offices of the Oregon Department of Energy listed on the first page of this notice (please call ahead for an appointment). The Department has also sent this notice and a copy of the NOI to the Boardman library. Please call the library or check the website listed below for operating hours:

#### **Boardman Library**

200 South Main Street  
Boardman, OR 97818  
Phone: 541-481-2665

Web: [www.oregontrail.plinkit.org](http://www.oregontrail.plinkit.org)

You can also call, write, fax, or e-mail the Department's Project Officer for the proposed facility:

Sue Oliver, Energy Facility Siting Officer  
245 East Main St., Hermiston, OR 97838

**Phone:** 541-567-3840 (Ext. 225)

**Fax:** 541-567-6861

**Toll-free in Oregon:** 1-800-221-8035

**E-mail:** [sue.oliver@state.or.us](mailto:sue.oliver@state.or.us)

The Project Officer can assist you with information about the Site Certificate process and the proposed facility. The Project Officer can also accept your written comments about the proposed facility.

### **How do I submit my comments?**

You can submit your comments by writing, faxing, or e-mailing the Department's Project Officer listed above. You can also submit your comments to the Department's Salem office. Comments on this NOI can be submitted any time from September 4, 2009 through October 8, 2009, including at the public meeting to be held on September 29, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. (See Page 1).

The Department would like to hear your concerns or comments about the facility. Although this is not the only opportunity to provide comments about the proposed Carty Generating Station, providing comments now helps the Department ensure that the Application for a Site Certificate addresses local concerns.

### **Accessibility information**

The Department is committed to accommodating people with disabilities. Please notify us of any special physical or language accommodations or if you need information in an alternate format. To make these arrangements, contact Meiko Kristiansen in the Department's Salem office at (503) 378-3895, toll-free in Oregon at (800) 221-8035, fax to (503) 373-7806, TTY 800-735-2900, or e-mail to [MKristi@odoe.state.or.us](mailto:MKristi@odoe.state.or.us).