

**Agenda Minutes**  
**Energy Facility Siting Council Meeting**  
**Oregon Department of Energy**  
**Community Connection Meeting Room**  
**Baker City, OR 97814**  
**May 15, 2009**

**Energy Facility Siting Council**

Bryan Wolfe, Chair  
Lori Brogoitti  
Cheri Davis  
Mike Haglund (by phone)  
Bob Shiprack (by phone)

**Oregon Department of Energy:**

Tom Stoops, Council Secretary  
Adam Bless, Project Officer  
Sue Oliver, Project Officer  
John White, Project Officer (by phone)  
Meiko Kristiansen, Administrative Assistant

**Oregon Department of Justice:**

Jan Prewitt, Assistant Attorney General

**Others:**

Jim Anderson, Operating Engineers Local 701  
Elaine Albrich, Stoel Rives  
Valerie Franklin, Horizon Wind Energy  
David Filippi, Stoel Rives  
Robin Jolly  
Richard Jolly  
Norm Kralman  
Kelly O'Brien, BP Alternative Energy  
Mike Roberts, Klamath Generation Facility

Chair Bryan Wolfe called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Lori Brogoitti moved that the Council waive the Consent Calendar and proceed to the Action Items due to time; Cheri Davis seconded the motion, Council was polled and motion passed unanimously:

<b>Lori Brogoitti</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Bob Shiprack</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Cheri Davis</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Bryan Wolfe</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mike Haglund</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

**I. Action Items:**

**A. Approval of the January 23, 2009 Energy Facility Siting Council meeting minutes.**

Chair Bryan Wolfe also tabled the approval of the January 23, 2009 minutes until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**B. Klamath Generation Facility: Request for Amendment #2 (extension of deadlines for construction)**

Tom Stoops began the presentation in place of John White, Project Officer for Klamath Generation Facility. Mr. White was present by telephone connection.

Mr. Stoops introduced Mike Roberts, representing Klamath Generation Facility, and noted that the company is requesting an extension to their construction schedule. The request is mostly based on market conditions, both market for power and the financing market. Mr. White did a review, concurred, and the Department of Energy is recommending that the Council approve a deadline extension for the facility.

Chair Wolfe asked if there were any comments or questions. Mr. White commented that all Council members at the meeting should have a redlined version of the Proposed Order converted to a Draft Final Order. There are a couple of changes; two revisions located on pages 30 and 31. These revisions are “boiler plate” introductory language to change some items in the site certificate that were inadvertently left out of the Proposed Order.

Mr. White also referred to page 2, lines 4-6 and changed the wording to read the Council “...approved this Final Order granting the amendment request...” This wording has to be changed because Bob Shiprack would be unavailable to sign the Final Order at this time.

Chair Wolfe asked for any other comments; there were none.

Cheri Davis made a motion to approve the Request for Amendment #2 including the changes noted by John White. Lori Brogoitti seconded the motion, Council was polled and the motion passed unanimously.

<b>Lori Brogoitti</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Bob Shiprack</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Cheri Davis</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Bryan Wolfe</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mike Haglund</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

**C. Council consideration of Final Order on the Golden Hills Wind Farm**

Adam Bless stated the Oregon Department of Energy is recommending approval of the Site Certificate for Golden Hills Wind Farm. In January 2009 at the EFSC meeting there was an extensive review of the Draft Proposed Order and at that time it was unknown whether there would be a request for participation in a Contested Case. Notice of opportunity for Contested Case was issued and two individuals who originally requested party status settled outside the process with the applicant.

Mr. Bless stated that the Hearing Officer, John Burgess, issued an Order declaring the Contested Case concluded so the Final Order has no changes from the Draft Proposed Order reviewed by Council members earlier. Mr. Bless noted the only changes would be scrivener changes to modify the wording from "Draft" to "Final." Also, the same wording change as mentioned on the previous agenda item because Mr. Shiprack is unavailable to sign the Final Order at this meeting.

Chair Wolfe asked if there were questions or comments; there were none.

Lori Brogoitti made a motion to approve the Final Order for Golden Hills Wind Farm subject to the scrivener changes; Cheri Davis seconded the motion, Council was polled and approved unanimously.

<b>Lori Brogoitti</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Bob Shiprack</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Cheri Davis</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Bryan Wolfe</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mike Haglund</b>	<b>Yes</b>		

## **II. Consent Calendar:**

Tom Stoops, Energy Facility Siting Council Secretary, stated there were no announcements but would like to set dates for future EFSC meetings to help in planning. There will be email communication in the next few weeks to set meetings for the next three to four months.

Chair Wolfe stated that as is the custom, if members of the public would like to make comments they will be given the opportunity before the meeting is finished.

## **III. Information Items:**

### **A. Antelope Ridge Wind Farm**

Sue Oliver with the Oregon Department of Energy Hermiston Office introduced herself. She referred to a binder available for each Council member and will be sending information to Council members electronically as much as possible to add to the binder. The Notice of Intent (NOI) is included in the binder on a CD.

Ms. Oliver started her presentation with slides showing a map of the proposed location, ten miles southeast of LaGrande. It covers a total area of about 47,000 acres of all

private land. The developer is Horizon Wind Energy LLC and Valerie Franklin, Project Manager for Horizon is available for questions.

Ms. Oliver said that the Facility will have an installed nameplate capacity of up to approximately 300 MW, up to 182 wind turbines. The actual amount will depend on the turbine model selected. The range is up to 520 feet high for the blade tip height, but that is also determined by what type of turbine is selected.

Lori Brogoitti asked if this presentation is on the CD in the binder. Ms. Oliver stated it isn't but would email it if requested.

Ms. Oliver said the supporting facilities are the usual that are seen with these projects – an operations and maintenance facility and collection lines both underground and overhead depending on the terrain. The most significant feature of this is a possible ten-mile long transmission line to feed into the LaGrande substation of Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) for an interconnect. There is also a second possible route but the preferred route is going to the LaGrande site. The ten-mile feeder line mentioned is proposed to run along an existing Idaho Power right of way, either as H-frame poles or steel monopole structures.

Ms. Oliver stated the NOI was received on April 27, 2009; Public Notice went out on the 30<sup>th</sup> and the Memorandum was sent to the reviewing agencies on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The comment period will be open until June 1<sup>st</sup> for both the public and reviewing agencies.

There was a public meeting in LaGrande May 12<sup>th</sup> with attendance of approximately 30 people. The concerns expressed involved the lighting of the turbines required by the FAA, displacement of big game animals, loss of wildlife habitat, impact on forested areas and encroachment caused by disturbance on the land.

Horizon Wind Energy is anticipating submitting the preliminary application in the fall and discussions are already underway with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife along with the US Department of Fish and Wildlife. There is a draft study protocol to look at the wildlife management plan. One of the more significant items proposed for this is that Horizon is discussing with the agencies a “collaring study.” This would involve radio collars on elk and possibly deer to try to track impacts in looking at the displacement of the animals both before the start of the project and during the course.

Chair Wolfe asked about the location's distance from the existing wind facility in that area.

Valerie Franklin, Project Manager for Horizon Wind Energy LLC, stated the project area is between one and five miles away, depending on the border. Chair Wolfe mentioned the cumulative impact issue should be addressed also.

Ms. Oliver asked if there were any further questions or comments; there were none.

### Public Comments

Chair Wolfe asked for comments from the public and explained the procedure.

Norm Kralman from Milton-Freewater introduced himself and stated he felt he had a different perspective about energy and wanted to express his views as a land owner in Oregon. He discussed his residency in different parts of the area and the environmental issues that are happening.

Mr. Kralman referred to the update meeting held the previous evening regarding the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Project. He expressed his concern with the lack of awareness that the public has. Goal 1 of the Comprehensive Plan involves Community Awareness, letting the citizens have an important part in the process of making land use decisions. Unfortunately, the public doesn't come out often; there is a lot of public unawareness.

Mr. Kralman stated that the public believes in property rights and also rights for things going on in our country and community; one right being our view shed and environment which last night's meeting brought out. The State cannot run haphazardly planting wind farms across the landscape without considering the future generations. He also stated he understands why many citizens don't get involved – this is so complicated, big and misunderstandable that it scares people off.

Mr. Kralman also noted that a speaker from the county mentioned their county comprehensive plan was in the process of being reviewed. Mr. Kralman stated this is happening too late and questioned whether the state can slow down so that counties can get up to par in putting their comprehensive plans in place to deal with what is coming.

Mr. Kralman also noted that it has been documented that the taxpayers' money going into wind energy is only approximately 20 to 30 percent efficient. In comparison to other areas like Oklahoma and Wyoming that have wind blowing 40 to 50 percent of the time, they are getting more of a payback because they have wide open rangelands.

Another point Mr. Kralman stated was that if we didn't have the federal and state subsidy base there would not be wind turbines being built here. He also said he is not against wind energy; he is interested in wind efficiency and whether we really have a need. Is Idaho hydropower excluded from being "green" right now, as is Oregon? Mr. Kralman concluded there is only one motivation for this, that being the money. There is a need to slow down; who would have ever guessed we would be seeing what is out there today. He asked for help in protecting the environment.

Sue Oliver, Project Officer for Antelope Ridge, asked Mr. Kralman if he has spoken to the elected officials about his concerns. Mr. Kralman affirmed that they have. Chair Wolfe agreed that the continued involvement is necessary and to continue with his

efforts. Ms. Oliver encouraged his work with elected officials and mentioned there is one underlying issue for elected officials and that is getting re-elected. Chair Wolfe thanked Mr. Kralman for his passion in being involved.

Richard Jolly, resident of Umatilla County, stated he has been a power line worker for 25 years and in the power industry. He stated the elected officials should be doing their jobs; Mr. Jolly has a busy life and has taken time to pay attention to what is going on at the federal and state level. He feels that people need to stand up and say something before these timelines progress and get done. The comparison was made between bankers making decisions they knew couldn't be met by the people they were making loans to and no one said anything. There needs to be more community involvement.

Lori Brogoitti asked Mr. Jolly if he has any suggestions how to do this, and agreed it is difficult. Mr. Jolly said in regards to public lands, there is more scrutiny on the birds than on private property. He continued saying he understands the geological areas trying to go through the Cascades and Rockies to try to get Canadian power to the States, but even looking in Washington State at the Hanford site – maybe this could be a place to have hubs for the transmission lines.

Mr. Jolly did say that with the proper planning, voices from elected officials and the hands on people this can be done. It is hard to get to the hands on people though with the busy lives that they have.

Tom Stoops, Council Secretary, wanted to clarify communication about the upcoming meeting on the Boardman to Hemingway line. Ms. Oliver said letters are being sent from Idaho Power inviting participation in the meeting.

Mr. Jolly said that in the design of the Wind Generation Zone in Umatilla County, this was a start and might have been a proper way for the State to take a look. Now with land use issues, if the State is going to mandate a new use in the Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) zone, at that time the Comprehensive Plans need to be readjusted right then. There needs to be an Order from the State to readjust for that new use being implemented and the adverse effects.

Chair Wolfe thanked Mr. Jolly and asked for his continued involvement.

Jim Anderson with the Operating Engineers Local 701 introduced himself. He talked about the local workers involved in the wind projects and their qualifications in these projects. Sue Oliver asked if he had any payroll figures being generated in these projects. There was more discussion about the workers involved.

Richard Jolly also mentioned trouble that one project had with transformers from an Asian country blowing up. The project put GE transformers from the US in place, shipped the faulty transformers back to Asia for repair, and then shipped them back to the

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project. He questioned how this issue could be “green” and how someone could feel good about this. He concluded by saying that better planning needs to be done.

Chair Wolfe asked for further comments or questions; there were none.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Wolfe at 10:32 am.