EFSC Process

The Oregon Department of Energy-Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) Site Certificate process is a consolidated permitting process that includes regulations of Oregon state and local agencies. You can participate in the process by:

1. Attending a public information meeting about the Notice of Intent.
2. Submitting comments about Idaho Power's application.
3. Attending the public hearing on the Proposed Draft Order.

ODOE provides public notices following each step of the EFSC process. The diagram below outlines the process.

Notice of Intent

- The NOI initiates public comment on the proposal and allows agencies and affected local governments to identify applicable requirements and special issues of concern.
- The NOI is <u>not</u> an application to construct the facility - it merely states the applicant's intention to submit an application in the future.

Public Information Meetings

Project Order

- ODOE issues the Project Order which identifies applicable statutes, rules and ordinances and defines the impact analysis areas.

Application for Site Certificate

- Idaho Power submits its application which describes the facility, its anticipated impacts and how it will meet EFSC's standards. Idaho Power must indicate the final proposed corridor, but has the option to request a site certificate that includes more than one corridor.
- Idaho Power must comply with all local land use requirements and indicate which land use permitting route they will take, either the local jurisdictional land use approval process, or the EFSC land use permitting process, where EFSC acts in place of the local jurisdictions and makes the decision on compliance with local land use requirements.

Draft Proposed Order

- ODOE requests comments from the public and from other state and local agencies, and will issue a Draft Proposed Order recommending approval or denial of the application.

Public Hearings

- ODOE holds public hearings on the Draft Proposed Order.
  - Anyone can raise issues or objections to the Draft Proposed Order in writing or at the public hearings. *Failure to comment in person or in writing on the record of this hearing precludes participation in the subsequent contested case and the right to appeal EFSC's final decision.*
  - Since the EFSC process also serves as the land use process, the public hearings also serve as the land use hearings for this project.

Proposed Order

- ODOE issues the Proposed Order based on comments from EFSC, the public and other government agencies.

Contested Case Hearing

- The contested case hearing is a formal hearing and only those persons who commented on the Draft Proposed Order may participate in the contested case.

Final Order

- EFSC decides whether it will issue the site certificate.