PUBLIC NOTICE

Brush Canyon Wind Power Facility

Notice of Public Hearing and Request for Comments on the Brush Canyon Wind Power Facility Draft Proposed Order

Summary

Date Issued: December 18, 2013

Proposal: The applicant seeks a site certificate to construct and operate a wind-powered electric generating facility and a 32-mile, 230-kilovolt (kV), overhead transmission line.

Facility Location: Just north and east of the cities of Antelope and Shaniko in southern Wasco County.

Public Hearing:

Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2014
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Antelope Community Center
94237 McGreer Street
Antelope, OR 97001

[Note: This is the hearing previously scheduled for December 9 that was cancelled due to inclement weather.]

Comment Deadline: January 7, 2014 (close of the record of the public hearing).

Introduction

The Oregon Department of Energy, staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council, received an Application for Site Certificate from EC&R Development, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of E.ON Climate & Renewables North America Inc. (E.ON), for a wind-powered electric generating facility. The department issued a Draft Proposed Order on the Application for Site Certificate on November 18, 2013. The Draft Proposed Order recommends the Council approve the Application for Site Certificate and grant a Site Certificate, subject to the conditions listed in the order.

Description of the Facility

The Brush Canyon project would include up to 223 wind turbines on approximately 76,000 acres of private land. The proposed facility would also include a new 32-mile, 230-kilovolt (kV), overhead transmission line extending to the Buckley substation operated by the Bonneville Power Administration (located approximately 10 miles southwest of Grass Valley). In addition to the 230-kV transmission line, the project includes the following related and supporting facilities:

- Underground and overhead collector lines
- Collector substations
- Operations and maintenance facility
- Communication and data systems
- Meteorological towers
- Access roads
- Temporary construction areas

Location of Proposed Facility

The Brush Canyon Wind Power Facility (shaded area on the above map) is proposed to be located in Wasco County (near Antelope and Shaniko). Part of the facility, and its transmission line, is located in southern Sherman County, just east of Kent.

For detailed maps see the department website or Exhibit B of the Application for Site Certificate

Public Hearing and Comment Period

A public hearing on the Draft Proposed Order will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Antelope Community Center. Written comments are due no later than the close of the public hearing on that date. Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing by mail, e-mail, hand-delivery or fax to the hearing officer, in care of:
Written or oral comments may also be provided at the public hearing. The Council will not accept comments on the Application for Site Certificate or on the Draft Proposed Order after the close of the record of the public hearing.

Even if you commented earlier in the application review process, to be eligible to participate in the contested case on this application, you must raise an issue either in person at the hearing or in a written comment received before the record closes on January 7, 2014.

*(If you already provided comments in response to the notice issued November 18, 2013 for the cancelled December 9 hearing, it is not necessary to submit them again. Your comments have already been entered into the hearing record.)*

For consideration in the contested case, issues raised must be within the Council’s jurisdiction, must relate to a siting standard and must be raised with sufficient specificity for the Council, the department, and the applicant to understand the issue being raised and to respond to the issue. To raise an issue with sufficient specificity, you must present facts that support your position on the issue.

**Energy Facility Siting Council Decision Process**

Following the public hearing, the Council will review the Draft Proposed Order and public hearing comments at a meeting scheduled for January 24, 2014. The department considers the comments received from the Council, the public, and reviewing agencies when preparing the Proposed Order. After issuing the Proposed Order, the department sends a Notice of Contested Case to those who commented on the record of the public hearing. Following the contested case, the Council will issue a Final Order on the Application.

More information about the contested case process can be found at: [http://www.oregon.gov/energy/Siting/Pages/process.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/energy/Siting/Pages/process.aspx).

**More Information**

You can find more information and updates on the review process using any of the options below:

1) **The Energy Department’s website**

More details on Brush Canyon Wind Power Facility, including the Application for Site Certificate and the Draft Proposed Order, are available online on at: [http://www.oregon.gov/energy/Siting/Pages/BrCW.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/energy/Siting/Pages/BrCW.aspx)

2) **Updates by e-mail**

Subscribe to GovDelivery for e-mail updates on Brush Canyon Wind Power Facility or other energy facilities under Council jurisdiction. GovDelivery is an automated e-mail system that allows interested members of the public to receive information about the department’s projects and events. For more information, please visit: [http://tinyurl.com/EFSC-email](http://tinyurl.com/EFSC-email).

3) **In hardcopy**

Copies of the Application for Site Certificate and Draft Proposed Order are available for public inspection at:

- Oregon Department of Energy
  395 E. Highland Street
  Hermiston, OR 97838

- Sherman County Public Library
  65912 High School Loop
  Moro, OR 97039

- Southern Wasco County Public Library
  410 Deschutes Ave.
  Maupin, OR 97037

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