

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Boardman Solar Energy Facility

### Notice of Proposed Order



#### Summary

Date Issued: December 29, 2017

Proposal: Boardman Solar Energy LLC, a subsidiary of Invenergy LLC, seeks a site certificate to construct and operate a solar photovoltaic energy generation facility with a peak generating capacity of approximately 75 megawatts (MW) on 798 acres of private land.

Facility Location: Morrow and Gilliam counties

Notice: This notice is to inform the public that the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE or the Department), staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council), released a Proposed Order on the Boardman Solar Energy Facility on December 29, 2017. The Proposed Order recommends that EFSC approve the application and grant a site certificate, subject to the conditions in the Proposed Order.

#### Procedural History

The Department received an Application for Site Certificate (ASC) from Boardman Solar Energy LLC (Applicant) to construct and operate the proposed Boardman Solar Energy Facility. Under Oregon law, the Applicant must obtain a site certificate from EFSC before constructing and operating the proposed facility. The Department issued a Draft Proposed Order (DPO) on the ASC on November 13, 2017, and opened a public comment period through December 14, 2017. On December 14, 2017, the Department and EFSC held a public hearing in Boardman, Oregon, at which members of the public had the opportunity to comment verbally on the record of the DPO. The public comment period closed at the end of the public hearing. Comments and issues raised on the record of the DPO have been incorporated into the Proposed Order.

#### Contested Case Process

Following issuance of the Proposed Order, EFSC must conduct a contested case proceeding on the application for site certificate. Only those individuals or organizations that commented on the record of the public hearing, either in person at the December 14, 2017 public hearing, or in writing between November

13, 2017 and the close of the comment period at the end of the public hearing on December 14, 2017, are eligible to make a request for party status to participate in the contested case. To raise an issue in the contested case, the issue must be within the jurisdiction of the Council and the individual or organization requesting party status must have raised the issue on the record of the public hearing on the DPO, either verbally or in writing, with sufficient specificity for EFSC, ODOE and the applicant to respond to the issue.

All individuals or organizations eligible to participate in the contested case will receive a separate Notice of Contested Case, by certified or registered mail, describing the requirements for requesting to participate in the contested case.

If you believe you are eligible to participate in the contested case and do not receive a Notice of Contested Case, please contact Katie Clifford, Siting Analyst, at [katie.clifford@oregon.gov](mailto:katie.clifford@oregon.gov), or at 503-373-0076.

The deadline to request party status or limited party status in the contested case is **February 2, 2018 at 5 p.m.** Requests must be received by the hearing officer by the deadline, as specified in the Notice of Contested Case.

#### Pre-Hearing Conference

For those eligible to participate in the contested case, a pre-hearing conference will be held by telephone **at a date and time to be determined** by the hearing officer. Following the pre-hearing conference, the hearing officer will determine the schedule for the contested case hearing.

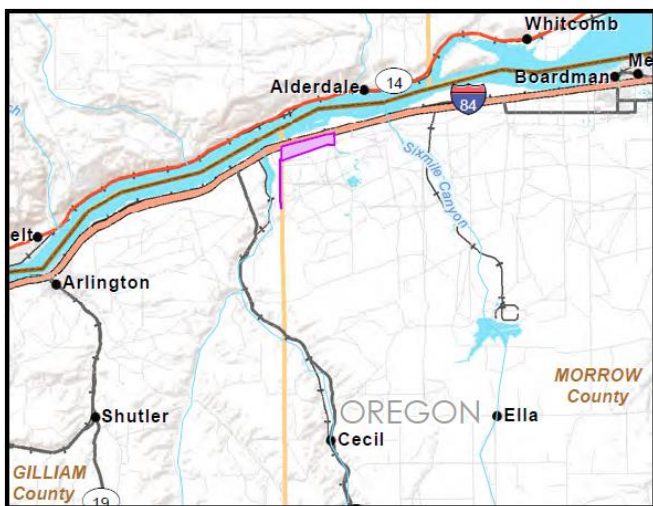
#### Description of the Proposed Facility

The proposed facility would consist of an approximately 75-MW solar photovoltaic energy generation facility. In addition, the proposed facility would include the following related and supporting facilities: underground electrical collection system, substation, control house and generator step-up transformer, 115-kV transmission line (approximately

2.1 miles long) and private service road, point of interconnection (POI), operations and maintenance building, private access road, service roads, gates and security fence, and additional temporary construction areas.

### Location of Proposed Facility

The proposed facility would be located in Morrow and Gilliam counties, immediately south of Interstate 84. The figure below represents the approximately 798-acre site boundary (see pink shaded area). The solar energy generation components of the facility would be located entirely in Morrow County. The proposed 115-kV transmission line, private service road and POI would be located entirely in Gilliam County.



For detailed maps, please see the Department website at the link below or Exhibit B of the ASC.

### EFSC Decision Process

Following the contested case, the Council will issue a final order either granting or denying issuance of a site certificate for the proposed facility. The Siting Division Public Guide contains information on the EFSC process. To view this information on ODOE's website, please use the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/EFSCPublicGuide>

### More Information

Please contact Katie Clifford, ODOE siting analyst, if you have questions at [katie.clifford@oregon.gov](mailto:katie.clifford@oregon.gov) or 503-373-0076. The public can also receive more information about the proposed facility and updates on the review process by using the following options:

### 1) ODOE's webpage

More details on the proposed Boardman Solar Energy Facility, including the application and the Proposed Order, are available online at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/BSE.aspx>

### 2) Updates by Email/Mail

Subscribe to GovDelivery for email updates on the proposed Boardman Solar Energy Facility or other energy facilities under Council jurisdiction. GovDelivery is an automated email system that allows interested members of the public to manage subscriptions to information received about ODOE projects and events. For more information, please visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/EFSC-email>.

To receive notices by U.S. Mail, please contact Esther Kooistra (503-378-3895 or [Esther.Kooistra@oregon.gov](mailto:Esther.Kooistra@oregon.gov)) and request to be added to the paper notice list.

### 3) In hardcopy

Copies of the ASC and Proposed Order are available for public inspection at:

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Boardman Library  
200 South Main Street  
Boardman, OR 97818

Oregon Department of Energy  
550 Capitol Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

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