# **PUBLIC NOTICE**



# **Port Westward Generating Project**

Notice of Proposed Order on Request for Site Certificate Amendment 11

Summary

Date Notice Issued: October 3, 2019

Issuance of Proposed Order: The Oregon
Department of Energy (ODOE), staff to the Energy
Facility Siting Council (EFSC), issued a Proposed
Order on Request for Amendment 11 (RFA11) of the
Port Westward Generating Project Site Certificate
(proposed order) on October 3, 2019. The proposed
order recommends that EFSC approve RFA11 and
grant an amended site certificate, subject to the
existing and, as presented in the proposed order,
recommended new and amended site certificate
conditions.

<u>Facility Location</u>: Port Westward, Columbia County, near Clatskanie.

<u>Deadline for Requests for a Contested Case:</u>
November 4, 2019, 5:00 p.m., Pacific Standard Time (must be received by ODOE by the deadline)

Description of Approved Facility: The Port Westward Generating Project is a natural-gas fired electric generating plant consisting of two generating units and related and supporting facilities. Unit 1 is a 411 megawatt (MW) base load natural gas combined cycle combustion turbine plant that went into commercial operation in June 2007. Unit 2 is a 220 MW non-base load, natural gas-fired power plant comprised of 12 reciprocating internal combustion engines. Unit 2 went into commercial operation in December 2014.

Portland General Electric is the certificate holder.

Location of Approved Facility: The facility is located within the Port Westward Industrial Park in Columbia County, Oregon, approximately seven miles by road northeast of the city of Clatskanie. Bradbury Slough of the Columbia River lies to the northeast of the facility. Access to the facility is about 1.5 miles north on Kallunki Road from its intersection with Alston-Mayger Road. A location maps is included at the end of this notice. For

detailed maps, please see the figures and aerial photographs in Request for Amendment 11 (available on the Department's website), or visit our online mapping tool at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/EFSCmap">https://tinyurl.com/EFSCmap</a>

Proposed Changes in Request for Amendment 11: Certificate holder requests that Council amend the site certificate to allow construction and operation of a 4 to 6 MW battery energy storage system (BESS) as a related or supporting facility within the existing facility site boundary. If approved, certificate holder expects construction of the BESS to begin no later than the third quarter of 2020 and to be completed within one year of its start. Certificate holder requests approval to construct the facility using either lithium-ion or flow battery technology.

The certificate holder proposes several additional modifications to the site certificate that are not specific to the BESS, including administrative corrections to the facility description and modification of conditions related to spill containment, revegetation success criteria, wetland buffers, and wildlife.

Contested Case Process: On October 3, 2019, concurrent with the issuance of this Public Notice of the Proposed Order, ODOE issued a Notice of the Opportunity to Request a Contested Case to all persons who commented on the record of the public hearing of the draft proposed order and provided their contact information. Only those individuals or organizations that provided oral comment at the September 26, 2019 public hearing on the draft proposed order or submitted a written comment to ODOE during the comment period of the draft proposed order between August 29, 2019 and the close of the public comment period on September 27, 2019 are eligible to request a contested case proceeding on the proposed order. To properly raise an issue in a request for a contested case proceeding, the issue must be within EFSC jurisdiction and the individual or organization

must have raised the issue on the record of the public hearing.

Individuals eligible to request a contested case will receive a Notice of the Opportunity to Request a Contested Case describing the requirements for requesting a contested case proceeding on the proposed order.

If you believe you are eligible to request a contested case and do not receive a Notice of the Opportunity to Request a Contested Case via certified mail, please contact Christopher Clark, Siting Policy Analyst at: <a href="mailto:christopher.clark@oregon.gov">christopher.clark@oregon.gov</a> or at 503-373-1033. The deadline to request a contested case proceeding on the proposed order is **November 4**, **2019 at 5:00 p.m., PST.** Any requests received after the deadline will be denied.

#### **EFSC Decision Process**

If there is a request for a contested case proceeding on the proposed order, EFSC will first decide whether to grant the request, based on the analysis required under OAR 345-027-0371(7) through (9). If EFSC conducts a contested case proceeding, EFSC will issue its decision on the amendment request at the conclusion of the contested case proceeding. If the request is denied, or if there are no requests for a contested case proceeding, EFSC shall adopt, modify, or reject the proposed order based on considerations described in OAR 345-027-0375.

EFSC will make all decisions at public meetings.

ODOE will provide public notice of the dates, times, and locations of all EFSC meetings.

For more information related to the Proposed Order process and Requests for Contested Case under Type A Review – please reference OAR 345-027-0371.

For more information on EFSC standards, please visit: <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/Siting-Standards.aspx">http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/Siting-Standards.aspx</a>

### **Receipt of this Notice:**

Please note that you may be receiving this notice for one or more of the following reasons:

- 1. You own property within or adjacent to (within 250 feet) the site boundary of the proposed facility, which is the site boundary for the energy facility. You will automatically receive all future notices on this facility.
- You have previously signed up via GovDelivery or by contacting ODOE to receive notices related to the Port Westward Generating Project or all EFSC project-related notices. You will automatically receive all future notices per your request or GovDelivery choices, unless you unsubscribe via GovDelivery or by contacting ODOE.
- 3. You provided public comment on the record of the DPO between August 29, 2019 and the close of the record on September 27, 2019.

#### More Information:

Please contact Christopher Clark, Siting Policy Analyst, at the email address or mailing address listed in this notice. More information about the facility and updates on the review process is available using any of the following options.

## 1) Oregon Department of Energy's webpage:

More details on the Port Westward Generating Project, including the certificate holder's RFA11, ODOE's draft proposed order and ODOE's proposed order are available online:

https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilitiessafety/facilities/Pages/PWG.aspx

Additional resources to help you participate in the state siting process can be found at: <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/pages/default.aspx">http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/pages/default.aspx</a>

#### 2) Updates by email/mail:

Subscribe to GovDelivery, a self-managed, automated email system that sends notices and updates on the Port Westward Generating Project and any or all other energy facilities and events under EFSC jurisdiction. For more information, please visit: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/EFSC-email">http://tinyurl.com/EFSC-email</a>. To receive notices by U.S. Mail, please contact Christopher Clark.

# 3) In hardcopy:

Hard copies of RFA11, ODOE's draft proposed order, and ODOE's proposed order are available for public inspection at:

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

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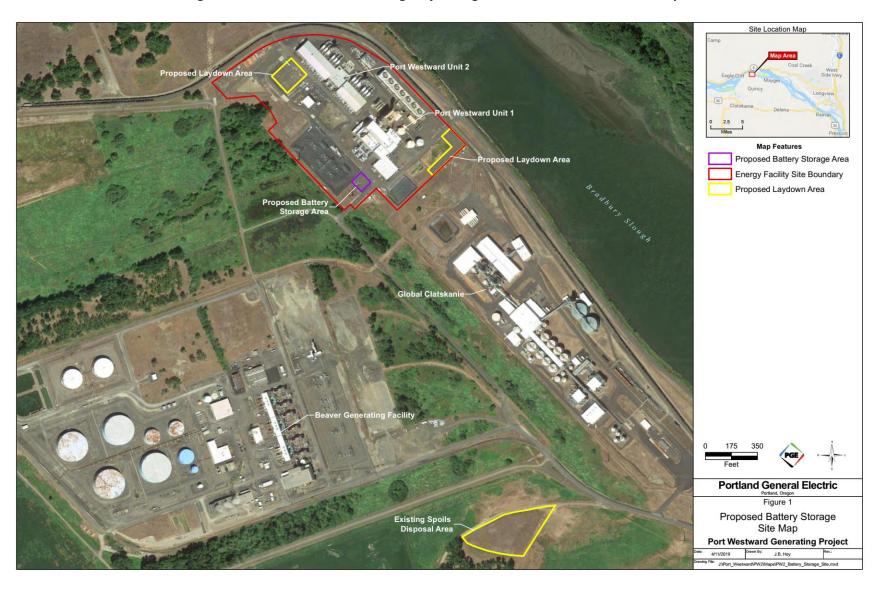


Figure 1: Port Westward Generating Project Regional Location and Site Boundary