

## **Request for Amendment #2**

### **Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project**

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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| ACEC                    | Area of Critical Environmental Concern              |
| ASC                     | Application for Site Certificate                    |
| BCZSO                   | Baker County Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance       |
| BLM                     | Bureau of Land Management                           |
| CHZO                    | City of Huntington Zoning Ordinance                 |
| CI                      | Commercial Industrial                               |
| COB                     | COB Energy Facility LLC                             |
| CR                      | Commercial Residential                              |
| Council or EFSC         | Energy Facility Siting Council                      |
| dBA                     | A-weighted decibels                                 |
| DOGAMI                  | Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries |
| EFU                     | exclusive farm use                                  |
| ESEE                    | economic, social, environmental and energy          |
| ESH                     | Essential Salmonid Habitat                          |
| HAC                     | Historical, Archeological or Cultural               |
| HPMP                    | Historic Properties Management Plan                 |
| IPC; Certificate Holder | Idaho Power Company                                 |
| JPA                     | Joint Permit Application                            |
| kV                      | kilovolt  |
| LiDAR                   | light detection and ranging                         |
| MCC                     | Malheur County Code                                 |
| MCCP                    | Morrow County Comprehensive Plan                    |
| MCZO                    | Morrow County Zoning Ordinance                      |
| mm/yr                   | millimeter per year                                 |
| NED                     | National Elevation Dataset                          |
| NEPA                    | National Environmental Policy Act                   |
| NHD                     | National Hydrography Dataset                        |
| NPDES                   | National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System     |
| NRCS                    | Natural Resources Conservation Service              |
| NRHP                    | National Register of Historic Places                |
| NSR                     | noise-sensitive receptor                            |
| NWI                     | National Wetlands Inventory                         |
| NWSTF Boardman          | Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility – Boardman  |
| OAR                     | Oregon Administrative Rules                         |
| ODA                     | Oregon Department of Agriculture                    |
| ODEQ                    | Oregon Department of Environmental Quality          |
| ODFW                    | Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife              |
| ODOE                    | Oregon Department of Energy                         |
| ODSL                    | Oregon Department of State Lands                    |
| ORS                     | Oregon Revised Statutes                             |
| PA                      | Programmatic Agreement                              |
| Project; B2H            | Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project     |
| RFA 2                   | Request for Amendment 2                             |
| RSA                     | Rural Service Area                                  |
| SHPO                    | State Historic Preservation Office                  |

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|---------|---|
| SLIDO   | Statewide Landslide Information Database for Oregon       |
| STATSGO | State Soil Geographic Database                            |
| UCCP    | Umatilla County Comprehensive Plan                        |
| UCDO    | Umatilla County Development Ordinance                     |
| UCZPSO  | Union County Zoning, Partition, and Subdivision Ordinance |
| USDA    | U.S. Department of Agriculture                            |
| USFS    | U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service            |
| USGS    | U.S. Geological Survey                                    |
| WAGS    | Washington ground squirrel                                |
| ZVI     | zone of visual influence                                  |



## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Project Summary and Request

Idaho Power Company (IPC or Certificate Holder) has a site certificate to construct, operate, and maintain the Boardman to Hemingway 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line (Project). The Project consists of approximately 300 miles of high-voltage electric transmission line between the proposed Longhorn Station near Boardman, Oregon, and the Hemingway Substation in southwestern Idaho. The Project is sited across approximately 275 miles in Oregon and 24 miles in Idaho. The Project includes construction of a single-circuit 500-kV transmission line, removal of approximately 12 miles of existing 69-kV transmission line, rebuilding of approximately 1 mile of a 230-kV transmission line, and rebuilding of approximately 1 mile of an existing 138-kV transmission line.

IPC is submitting this Request for Amendment 2 (RFA 2) to:

1. Redefine the site boundary and micrositing areas approved in the Site Certificate and first amended Site Certificate (the "Previously Approved Site Boundary") to expand the site boundary for the facility, specifically:

- (a) The Proposed Site Boundary for transmission line routes would be 0.5 mile (2,640 feet) wide; or 0.25 mile (1,320 feet) from the center of the transmission line, with a micrositing area of 500 feet (the Previously Approved Site Boundary).
- (b) The Proposed Site Boundary for facility roads would also be 0.5 mile (2,640 feet) wide, or 0.25 mile (1,320 feet) from the center of the road, and the micrositing area for roads is either 100 or 200 feet wide (the Previously Approved Site Boundary). In some locations, IPC is not requesting an expanded site boundary and will maintain the Previously Approved Site Boundary. Details are provided in Section 8.0 of this RFA 2.

2. Include micrositing area additions to:

- (a) re-locate the transmission line in 12 locations based on IPC's coordination and agreement with the affected landowners. This includes approximately 39.7 miles of 500-kV transmission line alternatives and 0.6 mile of 230-kV transmission line alternatives and their associated access roads and work areas (Figure 1-1);
- (b) refine 58 miles of roads outside of the alternatives described in 2(a) resulting from additional design and engineering review;
- (c) add temporary work areas including:
  - i. 5 light-duty fly yards;
  - ii. 13 multi-use areas (MUAs); and
  - iii. 115 pulling and tensioning sites.

3. Add a midline series capacitor substation, located on approximately 5.5 acres within the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area in Union County.

4. Revise construction road widths for roads on slopes greater than 8 percent.

5. Request approval to amend site certificate conditions: GEN-GS-06, CON-TE-02, PRE-FW-04, OPR-FW-03, and OPR-FW-04.

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions cover 4,142 acres and are described in detail in Section 4.0 below. Section 8.0 of RFA 2 contains information on the request to expand the site boundary.

## 1.2 Procedural History

The Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) approved a site certificate for the Project on September 27, 2022 (Site Certificate). This is IPC's second request for an amendment to the Site Certificate. During the September 22, 2023 Council meeting, the Council ruled in favor of adopting RFA 1.

## 2.0 AMENDMENT DETERMINATION AND APPLICABLE REVIEW PROCESS

### 2.1 Amendment Required for Change to Site Certificate Condition GEN-GS-06

*OAR 345-027-0350. Changes Requiring an Amendment*

*Except for changes allowed under OAR 345-027-0353, an amendment to a site certificate is required to:*

- (1) Transfer ownership of the facility or the certificate holder as described in OAR 345-027-0400;*
- (2) Apply later-adopted law as described in OAR 345-027-0390;*
- (3) Extend the construction beginning or completion deadline as described in OAR 345-027-0385;*
- (4) Design, construct, or operate a facility in a manner different from the description in the site certificate, if the proposed change:*
  - (a) Could result in a significant adverse impact that the Council has not addressed in an earlier order and the impact affects a resource or interest protected by an applicable law or Council standard;*
  - (b) Could impair the certificate holder's ability to comply with a site certificate condition; or*  
*Could require a new condition or a change to a condition in the site certificate.*

IPC is submitting this RFA 2 per Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 345-027-0350(4)(c), because IPC is proposing to design, construct, and operate a portion of the Project in a manner that is different from the description included in the Site Certificate and that requires a change to Site Certificate Condition GEN-GS-06. Specifically, IPC is proposing to amend the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area by expanding the site boundary (Proposed Site Boundary) and adding the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions as alternative corridors to accommodate: (a) requests by landowners to re-locate the Project on their land; (b) refinements of the Project roads based on additional engineering and design review; (c) refinement of the

location of temporary work areas. Because the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not appear in “ASC Exhibit C Attachment C-2 and C-3 mapsets,” as referenced in GEN-GS-06, IPC is requesting that the condition be amended to incorporate the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions as follows:

*GEN-GS-06: Subject to conditions of the site certificate, the certificate holder may construct the facility anywhere within the micrositing area (approved corridor(s)), and as described in ASC (Exhibit B and represented in Exhibit C Attachment C-2 and C-3 mapsets), RFA1 Figure 4-1, and RFA 2 Figure 4-1. The approved corridors include:*

- a. The transmission line route extending approximately 273-miles through Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker, and Malheur counties;*
- b. West of Bombing Range Road alternative 1 and the west of Bombing Range Road alternative 2 in Morrow County;*
- c. Morgan Lake alternative in Union County;*
- d. Double Mountain alternative in Malheur County;*
- e. Little Juniper Canyon alternative in Morrow County;*
- f. True Blue Gulch alternative in Baker County;*
- g. Durbin Quarry alternative in Baker County;*
- h. Ayers Canyon alternative in Morrow County;*
- i. Boardman Junction alternative in Morrow County;*
- j. Bombing Range SE alternative in Morrow County;*
- j. Rugg Canyon alternative in Umatilla County;*
- k. Sevenmile Creek alternative in Umatilla County;*
- l. Baldy alternative in Union County;*
- m. Rock Creek 1 alternative in Union County;*
- n. Rock Creek 2 alternative in Union County;*
- o. HWY 203 Crossing alternative in Baker County*
- p. Proposed Route (230-kV Rebuild) Revised alternative in Baker County;*
- q. Cottonwood Creek alternative in Malheur County; and*
- r. Willow Creek alternative in Malheur County.*

## **2.2 Application of Type A Review Process**

*OAR 345-027-0351(2): The type A review process, consisting of OAR 345-027-0359, 345-027-0360, 345-027-0363, 345-027-0365, 345-027-0367, 345-027-0371 and 345-027-0375, is the default review process and applies to the Council’s review of a request for amendment proposing a change described in OAR 345-027-0350(2), (3), or (4).*

Because IPC is seeking an amendment proposing a change described in OAR 345-027-0350(4), the Type A review process is the default review process and applies to the Council’s review of RFA 2. Pursuant to OAR 345-027-0051(2), the terms of the Type A review process are set forth in OAR 345-027-0359, OAR 345-027-0360, OAR 345-027-0363, OAR 345-027-0365, OAR 345-027-0367, OAR 345-027-0371, and OAR 345-027-0375.

### 3.0 CERTIFICATE HOLDER INFORMATION

OAR 345-027-0060(1) sets forth the requirements for a request for amendment.

*(3) OAR 345-027-0360(1): To request an amendment to the site certificate required by OAR 345-027-0050(3) or (4), the certificate holder must submit a written preliminary request for amendment to the Department that includes the following: The name of the facility, the name and mailing address of the certificate holder, and the name, mailing address, email address and phone number of the individual responsible for submitting the request;*

#### 3.1 Name of the Facility

The name of the facility is the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project.

#### 3.2 Name and Mailing Address of the Certificate Holder

The name and mailing address of the Certificate Holder is:

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## 4.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGE

*OAR 345-027-0360(1): To request an amendment to the site certificate required by OAR 345-027-0350(3) or (4), the certificate holder must submit a written preliminary request for amendment to the Department that includes the following:*

...

*(b) A detailed description of the proposed change, including:*

*(A) A description of how the proposed change affects the facility;*

*(B) A description of how the proposed change affects those resources or interests protected by applicable laws and Council standards, a(C) The specific location of the proposed change, and any updated maps and/or geospatial data layers relevant to the proposed change;*

OAR 345-027-0360(1)(b) requires a description of the proposed change, including a description of the effect on the facility, the effect on protected resources and interests, and the location of the proposed change.

### 4.1 Effect on the Facility

*OAR 345-027-0360(1)(b)(A): A description of how the proposed change affects the facility;*

The Project, as approved, is a yet-to-be constructed electrical transmission line facility. Since the submission of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC) for the Project, IPC worked with certain landowners to identify an alternative route on their respective properties that would minimize impacts to the landowners while also meeting IPC's design criteria and avoiding impacts to sensitive resources. In addition, based on further design and engineering review, IPC has refined the location of several roads and other work areas associated with the Project as approved in the Site Certificate. IPC is including road design and other work area changes in this RFA 2 where the changes extend outside of the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area, these areas are located in the new Proposed Site Boundary and are reflected as Proposed Micrositing Area Additions.

The redefined Proposed Site Boundary, as described in Section 1.1, will help meet the following objectives:

- Increased flexibility in micrositing Project features in cooperation with landowners;
- Increased flexibility in micrositing Project features to avoid and minimize environmental impacts;
- Increased flexibility in micrositing Project features to facilitate a more efficient construction process; and
- Enable streamlined review of future micrositing adjustments and Amendment Determination Requests as per OAR 345-027-0357(1)(b).

OAR 345-027-0050(1) requires that a certificate holder must submit a request to amend the site certificate to design, construct, or operate a facility in a manner different from the description in the site certificate if the proposed change:

(a) Could result in a significant, adverse impact that the Council has not addressed in an earlier order and the impact affects a resource protected by Council standards; or

- (b) Could impair the certificate holder’s ability to comply with a site certificate condition;  
or
- (c) Could require a new condition or a change to a condition in the site certificate.

IPC finds that the change in Site Boundary requested in RFA2 is consistent with OAR 345-027-0050(1). The proposed Site Boundary change is also similar in nature and consistent with other ODOE project authorizations (Attachment 4-2).

The new Proposed Site Boundary will not impact any new landowners or result in the siting of facility components without further analysis.

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions would be in general proximity to the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area, be constructed of the same materials and components previously described in Exhibit B of the ASC and approved by the Council in its Final Order and affect or occur in similar fish and wildlife habitat types, topography, and land uses to those previously considered. Accordingly, as discussed in more detail in Sections 5 through 8 below, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will neither create significant new impacts, affect interests protected by the Council’s siting standards, nor alter the basis of the Council’s previous findings that the Project complies with all applicable laws and standards.

IPC is requesting that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions be represented as alternative routes, allowing IPC the option to develop either the alternatives or the original routes, depending on the outcome of further discussions between IPC and the landowners.

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are summarized below in Table 4.1-1 and shown in Figure 4-1. Additional details are proposed in Attachment 6-1, Redline Site Certificate.

**Table 4.1-1. Proposed Micrositing Area Additions**

| <b>Proposed Micrositing Area Additions</b> | <b>Transmission Line (miles)</b> | <b>Access Roads (miles)</b> | <b>Work Areas (acres)</b> | <b>Micrositing Area (acres)</b> | <b>Description of Micrositing Area Addition</b>                         |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Morrow County</b>                       |                                  |                             |                           |                                 |   |
| Ayers Canyon Alternative                   | 8.7                              | 24.2                        | 63.6                      | 893.9                           | Alignment shifted to southeast per landowner request                    |
| Boardman Junction Alternative              | 0.6                              | --                          | 3.9                       | 5.1                             | Slight design modification to west to span I-84                         |
| Bombing Range SE Alternative               | 1.0                              | 0.4                         | 0.8                       | 5.7                             | Slight design modification to east to avoid impacts to pivot irrigation |
| West of Bombing Range Road Alternative 1   | --                               | --                          | 1.8                       | --                              | Pulling-tensioning site adjustments                                     |
| Other Access Road and Work Area Changes    | --                               | 0.8                         | 5.3                       | 19.8                            | Road and pulling-tensioning site adjustments                            |
| <b>Morrow County – Total</b>               | <b>10.3</b>                      | <b>25.4</b>                 | <b>75.4</b>               | <b>924.5</b>                    |   |

| <b>Proposed<br/>Micrositing Area<br/>Additions</b>        | <b>Transmission<br/>Line<br/>(miles)</b> | <b>Access<br/>Roads<br/>(miles)</b> | <b>Work<br/>Areas<br/>(acres)</b> | <b>Micrositing<br/>Area<br/>(acres)</b> | <b>Description of<br/>Micrositing Area<br/>Addition</b>                    |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Umatilla County</b>                                    |  |                                     |                                   |   |  |
| Rugg Canyon<br>Alternative                                | 2.5                                      | 2.6                                 | 21.5                              | 159.0                                   | Alignment shifted to southern parcel boundary per landowner request        |
| Sevenmile Creek<br>Alternative                            | 9.9                                      | 4.3                                 | 74.9                              | 695.1                                   | Alignment shifted northwest to adjacent ridge per landowner request        |
| Other Access Road<br>and Work Area<br>Changes             | --                                       | 8.6                                 | 67.6                              | 241.4                                   | Road, pulling-tensioning site, and MUA adjustments                         |
| <b>Umatilla County –<br/>Total</b>                        | <b>12.4</b>                              | <b>15.5</b>                         | <b>164.0</b>                      | <b>1,095.5</b>                          |  |
| <b>Union County</b>                                       |  |                                     |                                   |   |  |
| Baldy Alternative   | 7.5                                      | 15.4                                | 87.8                              | 597.3                                   | Alignment shifted to southwest per landowner requests                      |
| Morgan Lake<br>Alternative                                | --                                       | --                                  | 4.7                               | --                                      | Pulling-tensioning site adjustments  |
| Rock Creek 1<br>Alternative                               | 1.4                                      | 2.1                                 | 10.8                              | 49.3                                    | Revised transition to Morgan Lake Alternative to avoid isolated BLM parcel |
| Rock Creek 2<br>Alternative                               | 1.5                                      | 0.7                                 | 5.4                               | 33.4                                    | Alternate transition to Morgan Lake Alternative to avoid landowner         |
| Wallowa Whitman<br>NF H-Frames                            | --                                       | --                                  | 8.8                               | --                                      | Pulling-tensioning site adjustments  |
| Other Access Road<br>and Work Area<br>Changes             | --                                       | 1.3                                 | 61.9                              | 109.5                                   | Road, pulling-tensioning site, and MUA adjustments                         |
| <b>Union County –<br/>Total</b>                           | <b>10.4</b>                              | <b>19.5</b>                         | <b>179.4</b>                      | <b>789.5</b>                            |  |
| <b>Baker County</b>                                       |  |                                     |                                   |   |  |
| Hwy 203 Crossing<br>Alternative                           | 1.9                                      | 1.2                                 | 13.5                              | 70.6                                    | Alignment shifted east to avoid impacts to proposed pivot irrigation       |
| Proposed Route<br>(230-kV Rebuild)<br>Revised Alternative | 0.6                                      | 0.1                                 | 0.6                               | 10.2                                    | Revised tie into existing 230-kV line                                      |
| Other Access Road<br>and Work Area<br>Changes             | --                                       | 15.3                                | 84.8                              | 279.1                                   | Road, pulling-tensioning site, and MUA adjustments                         |

| <b>Proposed Micrositing Area Additions</b> | <b>Transmission Line (miles)</b> | <b>Access Roads (miles)</b> | <b>Work Areas (acres)</b> | <b>Micrositing Area (acres)</b> | <b>Description of Micrositing Area Addition</b>                 |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Baker County – Total</b>                | <b>2.5</b>                       | <b>16.6</b>                 | <b>98.9</b>               | <b>359.9</b>                    |   |
| <b>Malheur County</b>                      |                                  |                             |                           |                                 |   |
| Cottonwood Creek Alternative               | 3.2                              | 5.1                         | 22.9                      | 239.7                           | Alignment shifted to southeast to avoid potential noise impacts |
| Willow Creek Alternative                   | 1.4                              | 1.1                         | 10.2                      | 32.8                            | Alignment shifted south to avoid impacts to pivot irrigation    |
| Other Access Road and Work Area Changes    | --                               | 18.6                        | 197.4                     | 476.2                           | Road, pulling-tensioning site, and MUA adjustments              |
| <b>Malheur County – Total</b>              | <b>4.6</b>                       | <b>24.8</b>                 | <b>230.5</b>              | <b>748.7</b>                    |   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                         | <b>40.10</b>                     | <b>156.5</b>                | <b>1,341.4</b>            | <b>3,918.1</b>                  |   |

<sup>1</sup> The Ayers Canyon Transmission Line Alternative would result in a decrease of 0.3 miles of transmission line compared to the Previously Approved transmission line.

<sup>2</sup> The Boardman Junction Transmission Line Alternative would result in no change in the miles of transmission line compared to the Previously Approved transmission line.

<sup>3</sup> The Bombing Range SE Transmission Line Alternative would result in no change in the miles of transmission line compared to the Previously Approved transmission line.

<sup>4</sup> The Rugg Canyon Transmission Line Alternative would result in an increase of 0.5 miles of transmission line compared to the Previously Approved transmission line.

<sup>5</sup> The Sevenmile Creek Transmission Line Alternative would result in a decrease of 0.6 miles of transmission line compared to the Previously Approved transmission line.

<sup>6</sup> The Baldy Transmission Line Alternative would result in no change in the miles of transmission line compared to the Previously Approved transmission line.

<sup>7</sup> The Rock Creek 1 Transmission Line Alternative would result in a decrease of 0.2 miles of transmission line compared to the Previously Approved transmission line.

<sup>8</sup> The Rock Creek 2 Transmission Line Alternative would result in a decrease of 0.1 miles of transmission line compared to the Previously Approved transmission line.

<sup>9</sup> The Hwy 203 Crossing Transmission Line Alternative would result in no change in the miles of transmission line compared to the Previously Approved transmission line.

<sup>10</sup> The Cottonwood Creek Transmission Line Alternative would result in a decrease of 0.4 miles of transmission line compared to the Previously Approved transmission line.

<sup>11</sup> The Willow Creek Transmission Line Alternative would result in no change in the miles of transmission line compared to the Previously Approved transmission line.

In addition to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions above, IPC is including a description of a new related and supporting facility that is located entirely within the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area. IPC is proposing a midline series capacitor substation near the midpoint of the Project in Union County, referred to as the Midline Capacitor Station (Figure 4-2). The purpose of the series capacitor banks on B2H is to load the line more efficiently and optimally by compensating for the impedance resulting from the line length. Series capacitor banks are commonly installed on longer transmission lines. Idaho Power has extensive experience operating series compensation equipment similar to what is planned for the B2H Midline station. Idaho Power is presently the operator of eleven series capacitor banks across



the Company's system. Idaho Power has an Apparatus Engineering group with a dedicated staff engineer that is an expert in the design and operation of series capacitor banks.

IPC would install two 500-kV circuit breakers, two high-voltage switches, three single bay 500-kV bus supports with foundations, two 500-kV transmission line termination structures, three 500-kV 4,000 amp air-break switches and three 500-kV series capacitor banks. The 500-kV transmission line termination structures are approximately 125 to 135 feet tall. A control building will be built to accommodate the necessary system communications and control equipment. The site will be supplied by distribution power brought in from the nearby substation, North Powder substation. Fiber optic signal communication equipment will be installed. The Midline Capacitor Station will be fenced. The sizing and design of the midline station will be similar to the equipment that will be installed at the B2H terminal facilities at Longhorn. Figure 4-2 includes a primary drawing of the Midline Capacitor Station and Attachment 6-1 includes description of the footprint of the facility.

IPC is also changing the dimensions of road construction as shown in Table 4.1-2. widths.

**Table 4.1-2. Summary of Access Road Dimensions Change**

| Access Road Classification                       |  | Site Boundary | Originally Proposed Dimensions | Proposed Changed Dimensions   | Operations Disturbance | Road Prism or Profile Changes | Extent of Work  |
|--|--|---------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| New Roads  | Primitive                                  | 200 feet      | 16 feet                        | 16 feet   | 10 feet                | Yes                           | Clearing of vegetation or obstructions. Create roads by direct vehicle travel.  |
|  | Bladed>                                    | 200 feet      | 10-35 feet                     | 0-8% slope – 30 feet.<br>8-15% slope – 45 feet.<br>15-30% slope – 75 feet.<br>>30% slope – 120 feet | 14 feet                | Yes                           | Clearing of vegetation or obstructions. Create roads by cutting/filling existing terrain.   |
| <b>Existing Roads – Substantial Modification</b> | Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improved  | 100 feet      | 16 feet                        | 0-15% slope – 25 feet<br>>15% slope 60 - feet   | 14 feet                | Yes                           | Reconstruct portions of existing road to improve road function. Possible road prism widening, profile adjustments, horizontal curve adjustments, or material placement. |
|  | Substantial Modification, 71-100% Improved | 100 feet      | 16-30 feet                     | 0-15% slope – 25 feet<br>>15% slope 60 - feet   | 14 feet                | Yes                           | Reconstruct portions of existing road to  |

| Access Road Classification                          |   | Site Boundary   | Originally Proposed Dimensions | Proposed Changed Dimensions | Operations Disturbance | Road Prism or Profile Changes | Extent of Work   |
|---|---|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
|   |   |                 |                                |                             |                        |                               | improve road function. Possible road prism widening, profile adjustments, horizontal curve adjustments, or material placement. |
| Existing Roads – No Substantial <b>Modification</b> | No Substantial Modification, 0-20% Improved | NA <sup>1</sup> | NA                             | NA <sup>1</sup>             | NA <sup>1</sup>        | No                            | Repair of existing road to maintain original road function. No betterment of existing road function or design.                 |

<sup>1</sup> Existing roads with no substantial modifications are not included in the Site Boundary and do not have an operation or construction disturbance width assigned to them.

Road impacts were required to be modified because construction of roads on slopes necessitates larger disturbance to support the operational width. IPC estimates that 3 percent of all Project access roads (new and existing) fall into the category of greater than 30 percent cross slope.

An access road may be bladed, with minor cutting of adjacent slopes with side casting of material scraped by the blade or filling toward the toe of the downward slope to achieve a sufficient operational width. Large rocks or boulder may be removed from the driving surface by use of a trackhoe, backhoe or bobcat. Adjacent vegetation or vegetation deadfall that has fallen onto the road may be removed with the use of a masticator. Roads are not improved beyond what is necessary to pass equipment.

In most cases, cut and fill areas created for road construction are required to remain in place to support the operational surface of the road. In some cases, temporarily disturbed areas would be regraded as close as possible to the original grade and seeded with the appropriated seed mixture.

IPC does not regularly maintain access roads, but rather, performs maintenance on roads as needed. Maintenance may include rock or tree removal, blading of the road into a drivable surface and small spot repair (in the form of cutting, filling, or blading) where the road has been washed out or otherwise damaged. Standard construction equipment may be used including: bladers, trackhoes, backhoes and dump trucks. On publicly managed lands, roads are improved consistent with the required road maintenance standards.

## 4.2 Effect on Protected Resources or Interests

*OAR 345-027-0360(1)(b)(B): A description of how the proposed change affects those resources or interests protected by applicable laws and Council standards, and*

In Sections 5 through 7 below, IPC discusses in detail how the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will affect resources and interests protected by applicable laws and the Council standards.

## 4.3 Location of the Proposed Change

*OAR 345-027-0360(1)(b)(C): The specific location of the proposed change, and any updated maps and/or geospatial data layers relevant to the proposed change;*

The specific locations of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are shown in Figure 4-1 and summarized in Table 4.1-1. Attachment 4-1 includes redline changes to the Final Order Attachment B-5 Road Classification and Access Control Plan and a table of roads proposed in RFA 2 to supplement the table found in Appendix A of the plan. In Section 5.2, IPC further describes the locations of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in relation to information requested under OAR 345-021-0010(1)(c).

## 5.0 DIVISION 21 INFORMATION

*OAR 345-027-0360(1): To request an amendment to the site certificate required by OAR 345-027-0350(3) or (4), the certificate holder shall submit a written preliminary request for amendment to the Department that includes the following:*

...

*(c) References to any specific Division 21 information that may be required for the Department to make its findings;*

IPC has identified certain Division 21 ASC information related to the Project Description, the Project Location, and Waters of this State that may be required for the Council to make its findings on this RFA 2.

### 5.1 Project Description

The Exhibit B requirements of OAR 345-021-0010(1)(b) require an applicant to provide certain information related to the description of the project. Idaho Power has identified below those subsections of that provision that may be required for the Department to make its findings on this amendment request.

#### 5.1.1 Corridor Selection Assessment

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(b)(D): If the proposed energy facility is a pipeline or a transmission line or has, as a related or supporting facility, a transmission line or pipeline that, by itself, is an energy facility under the definition in ORS 469.300, a corridor selection assessment explaining how the applicant selected the corridors for analysis in the application. In the assessment, the applicant must evaluate the corridor adjustments the Department has described in the project order, if any. The applicant may select any corridor for analysis in the application and may select more than one corridor. However, if the applicant selects a new corridor, then the applicant must explain why the applicant did not present the new corridor for comment at an informational meeting under OAR 345-015-0130. In the assessment, the applicant must discuss the reasons for selecting the corridors, based upon evaluation of the following factors:*

...

IPC underwent an extensive siting process over several years, evaluating several routing and re-routing options to avoid as many identified constraints and sensitive resources as practicable. IPC's siting studies, and consideration of the outcome of the federal review process, resulted in the proposed and alternative routes identified in the ASC.

Following the submission of the ASC, IPC has continued to communicate with the landowners affected by the Project. In the case of the landowners affected by this RFA 2, IPC and the landowners have identified an alternative route on their respective property that would minimize impacts to the landowners while also meeting IPC's design criteria and avoiding impacts to sensitive resources. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in general proximity to the routes approved in the Site Certificate and within the original ASC corridor selection assessments.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See ASC, Exhibit B, and associated siting studies at Attachments B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, and B-6.

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(b)(D)(i): Least disturbance to streams, rivers and wetlands during construction;*

IPC has designed the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions to avoid impacts to streams, rivers, and wetlands to the maximum extent practicable. Details on the occurrence of and impacts on Waters of this State are provided in Section 5.3 and Section 7.2.2 below.

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(b)(D)(ii): Least percentage of the total length of the pipeline or transmission line that would be located within areas of Habitat Category 1, as described by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife;*

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will avoid all Category 1 habitat, as explained in Section 7.1.5 below.

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(b)(D)(iii): Greatest percentage of the total length of the pipeline or transmission line that would be located within or adjacent to public roads and existing pipeline or transmission line rights-of-way;*

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not include co-locating with existing rights-of-way, because the changes are relatively short in length and because IPC was focused on addressing individual landowner concerns on their particular parcels and not on re-visiting project-wide efforts to co-locate.

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(b)(D)(iv): Least percentage of the total length of the pipeline or transmission line that would be located within lands that require zone changes, variances or exceptions;*

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions minimize zoning changes, variances or exceptions, which are discussed in detail in Section 7.1.3 below.

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(b)(D)(v): Least percentage of the total length of the pipeline or transmission line that would be located in a protected area as described in OAR 345-022-0040;*

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will not be located in any protected areas, as discussed in more detail in Section 7.1.4 below.

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(b)(D)(vi): Least disturbance to areas where historical, cultural or archaeological resources are likely to exist;*

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will avoid impacts on historical, cultural, or archaeological resources to the maximum extent practicable, as discussed in more detail in Section 7.1.8 below.

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(b)(D)(vii): Greatest percentage of the total length of the pipeline or transmission line that would be located to avoid seismic, geological and soils hazards;*

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will avoid seismic, geological, and soils hazards, as discussed in more detail in Sections 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 below.

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(b)(D)(viii): Least percentage of the total length of the pipeline or transmission line that would be located within lands zoned for exclusive farm use;*

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will avoid lands zoned as exclusive farm use (EFU) where practicable, as discussed in more detail in Section 7.1.3.

### **5.1.2 Information Required for Transmission Line Projects – Length of Transmission Line**

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(b)(E): If the proposed energy facility is a pipeline or transmission line or has, as a related or supporting facility, a transmission line or pipeline of any :*

*(3) (i) The length of the pipeline or transmission line;*

The length of the transmission line provided in the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions is included in Table 4.1-1, totaling 40.2 miles of transmission line centerline.

## **5.2 Project Location**

The Exhibit C provisions of OAR 345-021-0010(1)(c) require an applicant to provide certain information related to the project location. Idaho Power has identified below those subsections of that provision that may be required for the Council to make its findings on this RFA 2.

### **5.2.1 Maps of the Proposed Changes**

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(c)(A): A map or maps showing the proposed locations of the energy facility site, all related or supporting facility sites and all areas that might be temporarily disturbed during construction of the facility in relation to major roads, water bodies, cities and towns, important landmarks and topographic features, using a scale of 1 inch = 2000 feet or smaller when necessary to show detail;*

Figure 4-1 shows the locations of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions and are organized by county, proceeding north to south showing the location of each proposed change. Each set of county maps includes series of detailed maps that are at a scale of 1 inch equals 1,000 feet. Project features shown include the micrositing area, structure locations, and access roads. Temporary project features are also shown, including structure work areas, multi-use areas and pulling and tensioning sites.

### **5.2.2 Location Description**

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(c)(B): A description of the location of the proposed energy facility site, the proposed site of each related or supporting facility and areas of temporary disturbance, including the total land area (in acres) within the proposed site boundary, the total area of permanent disturbance, and the total area of temporary disturbance. If a proposed pipeline or transmission line is to follow an existing road, pipeline or transmission line, the applicant must state to which side of the existing road, pipeline or transmission line the proposed facility will run, to the extent this is known; and*

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are predominantly on private lands in five counties in Oregon. Portions of the Cottonwood Creek Alternative, Rock Creek Alternative 2, and Other Access Road and Work Area Changes in Umatilla, Union, Baker, and Malheur counties occur on federal lands (approximately 380 acres of 4,142 acres in RFA 2). Consistent with the ASC, IPC has prepared descriptions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions by segment, with each segment summarizing the proposed changes at the county level. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are described by number or amount of each major component and related and supporting facilities. Acreages of ground disturbance associated with those facilities is also described.

Forest-clearing activities associated with vegetation management in the right-of-way will occur in Umatilla and Union counties. To the extent that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions involve forest clearing, those impacts will be inventoried and included in the Final Right-of-Way Clearing Assessment prior to construction and in accordance with OAR 345-025-0016 and in compliance with Site Certificate Condition GEN-LU-13.

### 5.2.3 Segment 1 – Morrow County

The Boardman Junction Alternative is located where the Project crosses over I-84 near Boardman, OR (Figure 4-1, Map 1). Adjustments to structure locations for spanning Interstate 84 extended outside of the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area. The predominant land use at the Boardman Junction Alternative is agriculture and industrial development. The Bombing Range SE Alternative is located between the southeast corner of the Naval Weapons System Training Facility Boardman and Bombing Range Rd in an agricultural area (Figure 4-1, Map 5). Adjustments were made to structure locations to avoid impacts on irrigated agricultural. The Ayers Canyon Alternative is located between Big Butter Creek and Highway 74 in open rangeland (Figure 4-1, Maps 8-14). Per landowner request, the transmission line was shifted approximately 2 miles to the west. West of Bombing Range Road Alternative 1 is located. In addition to the three alternatives described, several proposed changes in Morrow County are associated with design updates to roads, pulling and tensioning sites, and MUAs along the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area (Figure 4-1, Maps 1-9, and Map 15). Table 5.2-1 identifies the major components and related and supporting facilities associated with each of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Morrow County. Table 5.2-2 summarizes the amount of ground disturbance associated with the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Morrow County.

**Table 5.2-1. Summary of Proposed Micrositing Area Additions – Morrow County**

| <b>Project Features</b>                | <b>Ayers Canyon Alternative</b> | <b>Boardman Junction Alternative</b> | <b>Bombing Range SE Alternative</b> | <b>West of Bombing Range Road 1</b> | <b>Other Access Road and Work Area Changes</b> | <b>Total (count)</b> |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Towers – Single Circuit 500-kV Lattice | 29                              | --                                   | 1                                   |                                     | --   | 30                   |
| Pulling and Tensioning Sites           | 12                              | 1                                    | --                                  | 1                                   | 4  | 18                   |
| Light-Duty Fly Yards                   | --                              | --                                   | --                                  |                                     | --   | --                   |



| <b>Project Features</b>                               | <b>Ayers Canyon Alternative</b> | <b>Boardman Junction Alternative</b> | <b>Bombing Range SE Alternative</b> | <b>West of Bombing Range Road 1</b> | <b>Other Access Road and Work Area Changes</b> | <b>Total (count)</b> |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Multiuse Areas  | --                              | --                                   | --                                  |                                     | --   | --                   |
| Communication Stations                                | --                              | --                                   | --                                  |                                     | --   | --                   |
| Total (count)   | 41                              | 1                                    | 1                                   | 1                                   | 4  | 48                   |
| <b>Access Roads (miles)</b>                           |                                 |                                      |                                     |                                     |  | <b>Total (miles)</b> |
| Existing, 21-70% Improved                             | 11.2                            | --                                   | 0.4                                 |                                     | 0.6  | 12.2                 |
| Existing, 71-100% Improved                            | --                              | --                                   | --                                  |                                     | --   | --                   |
| New, Bladed   | 12.1                            | --                                   | --                                  |                                     | --   | 12.1                 |
| New, Overland   | 0.9                             | --                                   | --                                  |                                     | 0.2  | 1.1                  |
| Total (miles)   | 24.2                            | --                                   | 0.4                                 |                                     | 0.8  | 25.4                 |
| <b>Crossings</b>                                      |                                 |                                      |                                     |                                     |  | <b>Total (count)</b> |
| High-Voltage Transmission Line Crossings <sup>1</sup> | 1                               | 1                                    | 0                                   |                                     | NA   | 2                    |
| Existing Road Crossings <sup>2</sup>                  | 0                               | 12                                   | 0                                   |                                     | NA   | 12                   |
| Existing Railroad Crossings <sup>3</sup>              | 0                               | 0                                    | 0                                   |                                     | NA   | 0                    |

<sup>1</sup> Source: ABB Ventyx (2016) and Idaho Power Company; includes only transmission lines over 69 kV.

<sup>2</sup> Source: U.S. Census (2020), primary and secondary highways.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Oregon Department of Transportation (2014).

**Table 5.2-2. Acres of Land Disturbed during Construction and Operation - Morrow County**

| <b>Proposed Changes/<br/>Project Component</b> | <b>Land Affected During Construction (acres)</b> | <b>Land Reclaimed After Construction (acres)</b> | <b>Land Permanently Converted to Operations (acres)</b> |
|--|--|--|---|
| <b>Ayers Canyon Alternative</b>                |  |  |   |
| Access Roads – New or Substantial Improvements | 75.2   | 33.9   | 40.5  |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                 | 63.6   | 62.6   | 1.8   |
| Total (acres)                                  | 138.8  | 96.5   | 42.3  |
| <b>Boardman Junction</b>                       |  |  |   |
| Access Roads – New or Substantial Improvements | --   | --   | --  |

| <b>Proposed Changes/<br/>Project Component</b>    | <b>Land Affected<br/>During<br/>Construction<br/>(acres)</b> | <b>Land Reclaimed<br/>After<br/>Construction<br/>(acres)</b> | <b>Land<br/>Permanently<br/>Converted to<br/>Operations<br/>(acres)</b> |
|---|--|--|---|
| Structure and Other Work Areas                    | 3.9  | 3.9  | --  |
| Total (acres)                                     | 3.9  | 3.9  | --  |
| <b>Bombing Range SE</b>                           |  |  |   |
| Access Roads – New or<br>Substantial Improvements | 0.8  | 0.1  | 0.7   |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                    | --   | --   | --  |
| Total (acres)                                     | 0.8  | 0.1  | 0.7   |
| <b>West of Bombing Range Road<br/>1</b>           |  |  |   |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                    | 1.8  | 1.8  | --  |
| Total (acres)                                     | 1.8  | 1.8  | --  |
| <b>Other Access Road and Work Area Changes</b>    |  |  |   |
| Access Roads – New or<br>Substantial Improvements | 1.6  | 0.4  | 1.3   |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                    | 5.3  | 5.3  | --  |
| Total (acres)                                     | 6.9  | 5.7  | 1.3   |
| <b>Morrow County – Total (acres)</b>              | <b>152.2</b>   | <b>108.0</b>   | <b>44.3</b>   |

Note: Acreages are rounded and may not sum exactly.

#### **5.2.4 Segment 2 – Umatilla County**

The Rugg Canyon Alternative is located east of Highway 395, between the highway and Bear Creek Road in open rangeland (Figure 4-1, Maps 18-19). Per landowner request, the transmission line was shifted approximately 2,000 feet to the south. The Sevenmile Creek Alternative is located in the foothills near Rocky Ridge Road north of Birch Creek and crosses McKay Creek as the Project enters the Blue Mountains (Figure 4-1, Maps 25-29). The Sevenmile Creek Alternative crosses open rangeland with occasional forested areas. Per landowner request, the transmission line was shifted 1,000 to 3,000 feet. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Umatilla County also include changes to access roads, pulling and tensioning sites, light duty fly yards, and MUAs along the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area in open rangeland and forested areas (Figure 4-1, Maps 16-17, 20-24, 30-32). Table 5.2-3 identifies the major components and related and supporting facilities associated with each of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Umatilla County. Table 5.2-4 summarizes the amount of ground disturbance associated with the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Umatilla County.

**Table 5.2-3. Summary of Proposed Micrositing Area Additions – Umatilla County**

| <b>Project Features</b>                               | <b>Rugg Canyon Alternative</b> | <b>Sevenmile Creek Alternative</b> | <b>Other Access Road and Work Area Changes</b> | <b>Total (count)</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Towers – Single Circuit 500-kV Lattice                | 9                              | 28                                 | --   | 37                   |
| Pulling and Tensioning Sites                          | 5                              | 10                                 | 10   | 25                   |
| Light-Duty Fly Yards                                  | --                             | 1                                  | 1  | 2                    |
| Multiuse Areas  | --                             | --                                 | 2  | 2                    |
| Communication Stations                                | --                             | 1                                  | --   | 1                    |
| Total (count)   | 14                             | 40                                 | 13   | 67                   |
| <b>Access Roads (miles)</b>                           |                                |                                    |  | <b>Total (miles)</b> |
| Existing, 21-70% Improved                             | 0.1                            | 0.1                                | 2.2  | 2.4                  |
| Existing, 71-100% Improved                            | --                             | --                                 | 1.7  | 1.7                  |
| New, Bladed   | 1.5                            | 3.9                                | 4.7  | 10.1                 |
| New, Overland   | 1.0                            | 0.3                                | --   | 1.3                  |
| Total (miles)   | 2.6                            | 4.3                                | 8.6  | 15.5                 |
| <b>Crossings</b>                                      |                                |                                    |  | <b>Total (count)</b> |
| High-Voltage Transmission Line Crossings <sup>1</sup> | 0                              | 0                                  | NA   | 0                    |
| Existing Road Crossings <sup>2</sup>                  | 0                              | 0                                  | NA   | 0                    |
| Existing Railroad Crossings <sup>3</sup>              | 0                              | 0                                  | NA   | 0                    |

<sup>1</sup> Source: ABB Ventyx (2016) and Idaho Power Company; includes only transmission lines over 69 kV.

<sup>2</sup> Source: U.S. Census (2020), primary and secondary highways.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Oregon Department of Transportation (2014).

**Table 5.2-4. Acres of Land Disturbed during Construction and Operation - Umatilla County**

| <b>Proposed Changes/<br/>Project Component</b> | <b>Land Affected During Construction (acres)</b> | <b>Land Reclaimed After Construction (acres)</b> | <b>Land Permanently Converted to Operations (acres)</b> |
|--|--|--|---|
| <b>Rugg Canyon</b>                             |  |  |   |
| Access Roads – New or Substantial Improvements | 8.7  | 4.5  | 4.0   |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                 | 21.5   | 21.2   | 0.5   |
| Total (acres)                                  | 30.2   | 25.7   | 4.5   |
| <b>Sevenmile Creek</b>                         |  |  |   |
| Access Roads – New or Substantial Improvements | 20.0   | 10.3   | 9.2   |

| Proposed Changes/<br>Project Component            | Land Affected<br>During<br>Construction<br>(acres) | Land Reclaimed<br>After<br>Construction<br>(acres) | Land<br>Permanently<br>Converted to<br>Operations<br>(acres) |
|---|--|--|--|
| Structure and Other Work Areas                    | 74.9   | 73.5   | 1.9  |
| Total (acres)                                     | 94.9   | 83.8   | 11.1   |
| <b>Other Access Road and Work Area Changes</b>    |  |  |  |
| Access Roads – New or<br>Substantial Improvements | 30.3   | 15.8   | 14.5   |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                    | 67.6   | 67.3   | 0.3  |
| Total (acres)                                     | 97.9   | 83.1   | 14.8   |
| <b>Umatilla County – Total (acres)</b>            | <b>223.0</b>                                       | <b>192.6</b>                                       | <b>30.4</b>  |

Note: Acreages are rounded and may not sum exactly.

### 5.2.5 Segment 3 – Union County

The Rock Creek Alternative 1 (Figure 4-1, Map 35, Feature 2/3373) and Rock Creek Alternative 2 (Figure 4-1, Map 35, Feature 2/3381) are located immediately east of Highway 244 just south of Hilgard Junction State Park. The Rock Creek alternatives provide alternatives to where the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area for the Morgan Lake Alternative connects to the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area for the Proposed Route. The Rock Creek alternatives occur mostly in open rangeland with some small forested areas. The Baldy Alternative is located near Ladd Canyon south of La Grande and is approximately 2,000 feet south and west of the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area by request of landowners (Figure 4-1, Maps 38-42). It crosses open rangeland and forested areas. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Union County also include access road, pulling tensioning site, and MUA changes along the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area in open rangeland and forested areas (Figure 4-1, Maps 33, 34, 36-40, and 46-49). Table 5.2-5 identifies the major components and related and supporting facilities associated with each of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Union County. Table 5.2-6 summarizes the amount of ground disturbance associated with the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Union County.

**Table 5.2-5. Summary of Proposed Micrositing Area Additions – Union County**

| Project Features                       | Baldy Alternative | Morgan Lake Alternative | Rock Creek Alternative 1 | Rock Creek Alternative 2 | WW NF H-Frames | Other Access Road and Work Area Changes | Total (count) |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| Towers – Single Circuit 500-kV Lattice | 29                |                         | 2                        | 2                        |                | --                                      | 33            |
| Pulling and Tensioning Sites           | 8                 | 2                       | 4                        | 2                        | 2              | 7                                       | 25            |

| <b>Project Features</b>                               | <b>Baldy Alternative</b> | <b>Morgan Lake Alternative</b> | <b>Rock Creek Alternative 1</b> | <b>Rock Creek Alternative 2</b> | <b>WW NF H-Frames</b> | <b>Other Access Road and Work Area Changes</b> | <b>Total (count)</b> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------|
| Light-Duty Fly Yards                                  | 1                        |                                | --                              | --                              |                       | --   | 1                    |
| Multiuse Areas  | --                       |                                | --                              | --                              |                       | 3  | 3                    |
| Communication Stations                                | --                       |                                | --                              | --                              |                       | --   | --                   |
| Total (count)   | 38                       | 2                              | 6                               | 4                               | 2                     | 10   | 62                   |
| <b>Access Roads (miles)</b>                           |                          |                                |                                 |                                 |                       |  | <b>Total (miles)</b> |
| Existing, 21-70% Improved                             | 8.5                      |                                | 1.1                             | 0.3                             |                       | 1.2  | 11.1                 |
| Existing, 71-100% Improved                            | 2.2                      |                                | --                              | --                              |                       | --   | 2.2                  |
| New, Bladed   | 4.5                      |                                | 0.8                             | 0.3                             |                       | 0.1  | 5.7                  |
| New, Overland   | 0.2                      |                                | 0.2                             | 0.1                             |                       | --   | 0.5                  |
| Total (miles)   | 15.4                     |                                | 2.1                             | 0.7                             |                       | 1.3  | 19.5                 |
| <b>Crossings</b>                                      |                          |                                |                                 |                                 |                       |  | <b>Total (count)</b> |
| High-Voltage Transmission Line Crossings <sup>1</sup> | 3                        |                                | 1                               | 1                               |                       | NA   | 5                    |
| Existing Road Crossings <sup>2</sup>                  | 0                        |                                | 1                               | 0                               |                       | NA   | 1                    |
| Existing Railroad Crossings <sup>3</sup>              | 0                        |                                | 0                               | 0                               |                       | NA   | 0                    |

<sup>1</sup> Source: ABB Ventyx (2016) and Idaho Power Company; includes only transmission lines over 69 kV.

<sup>2</sup> Source: U.S. Census (2020), primary and secondary highways.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Oregon Department of Transportation (2014).

**Table 5.2-6. Acres of Land Disturbed during Construction and Operation - Union County**

| <b>Proposed Changes/Project Component</b>      | <b>Land Affected During Construction (acres)</b> | <b>Land Reclaimed After Construction (acres)</b> | <b>Land Permanently Converted to Operations (acres)</b> |
|--|--|--|---|
| <b>Baldy</b>                                   |  |  |   |
| Access Roads – New or Substantial Improvements | 44.0   | 17.7   | 25.8  |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                 | 87.8   | 86.7   | 1.7   |
| Total (acres)                                  | 131.8  | 104.4  | 27.5  |
| <b>Morgan Lake</b>                             |  |  |   |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                 | 4.7  | 4.7  | --  |
| Total (acres)                                  | 4.7  | 4.7  | --  |
| <b>Rock Creek 1</b>                            |  |  |   |
| Access Roads – New or Substantial Improvements | 2.7  | 1.6  | 1.1   |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                 | 10.8   | 9.6  | 1.2   |
| Total (acres)                                  | 13.5   | 11.2   | 2.3   |
| <b>Rock Creek 2</b>                            |  |  |   |
| Access Roads – New or Substantial Improvements | 1.2  | 0.7  | 0.5   |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                 | 5.4  | 5.3  | 0.1   |
| Total (acres)                                  | 6.6  | 6.0  | 0.6   |
| <b>WW NF H-Frames</b>                          |  |  |   |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                 | 8.8  | 8.8  | --  |
| Total (acres)                                  | 8.8  | 8.8  | --  |
| <b>Other Access Road and Work Area Changes</b> |  |  |   |
| Access Roads – New or Substantial Improvements | 2.7  | 0.6  | 1.1   |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                 | 61.9   | 61.9   | 1.2   |
| Total (acres)                                  | 64.6   | 62.5   | 2.3   |
| <b>Union County – Total (acres)</b>            | <b>230.0</b>                                     | <b>197.6</b>                                     | <b>32.7</b>   |

Note: Acreages are rounded and may not sum exactly.

### 5.2.6 Segment 4 – Baker County

The Hwy 203 Crossing Alternative is approximately 6 miles northeast of Baker City on the eastern edge of the Baker Valley (Figure 4-1, Maps 53 to 54). This alternative shifts the Project slightly to the east to avoid impacts to pivot irrigation fields. A minor redesign at the Proposed Route (230-kV Rebuild) Revised Alternative required extending the micrositing area northeast of where the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area for the 230-kV rebuild started (Figure 4-1, Map 55). The other access road and work area changes are predominantly in open rangeland settings in Baker County (Figure 4-1, Maps 48-52, 56-71).

There are three MUAs that have been added or adjusted. MUA BA-01 is located on a previously disturbed site approximately 1,000 feet west of the intersection of State Highway 203 and Sunnyslope Road (Figure 4-1, Map 52). MUA BA-12 is located approximately 1.4 miles west of the community of Durkee, Oregon on a previously disturbed site (Figure 4-1, Map 63). MUA BA-05 is located approximately 6-miles northwest of Huntington, Oregon. This MUA is located at the old cement plant that has been demolished (Figure 4-1, Map 66).

Table 5.2-7 identifies the major components and related and supporting facilities associated with each of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Baker County. Table 5.2-8 summarizes the amount of ground disturbance associated with the proposed changes in Baker County.

**Table 5.2-7. Summary of Proposed Changes – Baker County**

| <b>Project Features</b>                               | <b>Hwy 203 Crossing Alternative</b> | <b>Proposed Route (230-kV Rebuild) Revised Alternative</b> | <b>Other Access Road and Work Area Changes</b> | <b>Total (count)</b> |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| Towers – Single Circuit 500-kV Lattice                | 6                                   | --   | --   | 6                    |
| Pulling and Tensioning Sites                          | 3                                   | --   | 18   | 21                   |
| Light-Duty Fly Yards                                  | --                                  | --   | 1  | 1                    |
| Multiuse Areas  | --                                  | --   | 4  | 4                    |
| Communication Stations                                | --                                  | --   | --   | --                   |
| Total (count)   | 9                                   | --   | 23   | 32                   |
| <b>Access Roads (miles)</b>                           |                                     |  |  | <b>Total (miles)</b> |
| Existing, 21-70% Improved                             | --                                  | --   | 13.3   | 13.3                 |
| Existing, 71-100% Improved                            | 0.3                                 | --   | 2.0  | 2.3                  |
| New, Bladed   | 0.9                                 | --   | --   | 0.9                  |
| New, Overland   | --                                  | 0.1  | --   | 0.1                  |
| Total (miles)   | 1.2                                 | 0.1  | 15.3   | 16.6                 |
| <b>Crossings</b>                                      |                                     |  |  | <b>Total (count)</b> |
| High-Voltage Transmission Line Crossings <sup>1</sup> | 2                                   | 2  | NA   | 2                    |
| Existing Road Crossings <sup>2</sup>                  | 2                                   | 1  | NA   | 3                    |
| Existing Railroad Crossings <sup>3</sup>              | 0                                   | 0  | NA   | 0                    |

<sup>1</sup> Source: ABB Ventyx (2016) and Idaho Power Company; includes only transmission lines over 69 kV.

<sup>2</sup> Source: U.S. Census (2020), primary and secondary highways.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Oregon Department of Transportation (2014).

**Table 5.2-8. Acres of Land Disturbed during Construction and Operation - Baker County**

| <b>Proposed Changes/<br/>Project Component</b> | <b>Land Affected<br/>During<br/>Construction<br/>(acres)</b> | <b>Land Reclaimed<br/>After<br/>Construction<br/>(acres)</b> | <b>Land<br/>Permanently<br/>Converted to<br/>Operations<br/>(acres)</b> |
|--|--|--|---|
| <b>Hwy 203 Crossing</b>                        |  |  |   |
| Access Roads – New or Substantial Improvements | 4.4  | 2.3  | 1.9   |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                 | 13.5   | 13.3   | 0.3   |
| Total (acres)                                  | 17.9   | 15.6   | 2.2   |
| <b>Proposed Route (230-kV Rebuild) Revised</b> |  |  |   |
| Access Roads – New or Substantial Improvements | 0.6  | 0.4  | 0.2   |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                 | 0.6  | 0.6  | --  |
| Total (acres)                                  | 1.2  | 1.0  | 0.2   |
| <b>Other Access Road and Work Area Changes</b> |  |  |   |
| Access Roads – New or Substantial Improvements | 33.1   | 7.1  | 26.0  |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                 | 84.8   | 84.8   | --  |
| Total (acres)                                  | 117.9  | 91.9   | 26.0  |
| <b>Baker County – Total (acres)</b>            | <b>137.0</b>   | <b>108.5</b>   | <b>28.4</b>   |

Note: Acreages are rounded and may not sum exactly.

### 5.2.7 Segment 5 – Malheur County

The Willow Creek Alternative crosses Hwy 26 in an agricultural area approximately 7 miles north of Vale, OR (Figure 4-1, Map 76). The Cottonwood Creek Alternative is less than one mile west of Bully Creek Reservoir in open rangeland (Figure 4-1, Maps 80 to 81). The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Malheur County also include changes to access roads, pulling and tensioning sites, and MUAs along the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area (Figure 4-1, Maps 69, 73, 80-83, 85, and 92-93)). The other access road and work area changes in Malheur County occur in a mix of open rangeland and agricultural areas (Figure 4-1, Maps 72-75, 77-79, and 82-98). [Table 5.2-9 identifies the major components and related and supporting facilities associated with each of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Malheur County. Table 5.2-10 summarizes the amount of ground disturbance associated with the proposed changes in Malheur County.

**Table 5.2-9. Summary of Proposed Changes – Malheur County**

| <b>Project Features</b>                | <b>Cottonwood<br/>Creek<br/>Alternative</b> | <b>Willow Creek<br/>Alternative</b> | <b>Other<br/>Access<br/>Road and<br/>Work Area<br/>Changes</b> | <b>Total<br/>(count)</b> |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Towers – Single Circuit 500-kV Lattice | 13  | 1                                   | --   | 14                       |



| <b>Project Features</b>                               | <b>Cottonwood Creek Alternative</b> | <b>Willow Creek Alternative</b> | <b>Other Access Road and Work Area Changes</b> | <b>Total (count)</b> |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Pulling and Tensioning Sites                          | 4                                   | 3                               | 20   | 27                   |
| Light-Duty Fly Yards                                  | --                                  | --                              | 1  | 1                    |
| Multiuse Areas  | --                                  | --                              | 4  | 4                    |
| Communication Stations                                | 1                                   | --                              | --   | 1                    |
| Total (count)   | 18                                  | 4                               | 25   | 47                   |
| <b>Access Roads (miles)</b>                           |                                     |                                 |  | <b>Total (miles)</b> |
| Existing, 21-70% Improved                             | 2.2                                 | 0.4                             | 17.3   | 19.9                 |
| Existing, 71-100% Improved                            | 0.5                                 | --                              | 0.5  | 1.0                  |
| New, Bladed   | 2.3                                 | 0.1                             | 0.7  | 3.1                  |
| New, Overland   | <0.1                                | 0.6                             | 0.1  | 0.8                  |
| Total (miles)   | 5.1                                 | 1.1                             | 18.6   | 24.8                 |
| <b>Crossings</b>                                      |                                     |                                 |  | <b>Total (count)</b> |
| High-Voltage Transmission Line Crossings <sup>1</sup> | 1                                   | --                              | NA   | 1                    |
| Existing Road Crossings <sup>2</sup>                  | 0                                   | 1                               | NA   | 1                    |
| Existing Railroad Crossings <sup>3</sup>              | 0                                   | 0                               | NA   | 0                    |

<sup>1</sup> Source: ABB Ventyx (2016) and Idaho Power Company; includes only transmission lines over 69 kV.

<sup>2</sup> Source: U.S. Census (2020), primary and secondary highways.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Oregon Department of Transportation (2014).

**Table 5.2-10. Acres of Land Disturbed during Construction and Operation - Malheur County**

| <b>Proposed Changes/<br/>Project Component</b> | <b>Land Affected During Construction (acres)</b> | <b>Land Reclaimed After Construction (acres)</b> | <b>Land Permanently Converted to Operations (acres)</b> |
|--|--|--|---|
| <b>Cottonwood Creek</b>                        |  |  |   |
| Access Roads – New or Substantial Improvements | 15.7   | 7.0  | 8.3   |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                 | 23.9   | 22.9   | 1.0   |
| Total (acres)                                  | 39.6   | 29.9   | 9.3   |
| <b>Willow Creek</b>                            |  |  |   |
| Access Roads – New or Substantial Improvements | 1.6  | 0.5  | 1.1   |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                 | 10.3   | 10.2   | 0.1   |
| Total (acres)                                  | 11.9   | 10.7   | 1.2   |

| <b>Proposed Changes/<br/>Project Component</b>    | <b>Land Affected<br/>During<br/>Construction<br/>(acres)</b> | <b>Land Reclaimed<br/>After<br/>Construction<br/>(acres)</b> | <b>Land<br/>Permanently<br/>Converted to<br/>Operations<br/>(acres)</b> |
|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Other Access Road and Work Area Changes</b>    |  |  |   |
| Access Roads – New or<br>Substantial Improvements | 38.0   | 6.8  | 31.2  |
| Structure and Other Work Areas                    | 197.4  | 195.6  | 1.5   |
| Total (acres)                                     | 235.4  | 202.4  | 32.7  |
| <b>Malheur County – Total (acres)</b>             | <b>286.9</b>   | <b>243.0</b>   | <b>43.2</b>   |

Note: Acreages are rounded and may not sum exactly.

### 5.3 Waters of this State

The Exhibit J requirements of OAR 345-021-0010(1)(j) require an applicant to provide information about impacts to Waters of this State. IPC has identified below those subsections of that provision that needed for the Council to make its findings on this RFA 2.

#### 5.3.1 Surveys and Removal-Fill Permitting

To identify any Waters of this State affected by the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, IPC applied the same methodology used in the ASC and approved by the Council in the Final Order. IPC has completed on-the-ground wetland delineations and reporting for 80 percent of the proposed changes in RFA 2 (Figure 5-1). For those areas where IPC has not had access or has not completed on-the-ground wetland delineations and reporting, IPC utilizes desktop data from the National Wetland Inventory (NWI), the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD), and aerial photo interpretation analysis (described as Phase 1 in the ASC). Per Site Certificate Condition PRE-RF-01, prior to construction, IPC will complete all necessary surveys and submit wetland delineation reports to the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) and Oregon Department of State Lands (ODSL) and receive a Letter of Concurrence from the ODSL.<sup>2</sup> The wetlands associated with RFA2 are all contained in the 2023 Wetland Delineation Report Addendum (Attachment 7-21)

IPC will submit a final Joint Permit Application (JPA), including the final Compensatory Wetland and Non-Wetland Mitigation Plan, and Site Rehabilitation Plan. Impact quantities and compensatory mitigation required for the Project will be based on the results of the completion of field surveys and final impact calculations.

<sup>2</sup> Site Certificate Condition PRE-RF-01 provides:

The certificate holder shall:

- a. Prior to construction of a phase or segment of the facility, submit updated electronic wetland delineation report(s) to the Department and to the Oregon Department of State Lands. All wetland delineation report(s) submitted to the Oregon Department of State Lands shall follow its submission and review procedures.
- b. Prior to construction of a phase or segment of the facility, the Department must receive a Letter of Concurrence issued by the Oregon Department of State Lands referencing the applicable wetland delineation for the phase or segment of the facility.

### 5.3.2 Description and Location of Waters of this State

OAR 345-021-0010(1)(j)(A): A description of all areas within the site boundary that might be waters of this state and a map showing the location of these features;

Wetlands and waters described in the section below are located within the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Maps showing the location of waters of this state are included in Figure 5-1. Surveys are ongoing and delineation reports will be prepared in support of the final JPA. Therefore, Figure 5-1 includes delineated wetlands and waters where surveys have been performed; where surveys have not been completed, IPC utilized NWI and NHD data to inform this RFA 2.

### 5.3.3 Impacts to Waters of this State

OAR 345-021-0010(1)(j)(B): An analysis of whether construction or operation of the proposed facility would adversely affect any waters of this state;

Wetland and water delineation surveys were conducted on 80 percent of the RFA 2 proposed changes. Table 5.3-1 includes the temporary and permanent impacts to wetlands and other Waters of the State by county where field delineations occurred. In the portions of RFA 2 where surveys were not completed, NWI and NHD data were used. Because these data were gathered from desktop resources, data about the width of the waterways are unavailable as of this RFA 2 and so the calculation for potential impacts is given in linear feet instead of acres. The estimated impacts on waters of this state based on desktop resources are provided in Table 5.3-2.

**Table 5.3-1. Estimated Temporary and Permanent Impacts on Delineated Waters of this State for RFA 2**

| County          | Source           | Field Delineated Wetland ID | Sum of Area (Acres)   |                       |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                 |                  |                             | Permanent Disturbance | Temporary Disturbance |
| <b>Wetlands</b> |                  |                             |                       |                       |
| Baker           | Field Delineated | BA-W-1301                   | 0.000                 | 0.040                 |
| Baker           | Field Delineated | BA-W-1302                   | 0.000                 | 0.057                 |
| Baker           | Field Delineated | BA-W-1305                   | 0.00                  | 0.048                 |
| Baker           | Field Delineated | BA-W-1306                   | 0.00                  | 0.027                 |
| Malheur         | Field Delineated | MA-W-1202                   | 0.007                 | 0.010                 |
| Malheur         | Field Delineated | MA-W-1203                   | 0.004                 | 0.301                 |
| Morrow          | Field Delineated | MO-W-03                     | 0.005                 | 0.001                 |
| Umatilla        | Field Delineated | UM-W-1200                   | 0.006                 | 0.009                 |
| Umatilla        | Field Delineated | UM-W-1301                   | 0.00                  | 0.032                 |
| Umatilla        | Field Delineated | UM-W-1302                   | 0.00                  | 0.036                 |
| Umatilla        | Field Delineated | UM-W-1304                   | 0.00                  | 0.029                 |
| Umatilla        | Field Delineated | UM-W-1305                   | 0.00                  | 0.094                 |
| Umatilla        | Field Delineated | UM-W-1306                   | 0.00                  | 0.013                 |
| Umatilla        | Field Delineated | UM-W-1307                   | 0.00                  | 0.044                 |
| Union           | Field Delineated | UN-W-701                    | 0.00                  | 0.593                 |

| County         | Source           | Field Delineated Wetland ID | Sum of Area (Acres)   |                       |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                |                  |                             | Permanent Disturbance | Temporary Disturbance |
| Union          | Field Delineated | UN-W-800                    | 0.017                 | 0.003                 |
| Union          | Field Delineated | UN-W-801                    | 0.038                 | 0.006                 |
| Union          |                  | UN-W-803                    | 0.021                 | 0.003                 |
| <b>Total</b>   |                  |                             | <b>0.10</b>           |                       |
| <b>Streams</b> |                  |                             |                       |                       |
| Baker          | Field Delineated | BA-ST-1300                  | 0.00                  | 0.271                 |
| Malheur        | Field Delineated | MA-PR-ST-115                | 0.012                 | 0.002                 |
| Malheur        | Field Delineated | MA-ST-1216                  | 0.00                  | 0.200                 |
| Morrow         | Field Delineated | MO-ST-1203                  | 0.006                 | 0.001                 |
| Umatilla       | Field Delineated | UM-ST-1201                  | 0.016                 | 0.003                 |
| Umatilla       | Field Delineated | UM-ST-1201A                 | 0.003                 | 0.001                 |
| Umatilla       | Field Delineated | UM-ST-1301                  | 0.028                 | 0.476                 |
| Union          | Field Delineated | UN-ST-701                   |                       | 0.018                 |
| Union          | Field Delineated | UN-ST-800                   | 0.001                 | 0.000                 |
| <b>Total</b>   |                  |                             | <b>0.07</b>           | <b>0.97</b>           |

**Table 5.3-2. Estimated Temporary and Permanent Impacts on Non-Delineated Waters of this State for RFA 2**

| County          | Source | NWI Wetland Type | Sum of Area (Acres) <sup>1</sup>       |                       |
|-----------------|--------|------------------|--|-----------------------|
|                 |        |                  | Permanent Disturbance                  | Temporary Disturbance |
| <b>Wetlands</b> |        |                  |  |                       |
| Baker           | NWI    | PEM              | 0.006                                  | 0.001                 |
| Baker           | NWI    | Riverine         | 0.118                                  | 0.054                 |
| Umatilla        | NWI    | Riverine         | 0.051                                  | 0.060                 |
| Umatilla        | NWI    | Riverine         | 0.195                                  | 0.395                 |
| Union           | NWI    | Riverine         | 0.007                                  | 0.012                 |
| <b>Total</b>    |        |                  | <b>0.38</b>                            | <b>0.52</b>           |
| <b>Streams</b>  |        |                  |  |                       |
| County          | Source | Stream Type      | Sum of Area (Linear Feet) <sup>2</sup> |                       |
|                 |        |                  | Permanent Disturbance                  | Temporary Disturbance |
| Baker           | NHD    | Canal/Ditch      | 333.846                                | 50.733                |
| Umatilla        | NHD    | Intermittent     | 301.502                                | 675.343               |
| Union           | NHD    | Perennial        | 15.932                                 | 26.311                |
| <b>Total</b>    |        |                  | <b>651.28</b>                          | <b>752.39</b>         |

<sup>1</sup> Impact acres pertain mapped NWI wetlands where Project disturbance activities intersect wetlands. NWI mapping was used for impact calculations in areas that have not been ground surveyed yet. Once wetland surveys are

completed, and mapped NWI wetland sites have been field surveyed, it is likely the total wetland impacts will be lower than estimated.

<sup>2</sup> Impacts displayed in feet pertain to mapped NHD streams in areas where Project ground disturbance activities intersect streams. Once wetland surveys are completed, it is likely that many NHD streams will be considered ephemeral; therefore, not waters of the state, thereby reducing the total regulated stream impacts.

### **5.3.4 Description of Significance of Impacts to Waters of this State**

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(j)(C): A description of the significance of potential adverse impacts to each feature identified in (A), including the nature and amount of material the applicant would remove from or place in the waters analyzed in (B);*

For many waters of this state, a Removal-Fill Authorization is required if a project will involve 50 cubic yards of fill and/or removal (cumulative) within the jurisdictional boundary. For activities in Essential Salmonid Habitat (ESH) streams, State Scenic Waterways and compensatory mitigation sites, a permit is required for any amount of removal or fill.

The impacts described in Section 5.3.3 are the result of temporary and permanent access roads as well as temporary work areas.

### **5.3.5 Why Removal-Fill Authorization is Not Needed**

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(j)(D): If the proposed facility would not need a removal-fill authorization, an explanation of why no such authorization is required for the construction and operation of the proposed facility.*

OAR 345-021-0010(1)(j)(D) requires an explanation if a removal-fill authorization (Removal-Fill Permit) is not needed. Here, because the Project will require a Removal-Fill Permit, OAR 345-021-0010(1)(j)(D) does not apply. See Section 7.2.2 for further information on the Removal-Fill Permit.

### **5.3.6 Information to Support Removal-Fill Authorization**

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(j)(E): If the proposed facility would need a removal-fill authorization, information to support a determination by the Council that the Oregon Department of State Lands should issue a removal-fill permit, including information in the form required by the Department of State Lands under OAR Chapter 141 Division 85.*

Section 7.2.2 below discusses the application submission requirements and agency review standards relevant to a Removal-Fill Permit application.

## **6.0 PROPOSED CHANGES TO SITE CERTIFICATE**

*OAR 345-027-0360(1)(d): The specific language of the site certificate, including conditions, that the certificate holder proposes to change, add, or delete through the amendment;*

Attachment 6-1 includes the red-lined Site Certificate, which reflects the proposed changes of RFA 2. Specific amendments include the following:

Adding language to a general standard of review condition to expand the facility description to include any modifications approved during the site certificate amendment process.

*Site Certificate Condition GEN-GS-06: Subject to conditions of the site certificate, the certificate holder may construct the facility anywhere within the micrositing area (approved corridor(s)), and as described in ASC (Exhibit B and represented in Exhibit C Attachment C-2 and C-3 mapsets), RFA1 Figure 4-1, and RFA 2 Figure 4-1. The approved corridors include:*

- a. *The transmission line route extending approximately 273-miles through Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker, and Malheur counties;*
- b. *West of Bombing Range Road alternative 1 and the west of Bombing Range Road alternative 2 in Morrow County;*
- c. *Morgan Lake alternative in Union County;*
- d. *Double Mountain alternative in Malheur County;*
- e. *Little Juniper Canyon alternative in Morrow County;*
- f. *True Blue Gulch alternative in Baker County;*
- g. *Durbin Quarry alternative in Baker County;*
- h. *Ayers Canyon alternative in Morrow County;*
- i. *Boardman Junction alternative in Morrow County;*
- j. *Bombing Range SE alternative in Morrow County;*
- k. *Rugg Canyon alternative in Umatilla County;*
- l. *Sevenmile Creek alternative in Umatilla County;*
- m. *Baldy alternative in Union County;*
- n. *Rock Creek 1 alternative in Union County;*
- o. *Rock Creek 2 alternative in Union County;*
- p. *HWY 203 Crossing alternative in Baker County*
- q. *Proposed Route (230-kV Rebuild) Revised alternative in Baker County;*
- r. *Cottonwood Creek alternative in Malheur County; and*
- s. *Willow Creek alternative in Malheur County.*

Adding language to a threatened and endangered species standard construction condition to clarify mitigation for impacts on listed plant species.

*Site Certificate Condition CON-TE-02: During construction, the certificate holder shall not conduct ground-disturbing activities within a 33-foot buffer around threatened or endangered plant species, based on pre-construction field surveys required per site certificate condition Fish and Wildlife Habitat 16, subject to the following:*

- a. *If complete avoidance is not possible (for example, if the threatened or endangered plant species is located within 33 feet of an existing road where upgrades are authorized), the certificate holder shall install temporary construction mats where practical and minimizes impacts to threatened or endangered plant species over soils where the species have been observed and where construction vehicles will be operated; and*
- b. *In situations where construction matting is not practical nor minimizes impacts to threatened or endangered plant species, mitigation activities commensurate with impacts would be developed in conjunction with and approved by ODA with funding from IPC. Mitigation would be implemented by ODA and may include but are not limited to seed collections, outplanting, and research/monitoring activities; and*

- c. *If herbicides are used to control weeds, the certificate holder shall follow agency guidelines including guidelines recommended by the herbicide manufacturer, in establishing buffer areas around confirmed populations of threatened or endangered plant species and refrain from using herbicides within those buffers.*

Editing language to multiple fish and wildlife conditions to clarify that pre- and post-construction traffic studies are not being performed in sage-grouse habitat. Alternatively, a post-construction access control study will be implemented to determine if access roads were properly addressed in the sage-grouse HQT.

*Site Certificate Condition PRE-FW-03: At least 90 days prior to construction of a facility phase or component in sage-grouse habitat as mapped by The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) at that time, unless otherwise agreed to by the Department, the certificate holder shall finalize, and submit to the Department for its approval, in consultation with ODFW, a final Sage-Grouse Habitat Mitigation Plan for the phase or segment to be constructed.*

...

- b. *The final Sage-Grouse Habitat Mitigation Plan shall address the potential sage-grouse habitat impacts through mitigation banking, an in-lieu fee program, development of mitigation projects by the certificate holder, or a combination of the same.*
3. *iii. The final Sage-Grouse Habitat Mitigation Plan shall include compensatory mitigation sufficient to address impacts from, at a minimum, all facility components. As referenced in Fish and Wildlife Condition 19, the certificate holder shall demonstrate during or about the third year of operation that sage-grouse habitat mitigation shall be commensurate with the final compensatory mitigation calculations, either by showing the already-implemented mitigation is sufficient to cover all facility component impacts, or by proposing additional mitigation to address any impacts incremental to the initial calculation. The final compensatory mitigation calculations must be based on the as-constructed facility as well as the post- construction access control study.*

*Site Certificate Condition PRE-FW-4: Prior to construction of a phase or segment of the facility, the certificate holder shall conduct a one-year traffic study in elk habitat (elk summer range and elk winter range, based on the most recent ODFW maps available at the time). The certificate holder shall submit the traffic study to the Department for its review and approval in consultation with ODFW.*

*Site Certificate Condition OPR-FW-03: During the third year of operation, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department and ODFW the data from access control study in Fish and Wildlife Condition 22 for ODFW to calculate the final amount of indirect impact from facility roads that are considered related or supporting facilities to sage-grouse habitat and corresponding compensatory mitigation required using Oregon's Sage-Grouse Habitat Quantification Tool. After receiving the calculations from the State, the certificate holder shall provide to the Department a report demonstrating that sage-grouse habitat mitigation shall be commensurate with the final compensatory mitigation calculations.*

- a. *The final calculations shall be based on the as-constructed facility.*
- b. *Oregon's Sage-Grouse Habitat Quantification Tool shall be used to calculate the amount of sage-grouse habitat compensatory mitigation required for the facility, and the information from the post-construction access control study shall be used in the calculation.*

*Site Certificate Condition OPR-FW-04: During the second year of facility operation, the certificate holder shall conduct a one-year traffic study in elk habitat (elk summer range and elk winter range, based on the same maps used for the pre-construction traffic study). During the second year of facility operation, the certificate holder shall conduct a one-year access control study in sage-grouse habitat (areas of high population richness, core area habitat, low density habitat, and general habitat.*

## 7.0 APPLICABLE STATUTES, RULES, STANDARDS, AND ORDINANCES

*OAR 345-027-0360(1)(e): A list of all Council standards and other laws, including statutes, rules and ordinances, applicable to the proposed change, and an analysis of whether the facility, with the proposed change, would comply with those applicable laws and Council standards. For the purpose of this rule, a law or Council standard is “applicable” if the Council would apply or consider the law or Council standard under OAR 345-027-0375(2); and*

OAR 345-027-0360(1)(e) requires a list of all applicable Council standards, laws, rules, and ordinances. For this RFA 2, which involves adding new portions to the micrositing area, the Council must determine that proposed changes comply with all Council standards, laws, rules, and ordinances applicable to the original Site Certificate and that the amount of the bond or letter of credit in the Site Certificate is adequate.<sup>3</sup>

Table 7-1 lists the Council standards, laws, rules, and ordinances applicable to the original Site Certificate; addresses the RFA 2 compliance with the same; and lists the relevant Site Certificate conditions.

<sup>3</sup> OAR 345-027-0375(2) provides, in relevant part:

To issue an amended site certificate, the Council must determine that the preponderance of evidence on the record supports the following conclusions:

(a) For a request for amendment proposing to add new area to the site boundary, the portion of the facility within the area added to the site by the amendment complies with all laws and Council standards applicable to an original site certificate application;

...

(d) For all requests for amendment, the amount of the bond or letter of credit required under OAR 345-022-0050 is adequate.



**Table 7-1. Standards and Laws Relevant to Proposed Amendment**

| Standard or Other Permit                               | Compliance   | Related Site Certificate Conditions   |
|--|--|---|
| <p>OAR 345-022-0000<br/>General Standard of Review</p> | <p>The General Standard of Review requires compliance with the EFSC Statutes and Standards. As demonstrated in the remainder of this Table 7-1 and elsewhere in the findings, analysis, and conclusions within this RFA 2, IPC demonstrates the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions comply with all applicable EFSC Statutes and Standards and, by extension, OAR 345-022-0000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC does not specifically address the General Standard of Review in more detail in this RFA 2. Instead, the applicable EFSC Statutes and Standards are addressed throughout this RFA 2 in the context of the relevant statutes, rules, standards, and ordinances.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is proposing an amendment to Site Certificate Condition GEN-GS-06.</li> </ul>  | <p>GEN-GS-01 Construction deadlines<br/>GEN-GS-02 Pre-construction compliance<br/>CON-GS-01 Semi-annual construction reporting<br/>OPR-GS-01 Annual operation reporting<br/>OPR-GS-02 Legal description<br/>GEN-GS-03 Compliance during all phases<br/>CON-GS-02 Construction in one area while route changes elsewhere<br/>GEN-GS-04 Notification of environmental impacts<br/>OPR-GS-03 Implementation of the Reclamation and Revegetation Plan<br/>GEN-GS-05 Transfer of ownership<br/>GEN-GS-06 Construction within the site boundary</p> |
| <p>OAR 345-022-0010<br/>Organizational Expertise</p>   | <p>The Organizational Expertise Standard requires that the applicant have the organizational expertise to construct, operate, and retire the facility in compliance with Council standards and site certificate conditions. In regards to the proposed Midline Capacitor Station included in this RFA 2, Idaho Power describes its organizational expertise in Section 7.1.1. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that they have the organizational expertise to construct, operate, and retire the Midline Capacitor Station to comply with OAR 345-022-0010. The Council's existing findings, analysis, and conclusions in the Final Order regarding organizational expertise and the related Site Certificate conditions are adequate to ensure the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions comply with OAR 345-022-0010.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses this standard in more detail in Section 7.1.1.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>              | <p>OPR-OE-01 Submission of inspection documentation with annual reporting<br/>GEN-OE-01 Notification of qualifications and contractor identity changes<br/>PRE-OE-01 Notification of contractor identities<br/>PRE-OE-02 Assurance of contractor compliance<br/>PRE-OE-03 Submission of third-party permit list and permits<br/>GEN-OE-02 Issuance of notice of violation<br/>GEN-OE-03 Reporting of Site Certificate violations</p>  |
| <p>OAR 345-022-0020<br/>Structural Standard</p>        | <p>The Structural Standard requires that the applicant adequately characterize and address potential seismic hazards. As discussed in Section 7.1.1 below, for the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, IPC has adequately characterized the potential seismic hazards and will further refine that characterization prior to construction consistent with the existing Site Certificate conditions. Moreover, IPC demonstrates that the existing Site Certificate conditions requiring IPC to avoid, minimize, and mitigate seismic hazard risks will adequately address any potential seismic hazards related to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with OAR 345-022-0020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses this standard in more detail in Section 7.1.1 below.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul> | <p>PRE-SS-01 Submission of geological and geotechnical investigation plan and report<br/>GEN-SS-01 Compliance of building codes<br/>GEN-SS-02 Avoidance of seismic hazards<br/>GEN-SS-03 Notification of foundation changes<br/>GEN-SS-04 Notification of other geological observations</p>   |
| <p>OAR 345-022-0022<br/>Soil Protection</p>            | <p>The Soil Protection Standard requires that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are not likely to result in a significant adverse impact to soils. As discussed in Section 7.1.2 below, for the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, IPC has</p>   | <p>GEN-SP-01 Implementation of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) 1200-C and Erosion Sediment Control Plan<br/>GEN-SP-02 Implementation of Construction Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Plan</p>   |

| Standard or Other Permit                                       | Compliance  | Related Site Certificate Conditions  |
|--|---|--|
|  | <p>adequately characterized the potential soil impacts, and IPC demonstrates that the existing Site Certificate conditions requiring IPC to avoid, minimize, and mitigate soil impacts will adequately address any potential soil impacts related to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the proposed changes, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with OAR 345-022-0022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses this standard in more detail in Section 7.1.2 below.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>   | <p>GEN-SP-03 Implementation of Operations SPCC Plan<br/>GEN-SP-04 Implementation of final Blasting Plan<br/>OPR-SP-01 Inspection of facility components and mitigation for soil impacts</p>  |
| <p>OAR 345-022-0030<br/>Land Use</p>                           | <p>The Land Use Standard requires that the facility complies with the statewide planning goals. As discussed in Section 7.1.3 below, IPC demonstrates that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions comply with local applicable substantive criteria, Land Conservation and Development Commission rules and goals, and any land use statutes directly applicable to the facility. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with OAR 345-022-0030.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses this standard in more detail in Section 7.1.3 below.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>   | <p>GEN-LU-01 Submission of Morrow County permits, aggregate supplier identities, and riparian impact consultation<br/>GEN-LU-02 Adherence to Morrow County setback requirements<br/>GEN-LU-03 Submission of Umatilla County permits and Air Contaminant Permit<br/>PRE-LU-01 Road construction consultation with Umatilla County Public Works<br/>GEN-LU-04 Adherence to Umatilla County setback requirements<br/>GEN-LU-05 Submission of Union County permits<br/>GEN-LU-06 Adherence to Union County setback requirements<br/>PRE-LU-02 Submission of aggregate supplier identities to Baker County<br/>GEN-LU-07 Submission of Baker County permits<br/>CON-LU-01 Adherence to Baker County setback requirements<br/>GEN-LU-08 Submission of Malheur County permits<br/>GEN-LU-09 Adherence to Malheur County setback requirements<br/>GEN-LU-10 Adherence to City of North Powder setback requirements<br/>GEN-LU-11 Implementation of final Agricultural Assessment and Mitigation Plan<br/>GEN-LU-12 Limitations of right-of-way within Goal 4 forest lands<br/>GEN-LU-13 Implementation of final Right-of-Way Clearing Assessment<br/>CON-LU-02 Submission of Memorandum of Agreement with City of LaGrande for Morgan Lake Park improvements</p> |
| <p>OAR 345-022-0040<br/>Protected Areas</p>                    | <p>The Protected Area Standard requires that the facility avoid certain protected areas, except in certain situations, and that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are not likely to result in a significant adverse impact to protected areas. As discussed in Section 7.1.4 below, IPC demonstrates that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will not be located in a designated protected area and will not otherwise significantly adversely impact any such protected areas. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with OAR 345-022-0040.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses this standard in more detail in Section 7.1.4 below.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul> | <p>GEN-PA-01 Implementation of protection measures for the Ladd March Wildlife Area<br/>GEN-PA-02 Avoidance of Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area if Morgan Lake alternative route chosen</p>  |
| <p>OAR 345-022-0050<br/>Retirement and Financial Assurance</p> | <p>The Retirement and Financial Assurance Standard requires that the site, taking into account mitigation, can be restored, and that the applicant has</p>  | <p>GEN-RT-01 Prevention of hazardous site conditions<br/>RET-RT-01 Retirement of facility in compliance with the Retirement Plan</p>   |

| Standard or Other Permit                                      | Compliance   | Related Site Certificate Conditions  |
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|   | <p>a reasonable likelihood of obtaining a bond or letter of credit to fund that restoration. IPC has provided an updated retirement cost estimate for the longest potential Project design associated with the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area and Proposed Micrositing Area Additions associated with RFA1 and RFA 2 (Attachment 7-20).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses this standard in more detail in Section 7.1.6 of this RFA 2.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>   | <p>RET-RT-02 Retirement of facility upon permanent cessation<br/>PRE-RT-01 Adjustment of bond or letter of credit during construction<br/>OPR-RT-01 Submission and maintenance of bond or letter of credit during operations</p>   |
| <p>OAR 345-022-0060<br/>Fish and Wildlife Habitat</p>         | <p>The Fish and Wildlife Habitat Standard requires that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are consistent with ODFW's fish and wildlife habitat mitigation goals and standards and with the Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Strategy for Oregon. Pursuant to OAR 635-415-0025(7), the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are subject to the avoidance test contained in Policy 2 of the Sage-Grouse Strategy and is further evaluated in Section 7.1.5. As discussed in Section 7.1.5 below, for the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, IPC has adequately characterized the potential fish and wildlife habitat impacts, and IPC demonstrates that the existing Site Certificate conditions requiring IPC to avoid, minimize, and mitigate fish and wildlife impacts will adequately address any fish and wildlife habitat impacts related to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. In addition, IPC has submitted a draft final Habitat Mitigation Plan and draft final Sage-Grouse Habitat Mitigation Plan to ODOE for review outside of this RFA 2. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with OAR 345-022-0060.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses this standard in more detail in Section 7.1.5 below.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul> | <p>GEN-FW-01 Implementation of final Reclamation and Revegetation Plan<br/>GEN-FW-02 Implementation of final Vegetation Management Plan<br/>GEN-FW-03 Implementation of final Noxious Weed Plan<br/>GEN-FW-04 Implementation of final Habitat Mitigation Plan<br/>GEN-FW-05 Implementation of worker environmental awareness training<br/>GEN-FW-06 Flagging of environmentally sensitive areas<br/>GEN-FW-07 Speed limit enforcement<br/>GEN-FW-08 Adherence with the Avian Protection Plan and fatality reporting<br/>PRE-FW-01 Preconstruction surveys to be completed on unsurveyed portions of the micrositing area.<br/>PRE-FW-02 Preconstruction surveys to be completed on entirety of micrositing area<br/>PRE-FW-03 Submission of final Sage-Grouse Habitat Mitigation Plan<br/>PRE-FW-04 Perform preconstruction traffic study in elk habitat and sage-grouse habitat<br/>CON-FW-01 Avoidance of elk or mule deer winter range during temporal restriction<br/>CON-FW-02 Notification of pygmy rabbit colonies or State Sensitive bat species<br/>CON-FW-03 Conduct construction avian surveys during migratory bird nesting season<br/>CON-FW-04 Avoidance of raptor nests within buffers and temporal restrictions<br/>CON-FW-05 Implementation of final Sage-Grouse Habitat Mitigation Plan<br/>CON-FW-06 Avoidance of sage-grouse habitat during temporal restriction<br/>OPR-FW-01 Adherence with final compensatory mitigation calculations<br/>OPR-FW-02 Access control enforcement within elk and sage-grouse habitat<br/>OPR-FW-03 Submission of traffic studies data for indirect sage-grouse habitat impact calculations<br/>OPR-FW-04 Perform operations traffic study in elk habitat and sage-grouse habitat</p> |
| <p>OAR 345-022-0070<br/>Threatened and Endangered Species</p> | <p>The Threatened and Endangered Species Standard requires that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, adequately address potential impacts to state-designated threatened and endangered species. As discussed in Section 7.1.6 below, for the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, IPC has adequately characterized the potential impacts to such species, and IPC demonstrates that the existing Site Certificate conditions requiring IPC to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to threatened and endangered</p>   | <p>CON-TE-01 Avoidance of Category 1 Washington ground squirrel habitat<br/>CON-TE-02 Avoidance of threatened or endangered plant species within buffers</p>   |

| Standard or Other Permit  | Compliance   | Related Site Certificate Conditions  |
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|   | <p>species will adequately address any impacts to such species related to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with OAR 345-022-0070.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses this standard in more detail in Section 7.1.6 below.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p>OAR 345-022-0080<br/>Scenic Resources</p>                                | <p>The Scenic Resources Standard requires that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are not likely to result in significant adverse impacts to certain scenic resources. As discussed in Section 7.1.7 below, for the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, IPC has adequately characterized the potential impacts to scenic resources, and IPC demonstrates that the existing Site Certificate conditions requiring IPC to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to certain scenic resources will adequately address any impacts to such resources related to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with OAR 345-022-0080.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses this standard in more detail in Section 7.1.7 below.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>   | <p>GEN-PA-02 Avoidance of Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area if Morgan Lake alternative route is chosen<br/>GEN-SR-01 Usage of dull-galvanized steel for lattice towers and non-specular conductors<br/>GEN-SR-02 Union County visual impact reduction<br/>GEN-SR-03 Reduction of National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center visual impacts<br/>GEN-SR-04 Reduction of Birch Creek Area of Critical Environmental Concern visual impacts</p> |
| <p>OAR 345-022-0090<br/>Historic, Cultural and Archaeological Resources</p> | <p>The Historic, Cultural and Archaeological Resources Standard requires that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are not likely to result in a significant adverse impact to certain historic, cultural and archaeological resources. As discussed in Section 7.1.8 below, for the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, IPC has adequately characterized the potential impacts to historic, cultural and archaeological resources, and IPC demonstrates that the existing Site Certificate conditions requiring IPC to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts will adequately address any potential impacts to such resources related to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with OAR 345-022-0090.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses this standard in more detail in Section 7.1.8 below.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul> | <p>GEN-HC-01 Avoidance of Oregon Trail/National Historic Trail resources<br/>GEN-HC-02 Implementation of final HPMP<br/>OPS-HC-01 Submission of Cultural Resources Technical Report</p>  |
| <p>OAR 345-022-0100<br/>Recreation</p>                                      | <p>The Recreation Standard requires that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are not likely to result in a significant adverse impact to important recreational opportunities. As discussed in Section 7.1.9 below, for the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, IPC has adequately characterized the potential impacts to important recreational opportunities, and IPC demonstrates</p>  | <p>GEN-RC-01 Reduction of Morgan Lake Park visual impacts</p>  |

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|  | <p>that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will not result in any significant impacts to such opportunities. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with OAR 345-022-0100.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses this standard in more detail in Section 7.1.9 below.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>  |   |
| <p>OAR 345-022-0110<br/>Public Services</p>    | <p>The Public Services Standard requires that the construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are not likely to result in a significant adverse impact to the ability of providers to provide public services. Because the proposed changes in RFA 2 do not introduce any new facility types that would require a new type of public service. The analysis area for RFA 2 does not extend into rural fire districts, airports, landfills, cities/housing, law enforcement jurisdictions, etc. that were not already considered in the ASC. The changes proposed in RFA 2 will result in less than a 1% change in the total length of the Project which will not result in a need for additional workers during peak construction periods. The RFA 2 does not propose any changes that would affect public service providers differently, or that would introduce any new Project components or related or supporting facilities requiring new types of public service providers, the Council's existing findings, analysis, and conclusions in its final order regarding public service providers and the related Site Certificate conditions are adequate to ensure the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions comply with OAR 345-022-0110.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC does not address this standard in more detail in this RFA 2.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul> | <p>GEN-PS-01 Submit Helicopter Use Plan<br/>GEN-PS-02 Submit Final Fire Prevention and Suppression Plan<br/>GEN-PS-03 Submit Wildfire Mitigation Plan<br/>PRE-PS-01 Consultation with Owyhee Irrigation District<br/>PRE-PS-02 Submit county-specific Transportation and Traffic Plan<br/>PRE-PS-03 Submit FAA form 7460-1 Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration<br/>PRE-PS-04 Implementation of Environmental and Safety Training Plan</p> |
| <p>OAR 345-022-0120<br/>Waste Minimization</p> | <p>The Waste Minimization Standard requires that, to the extent reasonably practicable, the plans for the construction and operation of the facility are likely to minimize the generation of waste, and the management of waste is likely to result in minimal adverse impacts to the surrounding and adjacent areas. Because The proposed changes in RFA 2 will result in less than a 1% change in the total length of the Project which will not result in a significant increase in the amount of solid waste estimated to be generated during construction of the facility. Additionally, RFA 2 does not propose any changes that would affect IPC's waste minimization plans, or that would introduce any new types of waste, the Council's existing findings, analysis, and conclusions in its final order regarding waste minimization and the related Site Certificate conditions are adequate to ensure the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions comply with OAR 345-022-0120.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC does not address this standard in more detail in this RFA 2.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>  | <p>GEN-WM-01 Implementation of Construction Waste Management Plan</p>   |

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| <p>OAR 345-023-0005<br/>Need</p>                            | <p>The Need Standard requires that the applicant demonstrate the need for the Project either through the least-cost plan rule or system reliability rule. Because RFA 2 does not propose any changes that would affect the consideration of the Project under IPC's Integrated Resource Plan, or that would impact the need of the Project to enable IPC's transmission system, the Council's existing findings, analysis, and conclusions in its final order regarding the need for the Project are adequate to ensure the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions comply with OAR 345-023-0005.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC does not address this standard in more detail in this RFA 2.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>  |   |
| <p>OAR 345-024-0090<br/>Transmission Lines</p>              | <p>The Sitting Standards for Transmission Lines require that the design, construction and operation of the facility meet certain alternating current operating criteria and minimize induced currents. Because RFA 2 does not propose any changes that would affect the alternating current electric fields or induced currents, the Council's existing findings, analysis, and conclusions in its final order regarding alternating current and induced current, and the related Site Certificate conditions, are adequate to ensure the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions comply with OAR 345-024-0090.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC does not address this standard in more detail in this RFA 2.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>  | <p>GEN-TL-01 Management of electromagnetic field exposure<br/>OPR-TL-01 Reduction of induced current and nuisance shock risks<br/>GEN-TL-02 Adherence with the National Electrical Safety Code and grounding practices<br/>PRE-TL-01 Meeting with Public Utility Commission (OPUC)<br/>OPR-TL-02 Submission of compliance updates to OPUC</p>   |
| <p>OAR 340-035-0035<br/>Noise Control Regulations</p>       | <p>The Noise Control Regulations require that the construction and operation of the facility meet certain noise standards. As discussed in Section 7.2.1 below, for the proposed changes, IPC has adequately characterized the potential noise impacts, and IPC demonstrates that the existing Site Certificate conditions requiring IPC to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts will adequately address any such potential impacts related to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with OAR 340-035-0035.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses this standard in more detail in Section 7.2.1 below.</li> <li>• In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul> | <p>GEN-NC-01 Implementation of Noise Exceedance Mitigation Plans<br/>GEN-NC-02 Implementation of a noise complaint response system<br/>CON-NC-01 Implementation of design measures and construction techniques<br/>OPR-NC-01 Adherence to the ambient antidegradation standard during infrequent or unusual foul weather events<br/>OPR-NC-02 Variance to compliance with the ambient antidegradation standard</p>    |
| <p>Removal-Fill Permit<br/>OAR Chapter 141, Division 85</p> | <p>The Removal-Fill Rules require a permit from the Department of State Lands to remove material from, or to fill in, waters of the state. As discussed in Section 7.2.2 below, for the proposed changes, IPC has characterized the potential impacts to Waters of this State, and the existing Site Certificate conditions requiring IPC to obtain a permit and avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts will adequately address any such potential impacts related to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with the Removal-Fill Regulations.</p>   | <p>PRE-RF-01 Submission of updated wetland delineation reports<br/>GEN-RF-01 Implementation of final Site Rehabilitation Plan<br/>GEN-RF-02 Implementation of final Compensatory Wetland and Non-Wetland Mitigation Plan<br/>PRE-RF-02 Provide copy of Joint Permit Application<br/>GEN-RF-03 Compliance with General and Special Conditions<br/>GEN-RF-04 Compliance with Removal-Fill Conditions and procedures</p> |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IPC addresses this standard in more detail in Section 7.2.2 below.</li> <li>In relation to this standard, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>  |  |
| Fish Passage Plan Approval<br>OAR Chapter 635, Division 412   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Fish Passage Rules require approval of fish passage plans for any new artificial obstructions, or substantial modifications to existing obstructions, affecting native fish streams. IPC is proposing that any fish passage approvals associated with RFA 2 not be governed by the site certificate. IPC is coordinating with ODFW to incorporate new crossings into a final Fish Passage Plan.</li> </ul>   | GEN-FP-01 Implementation of final Fish Passage Plan  |
| Public Land Action Permit   | None of the proposed changes in RFA 2 occur on non-federal public lands, and therefore, no Public Land Action Permit is required.   | N/A  |
| Morrow County Land Use Permit – Land Use Decision<br>(Utility Facility; EFU Zone)   | <p>In Morrow County, all of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in RFA 2 occur in the EFU zone. As discussed in Section 7.1.3 below, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with the relevant county code provisions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the proposed changes, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with the Morrow County EFU Zone requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IPC addresses the Morrow County EFU Zone requirements in more detail in Section 7.1.3.1 below.</li> <li>In relation to the Morrow County EFU Zone requirements, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul> | GEN-LU-01 Submission of Morrow County permits, aggregate supplier identities, and riparian impact consultation                                 |
| Morrow County Land Use Permit – Zoning Permit (Utility Facility; General Industrial Zone)   | None of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Morrow County General Industrial zone.   | GEN-LU-01 Submission of Morrow County permits, aggregate supplier identities, and riparian impact consultation                                 |
| Morrow County Land Use Permit – Zoning Permit (Utility Facility; Port Industrial Zone)  | None of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Morrow County Port Industrial zone.  | N/A  |
| Umatilla County Land Use Permit – Land Use Decision and Zoning Permit (Utility Facility; EFU Zone)                                      | <p>In Umatilla County, portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the EFU zone. As discussed in Section 7.1.3 below, the proposed changes in RFA 2 will comply with the relevant county code provisions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the proposed changes, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with the Umatilla County EFU Zone requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IPC addresses the Umatilla County EFU Zone requirements in more detail in Section 7.1.3 below.</li> <li>In relation to the Umatilla County EFU Zone requirements, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>         | GEN-LU-03 Submission of Umatilla County permits and Air Containment Permit   |
| Umatilla County Land Use Permit – Conditional Use Permit (Helipads; EFU Zone)   | None of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions involve helipads.   | GEN-LU-03 Submission of Umatilla County permits and Air Containment Permit   |
| Umatilla County Land Use Permit – Conditional Use Permit and Land Use Decision (Utility Facility; Grazing-Farm Zone/Goal 4 Forestlands) | In Umatilla County, portions of the transmission line Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Grazing Farm zone. As discussed in Section 7.1.3 below, the proposed changes in RFA 2 will comply with the relevant  | GEN-LU-03 Submission of Umatilla County permits and Air Containment Permit<br>GEN-LU-12 Limitations of right-of-way within Goal 4 forest lands |

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|   | <p>county code provisions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the proposed changes, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with the Umatilla County Grazing-Farm Zone requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses the Umatilla County Grazing-Farm Zone requirements in more detail in Section 7.1.3 below.</li> <li>• In relation to the Umatilla County Grazing-Farm Zone requirements, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p>Umatilla County Land Use Permit – Exception to Goal 4 (Access Roads; Helipads; Grazing-Farm Zone/Goal 4 Forestlands)</p> | <p>None of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions involve access roads or helipads subject to a Goal 4 exception.</p>  | <p>GEN-LU-03 Submission of Umatilla County permits and Air Containment Permit<br/>GEN-LU-12 Limitations of right-of-way within Goal 4 forest lands</p> |
| <p>Umatilla County Land Use Permit – Conditional Use Permit and Land Use Decision (Helipads; Grazing-Farm Zone)</p>         | <p>None of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions involve helipads.</p>  | <p>GEN-LU-03 Submission of Umatilla County permits and Air Containment Permit</p>  |
| <p>Umatilla County Land Use Permit – Conditional Use Permit (Access Roads; Grazing-Farm Zone)</p>                           | <p>In Umatilla County, portions of the access road Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Grazing Farm zone. As discussed in Section 7.1.3 below, the proposed changes in RFA 2 will comply with the relevant county code provisions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the proposed changes, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with the Umatilla County Grazing-Farm Zone requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses the Umatilla County Grazing-Farm Zone requirements in more detail in Section 7.1.3 below.</li> <li>• In relation to the Umatilla County Grazing-Farm Zone requirements, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>       | <p>GEN-LU-03 Submission of Umatilla County permits and Air Containment Permit</p>  |
| <p>Umatilla County Land Use Permit – Conditional Use Permit (Utility Facility; Light Industrial Zone)</p>                   | <p>None of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Umatilla County Light Industrial zone.</p>  | <p>GEN-LU-03 Submission of Umatilla County permits and Air Containment Permit</p>  |
| <p>Umatilla County Land Use Permit – Conditional Use Permit (Batch Plant; Light Industrial Zone)</p>                        | <p>None of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Umatilla County Light Industrial zone.</p>  | <p>GEN-LU-03 Submission of Umatilla County permits and Air Containment Permit</p>  |
| <p>Umatilla County Land Use Permit – Conditional Use Permit (Multi-Use Area; Rural Tourist Commercial Zone)</p>             | <p>None of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Umatilla County Rural Tourist Commercial zone.</p>  | <p>GEN-LU-03 Submission of Umatilla County permits and Air Containment Permit</p>  |
| <p>Union County Land Use Permit – Conditional Use Permit and Land Use Decision (Utility Facility; EFU Zone)</p>             | <p>In Union County, portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Exclusive Farm Use (A-1) zone. As discussed in Section 7.1.3 below, the proposed changes in RFA 2 will comply with the relevant county code provisions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the proposed changes, subject to the related site certificate conditions, comply with the Union County Exclusive Farm Use zone requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses the Union County Exclusive Farm Use zone requirements in more detail in Section 7.1.3 below.</li> <li>• In relation to the Union County Exclusive Farm Use zone requirements, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul> | <p>GEN-LU-05 Submission of Union County permits</p>  |



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| Union County Land Use Permit – Conditional Use Permit and Land Use Decision (Helipads; EFU Zone)                         | None of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions involve helipads.  | GEN-LU-05 Submission of Union County permits |
| Union County Land Use Permit – Conditional Use Permit and Land Use Decision (Concrete Batch Plants; EFU Zone)            | None of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions involve concrete batch plants.   | GEN-LU-05 Submission of Union County permits |
| Union County Land Use Permit – Land Use Decision (Utility Facility; Agriculture-Grazing Zone)                            | <p>In Union County, portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Agriculture-Grazing zone. As discussed in Section 7.1.3 below, the proposed changes in RFA 2 will comply with the relevant county code provisions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the proposed changes, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with the Union County Agriculture-Grazing Zone requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses the Union County Agriculture-Grazing Zone requirements in more detail in Section 7.1.3 below.</li> <li>• In relation to the Union County Agriculture-Grazing Zone requirements, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>  | GEN-LU-05 Submission of Union County permits |
| Union County Land Use Permit – Land Use Decision (Predominant Use Determination; Timber-Grazing Zone)                    | <p>In Union County, portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Timber-Grazing zone. As discussed in Section 7.1.3 below, the proposed changes in RFA 2 will comply with the relevant county code provisions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the proposed changes, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with the Union County Timber-Grazing Zone requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses the Union County Timber-Grazing Zone requirements in more detail in Section 7.1.3.3 below.</li> <li>• In relation to the Union County Timber-Grazing Zone requirements, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>  | GEN-LU-05 Submission of Union County permits |
| Union County Land Use Permit – Land Use Decision (Utility Facility; Timber-Grazing Zone, Predominantly Farmland Parcels) | <p>In Union County, portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Timber-Grazing zone, predominantly farmland parcels. As discussed in Section 7.1.3 below, the proposed changes in RFA 2 will comply with the relevant county code provisions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the proposed changes, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with the Union County Timber-Grazing Zone, predominantly farmland, requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses the Union County Timber-Grazing Zone, predominantly farmland, requirements in more detail in Section 7.1.3.3 below.</li> <li>• In relation to the Union County Timber-Grazing Zone, predominantly farmland, requirements, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul> | GEN-LU-05 Submission of Union County permits |

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| <p>Union County Land Use Permit – Conditional Use Permit (Utility Facility; Timber-Grazing Zone, Predominantly Forestland Parcels)</p>                  | <p>In Union County, portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Union County Timber-Grazing zone, predominantly forestland parcels. As discussed in Section 7.1.3 below, the proposed changes in RFA 2 will comply with the relevant county code provisions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the proposed changes, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with the Union County Timber-Grazing Zone, predominantly forestland, requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses the Union County Timber-Grazing Zone, predominantly forestland, requirements in more detail in Section 7.1.3 below.</li> <li>• In relation to the Union County Timber-Grazing Zone, predominantly forestland, requirements, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>                         | <p>GEN-LU-05 Submission of Union County permits</p>  |
| <p>Union County Land Use Permit – Exception to Goal 4 (Transmission Line Right-of-Way Width; Timber-Grazing Zone, Predominantly Forestland Parcels)</p> | <p>In Union County, portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Timber-Grazing zone and Goal 4 forest lands. As discussed in Section 7.1.3 below, the proposed changes in RFA 2 support a Goal 4 exception. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the proposed changes, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, warrant a Goal 4 exception in the Union County Timber-Grazing Zone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses the Union County Timber-Grazing Zone Goal 4 exception requirements in more detail in Section 7.1.3 below.</li> <li>• In relation to the Union County Timber-Grazing Zone exception requirements, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>   | <p>GEN-LU-05 Submission of Union County permits<br/>GEN-LU-12 Limitations of right-of-way within Goal 4 forest lands</p> |
| <p>Union County Land Use Permit – Conditional Use Permit (Access Roads; Timber-Grazing Zone, Predominantly Forestland Parcels)</p>                      | <p>In Union County, portions of the access road Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Union County Timber-Grazing zone, predominantly forestland parcels. As discussed in Section 7.1.3 below, the proposed changes in RFA 2 will comply with the relevant county code provisions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the access road proposed changes, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with the Union County Timber-Grazing Zone, predominantly forestland, requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses the Union County Timber-Grazing Zone, predominantly forestland, requirements in more detail in Section 7.1.3 below.</li> <li>• In relation to the Union County Timber-Grazing Zone, predominantly forestland, requirements, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul> | <p>GEN-LU-05 Submission of Union County permits</p>  |
| <p>Baker County Land Use Permit – Land Use Decision (Utility Facility; EFU Zone)</p>  | <p>In Baker County, portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Baker County EFU zone. As discussed in Section 7.1.3 below, the proposed changes in RFA 2 will comply with the relevant county code provisions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the proposed changes, subject to</p>  | <p>GEN-LU-07 Submission of Baker County permits</p>  |

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|   | <p>the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with the Baker County EFU Zone requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses the Baker County EFU Zone requirements in more detail in Section 7.1.3 below.</li> <li>• In relation to the Baker County EFU Zone requirements, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul>  |  |
| Baker County Land Use Permit – Conditional Use Permit (Rural Service Area Zone)                           | None of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Baker County Rural Service Area zone.  | GEN-LU-07 Submission of Baker County permits |
| Baker County Land Use Permit – Land Use Decision (Utility Facility; EFU and ERU Zones)                    | <p>In Baker County, portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the Baker County EFU-ERU zones. As discussed in Section 7.1.3 below, the proposed changes in RFA 2 will comply with the relevant county code provisions. Therefore, IPC has demonstrated with the information provided in this RFA 2 that the proposed changes, subject to the related Site Certificate conditions, comply with the Baker County EFU-ERU Zone requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPC addresses the Baker County EFU-ERU Zone requirements in more detail in Section 7.1.3 below.</li> <li>• In relation to the Baker County EFU-ERU Zone requirements, IPC is not proposing any new conditions or changes to existing conditions.</li> </ul> | GEN-LU-07 Submission of Baker County permits |
| Baker County Land Use Permit – Conditional Use Permit (Helipads; EFU and ERU Zones)                       | None of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions involve helipads.   | GEN-LU-07 Submission of Baker County permits |
| City of North Powder – Conditional Use Permit (Multi-Use Area; Commercial Interchange Zone)               | None of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the City of North Powder.  | NA   |
| City of Huntington – Land Use Decision (Multi-Use Area; Commercial Industrial Zone)                       | None of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the City of North Huntington.  | NA   |
| City of Huntington – Land Use Decision/Temporary Use Permit (Multi-Use Area; Commercial Residential Zone) | None of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in the City of North Huntington.  | NA   |

## 7.1 Division 22 Standards Discussed in Detail

### 7.1.1 Organizational Expertise – OAR 345-022-0010

IPC has extensive experience operating and constructing series compensation equipment similar to what is planned for the Midline Capacitor Station. IPC is presently the operator of 11 series capacitor banks across the company’s system, including a 500-kV series capacitor at the Midpoint 500-kV substation, which has a similar design and components as the proposed Midline Capacitor Station.

**Table 7.1-1. Idaho Power Operated Series Capacitors**

| <b>Transmission Station</b> | <b>Series Capacitor (Compensated Line)</b>   | <b>Voltage (kV)</b> |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Midpoint                    | C506 (Midpoint – Hemingway 500-kV Line)      | 500                 |
| Borah                       | C341 (Borah – Populus #1 345-kV Line)        | 345                 |
| Borah                       | C343 (Borah – Populus #2 345-kV Line)        | 345                 |
| Kinport                     | C341 (Kinport – Populus 345-kV Line)         | 345                 |
| Midpoint                    | C232 (Midpoint – Boise Bench #2 230-kV Line) | 230                 |
| Midpoint                    | C233 (Midpoint – Boise Bench #3 230-kV Line) | 230                 |
| Boise Bench                 | C231 (Boise Bench – Brownlee #1 230-kV Line) | 230                 |
| Boise Bench                 | C232 (Boise Bench – Brownlee #2 230-kV Line) | 230                 |
| Boise Bench                 | C233 (Boise Bench – Brownlee #3 230-kV Line) | 230                 |
| Boise Bench                 | C234 (Boise Bench – Horse Flat 230-kV Line)  | 230                 |
| Ontario                     | C231 (Ontario – Brownlee 230-kV Line)        | 230                 |

IPC successfully completed a project to replace the Midpoint 500-kV series capacitor early in 2024. IPC also has an Apparatus Engineering group with a dedicated staff engineer that is an expert in the design and operation of series capacitor banks.

### 7.1.2 Structural Standard – OAR 345-022-0020

The Structural Standard generally requires the Council to evaluate whether the Certificate Holder has adequately characterized the potential seismic, geological, and soil hazards within the site boundary/micrositing area, and that the Certificate Holder can design, engineer, and construct the Project to avoid dangers to human safety from these hazards. A landslide inventory and evaluation is provided in Attachment H-1 of the Final Order.

IPC’s geotechnical contractor is performing investigations to support the design and location of Project facilities. This includes characterizing potential seismic, geological, and soil hazards within the micrositing area. The geotechnical contractor is currently performing field reconnaissance, geotechnical borings, and electrical resistivity testing. The results of these investigations are ongoing.

Figure 7-1 shows known geologic hazards in proximity to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Figure 7-1 also shows the Proposed Site Boundary near the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. See Section 8.0 for information regarding geologic hazards in the Proposed Site Boundary.

The following Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are in or near geological hazard zones, historic landslide areas, or other non-seismic hazard areas.

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**Umatilla County Work Area, Proposed Micrositing Area Addition 2/303 (Figure 7-1, Map 19), Mapped Fault**

Proposed Micrositing Area Addition 2/303 crosses through a mapped fault trace which is not included in the DOGAMI Oregon HazVu website (DOGAMI 2023a) or the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Quaternary Fault and Fold Database website (USGS 2023) and may not have geologic evidence demonstrating a tectonic fault exists and therefore it may not be active during the Quaternary period. However, this fault does not have additional information pertaining to slip rates, fault type, etc. and the risk of the fault impacting Proposed Micrositing Area Addition 2/303 is not quantifiable.

**Umatilla County Work Area, Proposed Micrositing Area Addition 2/319 (Figure 7-1, Map 21), Mapped Faults**

Proposed Micrositing Area Addition 2/319 crosses through the approximate mapped trace of the Cabbage Hill Fault (USGS Hite fault system, Fault ID 845, Personius and Lidke 2003). It encompasses an existing roadway which will be used for construction. The USGS indicates the fault has a slip rate of <0.2 millimeter per year (mm/yr). Since the fault has such a low slip rate (<0.2 mm/yr) impacts of the Cabbage Hill Fault on Proposed Micrositing Area Addition 2/319 is low.

**Umatilla County Sevenmile Creek Alternative and Work Area, Proposed Micrositing Area Additions 2/304, 2/538, 2/539, 2/540 (Figure 7-1, Maps 25-27), Mapped Faults**

These Proposed Micrositing Area Additions cross through the approximate mapped trace of a series of faults likely part of the Hite fault system (USGS Fault ID 845). According to the USGS, the slip rate of the Hite fault system has a slip rate of <0.2 mm/yr. Based on this low slip rate, impacts of the faults on these sites are low.

**Umatilla County Work Area, Proposed Micrositing Area Addition 2/317, (Figure 7-1, Map 30), Mapped Fault; Union County Rock Creek Alternative 1, Rock Creek Alternative 2, and Work Areas, Proposed Micrositing Area Additions 2/341, 2/345, 2/347, 2/350, 2/553, 2/567, 2/568, (Figure 7-1, Maps 31-34) Mapped Faults**

These Proposed Micrositing Area Additions cross through mapped faults which include the Coleman Ridge Zone faults, Rock Creek West faults, and the Rock Creek East faults. The faults are not included in the DOGAMI Oregon HazVu website or the USGS Fault and Fold Database website and may not have geologic evidence demonstrating a tectonic fault exists and therefore it may not be active during the Quaternary period. However, these faults do not have additional information pertaining to slip rates, fault type, etc., and the risk of the faults impacting the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions is not quantifiable.

**Union County Baldy Alternative, Proposed Micrositing Area Addition 2/571, (Figure 7-1, Map 40), Mapped Faults and Landslide Deposits, Statewide Landslide Information Database for Oregon (SLIDO) 293**

The Baldy Alternative crosses through mapped fault traces associated with the Hilgard Zone and the Mill Creek fault which are not included in the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) Oregon HazVu website or the USGS Fault and Fold Database website and may not have geologic evidence demonstrating a tectonic fault exists and therefore it may not be active during the Quaternary period. However, the faults do not have additional information pertaining to slip rates, fault type, etc. and the risk of the faults impacting Proposed Micrositing Area Addition 2/571 is not quantifiable. Proposed Micrositing Area Addition 2/571 crosses downslope of mapped landslide deposits associated with SLIDO "FernML2010\_293"

also referred to elsewhere in this project as SLIDO 293 (DOGAMI 2023b). Based on aerial imagery the headscarp is heavily overgrown with trees and does not appear to be currently active and the landslide deposits are not mapped as extending down the slope to the area of Proposed Micrositing Area 2/571. The landslide is of minimal risk.

**Union County Baldy Alternative, Proposed Micrositing Area Addition 2/573 (Figure 7-1, Maps 41-43), Mapped Faults and Landslide Deposits, SLIDO 2279, 2281, 2282**

The Baldy Alternative crosses through mapped fault traces associated with the Clover Creek fault and the Baldy fault which are not included in the DOGAMI Oregon HazVu website or the USGS Fault and Fold Database website and may not have geologic evidence demonstrating a tectonic fault exists and therefore it may not be active during the Quaternary period. However, the faults do not have additional information pertaining to slip rates, fault type, etc. and the risk of the faults impacting the Baldy Alternative is not quantifiable. The Baldy Alternative at 2/573 crosses between mapped landslide deposits of SLIDO “FernML2010\_2279” also referred to as SLIDO 2279 and deposits of “FernML2010\_2282” also referred to as SLIDO 2282. During IPC reconnaissance of boring locations boring locations BH-J-4/5 and BH-J-4/6 IPC did not observe any indications of current movement of the ridge on which the structures are located, and the two borings encountered shallow bedrock at the depths of 1.5 and 6.5 feet, respectively. However, due to the close proximity of the two slides to the structures IPC considers the area to be of moderate risk and recommend the structures and the disturbance area not be shifted or moved to within the mapped extents of the landslides. Additionally, the Baldy Alternative at 2/573 extends into mapped landslide deposits associated with SLIDO “FernML2001b\_2281” or SLIDO 2281. Based on boring BH-119/2 performed within the landslide deposits, and observations of the area performed during our reconnaissance of boring location BH-119/2, the landslide feature appeared ancient and is minimal risk to the Baldy Alternative at 2/573.

**Baker County Access Road Change, Proposed Micrositing Area Addition 2/424 (Figure 7-1, Map 63), Mapped Landslide, SLIDO 1103**

The Proposed Micrositing Area Addition 2/424 crosses through SLIDO feature “AshIRP1966\_1103” which is mapped as an Alluvial Fan. This is an access road and SLIDO 1103 is an alluvial fan not a landslide, however, IPC would not make large cuts into the slope which would undercut the alluvial fan and destabilize it.

**Baker County Work Area, Proposed Micrositing Area Addition 2/433 and 2/434 (Figure 7-1, Map 67), Mapped Landslide Deposits, SLIDO 1707**

Mapped landslide deposits of SLIDO feature “BrooHC179a\_1707” or SLIDO 1707 are upslope from Proposed Micrositing Area Addition 2/433 and 2/434. Light detection and ranging (LiDAR) imagery of the landslide has rounded, eroded features that would indicate an ancient landslide. Aerial imagery shows some exposed dirt sections which are above the landslide mapped extents of the landslide, and some small colluvium talus fields on the slopes to the east of the mapped slide. LiDAR imagery appears to show possible outlines of landslide bodies leading northwest and northeast from the mapped extents of the SLIDO 1707 leading into the two erosional drainages on the west and east sides of SLIDO 1707, and not impacting the sites. There is an access roadway and existing Rye Valley Lane at the base of the slope below SLIDO 1707 both of which appear stable. Based on the LiDAR and aerial imagery, the risk of SLIDO 1707 impacting the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions 2/433 and 2/434, is low.

**Baker County Access Roads, Proposed Micrositing Area Additions 2/440, 2/441, 2/442, 2/445 and 2/446 (Figure 7-1, Map68), Mapped Landslide Deposits, SLIDO 1706, 1708**

Proposed Micrositing Area Additions 2/440, 2/441, 2/442, 2/444, 2/445 and 2/446 cross through two landslide features mapped as SLIDO “BrooHC1979a\_1706” or SLIDO 1706 and “BrooHC1979a\_1708” or SLIDO 1708. LiDAR imagery and aerial imagery of both slides show rounded, eroded features and both are overgrown with vegetation. In addition, Northwest Pipeline corporation has installed a gas line through both features and there is an existing 138-kV transmission line through both features. The presence of an existing pipeline and transmission line may indicate the features are stable. Proposed Micrositing Area Additions 2/445 and 2/446 appear to be predominantly upslope of SLIDO 1708 and are access roads so any movement would occur below the site or would only affect the access roadway at 2/445, and 2/445 and 2/446 are at a low risk of being impacted by SLIDO 1708. The rounded features of SLIDO 1706 would indicate it is likely an ancient slide however in LiDAR there appear to be a number of small slides within the larger complex which may shift in a large seismic event. The risk of movement within SLIDO 1708 affecting Proposed Micrositing Area Additions 2/440, 2/441, and 2/442 is moderate, however these appear to be access roads so the impacts may be minimal.

### **Malheur County Access Roads and Work Areas, Proposed Micrositing Area Additions 2/471 and 2/472 (Figure 7-1, Map 79), Mapped Faults**

Proposed Micrositing Area Additions 2/471 and 2/472 cross through the approximate mapped trace of the Cottonwood Mountain fault (USGS Fault ID 806). The USGS Quaternary Fault and Fold database indicates the Cottonwood Mountain fault has a slip rate of <0.2 mm/year. Since the fault has such a low slip rate (<0.2 mm/yr) impacts of the Cottonwood Mountain fault on Proposed Micrositing Area Additions 2/471 and 2/472 are low.

### **Malheur County Access Roads and Work Areas, Proposed Micrositing Area Additions 2/503, 2/504, 2/510, 2/511 (Figure 7-1, Maps 95 and 97), Mapped Faults**

Proposed Micrositing Area Additions 2/503, 2/504, 2/510, and 2/511 cross through the approximate mapped traces of unnamed faults possibly associated with the Owyhee Mountains fault system in Idaho. The faults are not included in the DOGAMI Oregon HazVu website or the USGS Fault and Fold Database website and may not have geologic evidence demonstrating a tectonic fault exists and therefore it may not be active during the Quaternary period. However, the faults do not have additional information pertaining to slip rates, fault type, etc. and the risk of the faults impacting Proposed Micrositing Area Additions 2/503, 2/504, 2/510, and 2/511 is not quantifiable.

IPC will continue to investigate the potential areas of soil instabilities during ongoing site-specific geotechnical work. Site-specific geotechnical design will consider the most recent version of the International Building Code (IBC 2018) to address the seismic hazards of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, similar to the evaluation performed in Attachment H-1 of the Final Order.

IPC will continue to adequately characterize the seismic, geological and soils hazards in order to design, engineer, and construct the proposed changes to avoid dangers to human safety and the environment. Therefore, based on the information provided in this RFA 2 and the application of the relevant Site Certificate conditions, IPC has demonstrated that the proposed changes comply with the Structural Standard.

### **7.1.3 Soil Protection – OAR 345-022-0022**

The Soil Protection Standard requires the Council to find that, after taking mitigation into account, the design, construction, and operation of a facility will not likely result in a significant

adverse impact to soils. Exhibit I of the ASC identified the soil conditions and land uses in accordance with the submittal requirements in OAR 345-021-0010 (1)(I) paragraphs (A) through (E). The following applies a similar analysis to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions.

Figure 7-2 shows soils associated with the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Figure 7-2 also shows the Proposed Site Boundary near the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. See Section 8.0 for information regarding soils in the Proposed Site Boundary.

### 7.1.3.1 Background Review

IPC identified the properties of soils throughout the RFA 2 Micrositing Area using literature-derived soil properties and land cover types. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) maintains the State Soil Geographic Database (STATSGO; NRCS 2011), which presents general soil properties for the entire United States. STATSGO data are used to characterize soil erosion and soil reclamation properties.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) maintains the National Elevation Dataset (NED) with nationwide coverage of detailed elevation information compiled from multiple sources. The NED data were used for the slope analysis presented in this RFA 2.

### 7.1.3.2 Surveys

Site-specific geotechnical investigations are ongoing for all of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Detailed information relating to the scope of the geotechnical investigation is available in Attachment H-1 of the Final Order. The investigation includes drilling of exploration borings and collection of soil samples for laboratory analysis of soil properties.

### 7.1.3.3 Findings

Figure 7-2 shows the STATSGO soil mapping units contained within the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Attachment 7-1 is a table displaying the STATSGO soil properties by soil mapping units contained within the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Table 7.1-2 summarizes the STATSGO data at the highest soil taxonomic level, soil order.

**Table 7.1-2. Soil Orders within the Micrositing Area of RFA 2**

| County             | Soil Order (acres) |               |              |             |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
|                    | Aridisols          | Mollisols     | Andisols     | Entisols    |
| Morrow             | 16.2               | 934.4         | –            | 6.5         |
| Umatilla           | –                  | 804.6         | 336.9        | –           |
| Union              | –                  | 792.9         | 127.7        | –           |
| Baker              | –                  | 326.2         | –            | 87.7        |
| Malheur            | 311.4              | 397.7         | –            | –           |
| <b>RFA 2 Total</b> | <b>327.6</b>       | <b>3255.9</b> | <b>464.7</b> | <b>94.1</b> |

Source: STATSGO

Current land uses that may require or depend on productive soils were evaluated by identifying high value farmland soils data and land cover type data. High value farmland soils data are shown in Table 7.1-3 to identify lands that may include current land uses that require or depend on productive soils within the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. The high value farmland soils data do not provide a qualitative description of actual current land use but may be representative of current agricultural land uses within the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions.



For purposes of this analysis, IPC assumes that high value farmland soils are actively used for agricultural purposes and depend on the presence of productive soils. Similarly, IPC assumes that land cover types identified as agriculture (cultivated crops and pasture/hay) and forest/woodland also require productive soils. For estimates on the amount of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in agriculture and forest/woodland, see the habitat mapping performed in Section 7.1.5.

**Table 7.1-3. High Value Farmland Soils within Micrositing Area of RFA 2**

| County             | Micrositing Area (acres) | High Value Farmland Soils (acres) <sup>1</sup> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Morrow             | 957.1                    | 466.6  |
| Umatilla           | 1,141.5                  | 758.4  |
| Union              | 920.7                    | 519.2  |
| Baker              | 413.9                    | 288.1  |
| Malheur            | 709.1                    | 185.9  |
| <b>RFA 2 Total</b> | <b>4,142.3</b>           | <b>2,218.3</b>                                 |

<sup>1</sup> Source: SSURGO data.

Impacts on soils from Project activities are discussed in the ASC in regard to how the Project may contribute to soil erosion, loss of reclamation potential, and the potential for chemical spills. RFA 2 does not describe these potential soil impacts but does identify the RFA 2 soil properties that indicate susceptibility to erosion and loss of reclamation potential. Impacts resulting from chemical spills will be mitigated per the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Plan as required under condition GEN-SP-02.

Soil erosion factors are defined in Exhibit I of the ASC and include: soil K factor, wind erodibility, slope, and soil T factor. Table 7.1-4 shows the soil erosion factors for RFA 2 construction areas. Construction areas are inclusive of temporarily disturbed areas that will be reclaimed and areas that will maintain a permanent facility through operation of the Project.

**Table 7.1-4. Erosion Factors in RFA 2 Construction Disturbance Area**

| County             | Construction Disturbance Area (acres) | Highly Wind Erodeable <sup>1,2</sup> |              | High K Factor <sup>1,3</sup> |              | Slope Greater Than 25% <sup>5</sup> |              | Low T Factor <sup>1,4</sup> |              |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
|                    |                                       | Acres                                | %            | Acres                        | %            | Acres                               | %            | Acres                       | %            |
| Morrow             | 175.3                                 | 31.5                                 | 18.0%        | 148.1                        | 84.5%        |                                     | 0.0%         | 131.0                       | 74.7%        |
| Umatilla           | 279.0                                 |                                      | 0.0%         | 279.0                        | 100.0%       |                                     | 0.0%         | 137.8                       | 49.4%        |
| Union              | 372.6                                 | 180.8                                | 48.5%        | 147.8                        | 39.7%        | 64.7                                | 17.4%        | 79.6                        | 21.4%        |
| Baker              | 198.1                                 | 141.4                                | 71.4%        | 27.4                         | 13.8%        | 103.9                               | 52.4%        | 82.2                        | 41.5%        |
| Malheur            | 287.8                                 | 269.2                                | 93.5%        | 151.7                        | 52.7%        | 11.2                                | 3.9%         | 48.1                        | 16.7%        |
| <b>RFA 2 Total</b> | <b>1,312.9</b>                        | <b>622.8</b>                         | <b>47.4%</b> | <b>754.0</b>                 | <b>57.4%</b> | <b>179.8</b>                        | <b>13.7%</b> | <b>478.6</b>                | <b>36.5%</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Source: STATSGO data.

<sup>2</sup> Highly wind erodible include STATSGO wind erodibility classes 1 through 4 (wind erosion greater than or equal to 86 tons per acre per year).

<sup>3</sup> High K factor defined as K factor greater than or equal to 0.37.

<sup>4</sup> Lot T factor defined as T factor less than or equal to 2 tons per acre per year.

<sup>5</sup> Source: USGS National Elevation Dataset database.

Soil reclamation factors are defined in Exhibit I of the ASC and include: soil compaction, stony-rocky soils, droughty soil, shallow bedrock, and hydric soils. Table 7.1-5 identifies the soil reclamation factors of soils in the RFA 2 construction areas. The NRCS STATSGO soil properties were reviewed within the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. No soil was detected with the combination of fine grain size, and poor drainage characteristics that would result in classification as highly compactible. Therefore, no areas within the construction disturbance area were identified as needing special considerations for soil compaction.

**Table 7.1-5. Soil Reclamation Factors in RFA 2 Construction Disturbance Area**

| County             | Construction Disturbance Area (acres) | Stony/Rocky <sup>1,2</sup> |              | Droughty <sup>1,3</sup> |              | Shallow Bedrock <sup>1,4</sup> |              | Hydric Soil <sup>5</sup> |              |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|
|                    |                                       | Acres                      | %            | Acres                   | %            | Acres                          | %            | Acres                    | %            |
| Morrow             | 175.3                                 | 21.9                       | 12.5%        | 31.5                    | 18.0%        | 132.1                          | 75.4%        | 57.1                     | 32.6%        |
| Umatilla           | 279.0                                 | 32.0                       | 11.5%        | 32.0                    | 11.5%        | 198.2                          | 71.0%        | 65.9                     | 23.6%        |
| Union              | 372.6                                 | 179.0                      | 48.0%        | 179.0                   | 48.0%        | 304.7                          | 81.8%        | 18.8                     | 5.0%         |
| Baker              | 198.1                                 | 146.5                      | 73.9%        | 146.5                   | 73.9%        | 82.2                           | 41.5%        | 53.9                     | 27.2%        |
| Malheur            | 287.8                                 | 45.6                       | 15.8%        | 87.1                    | 30.3%        | 75.9                           | 26.4%        | 97.2                     | 33.8%        |
| <b>RFA 2 Total</b> | <b>1,312.9</b>                        | <b>425.0</b>               | <b>32.4%</b> | <b>476.1</b>            | <b>36.3%</b> | <b>793.2</b>                   | <b>60.4%</b> | <b>293.0</b>             | <b>22.3%</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Source: STATSGO data.

<sup>2</sup> Stony rocky soil is defined as soil with at least 20 percent of soil particles with size greater than 2 mm.

<sup>3</sup> Droughty soils are defined as soil with sandy loam or coarser texture, and drainage class of moderately to excessively well-drained.

<sup>4</sup> Shallow bedrock is defined as bedrock occurring within 51 inches of ground surface.

<sup>5</sup> Source for hydric soil is SSURGO database and Oregon Wetland Database from the Oregon Spatial Data Library (2013).

Note: SSURGO and STATSGO databases did not contain any highly compactable soil within analysis area; therefore, highly compactable soil is not shown on this table.

### 7.1.3.4 Conclusion

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in soil conditions that were previously characterized and evaluated in the ASC and do not affect the basis for the Council's previous findings of compliance with the Soil Protection Standard. Changes proposed in RFA 2 would adhere to all soil protection conditions identified in the Site Certificate, including: compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) 1200-C permit and Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (GEN-SP-01); development of a final Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan (GEN-SP-02 and GEN-SP-03); development of a final Blasting Plan (GEN-SP-04); and regular inspection of the as-built facility components for ongoing soil impacts (OPR-SP-01). Therefore, the Council may conclude that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions comply with the Soil Protection Standard.

### 7.1.4 Land Use – OAR 345-022-0030

Under OAR 345-021-0010(1)(k), an applicant must elect to address the Council's Land Use standard by obtaining local land use approvals directly from the relevant local governments under Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 469.504(1)(a), or by obtaining a Council determination under ORS 469.504(1)(b). In the ASC, IPC elected to have the Council make the land use determination for the Project under ORS 469.504(1)(b) and OAR 345-022-0030(2)(b). The ASC identified applicable substantive criteria from the following local governments: Morrow County, Umatilla County, Union County, Baker County, Malheur County, City of North Powder, and City

of Huntington. The analysis area for potential land use impacts, as defined in the ASC, is the area within and extending half-mile from the micrositing area. An assessment of applicable substantive criteria for RFA 2 follows with subsections 7.1.3.1 through 7.1.3.13 below.

**7.1.4.1 Morrow County Applicable Substantive Criteria and Comprehensive Plan**

Section 5.2.3 details the proposed changes in Morrow County (See Figure 4-1, Maps 1 to 13). Figure 7-3 shows the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions overlaid on Morrow County Zoning. The Council previously found that the Project would be consistent with applicable criteria of the Morrow County Zoning Ordinance (MCZO) and Morrow County Comprehensive Plan (MCCP).<sup>4</sup> There have been no substantive modifications to the MCZO (Morrow County 2017) or to the MCCP (Morrow County 1986) since the Certificate Holder submitted the ASC on September 28, 2018. Specifically, the Certificate Holder has reviewed and confirmed there have been no changes to the Agricultural, Natural Hazards, Utility Finding, and Goal 5 Resources policies of the Morrow County Comprehensive Plan that were addressed in the Council’s Final Order on the ASC. Since September 28, 2018, Morrow County has amended the listing of proposed aggregate sites on the Morrow County Inventory of Natural Resources - Aggregate and Mineral Resources. None of the new mineral aggregate resources identified in the Significant Resource Overlay Map occur within the micrositing area or within 0.5 mile of the area subject to RFA 2. As such, Morrow County’s Inventory of Natural Resources has not changed in ways that would impact the Council’s prior findings under the land use standard.

The proposed changes do not affect the findings provided in the Final Order and summarized in Table 7.1-6.

**Table 7.1-6. Morrow County Applicable Substantive Criteria**

| Section/Subsection                           | Name  | Proposed Changes  |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Morrow County Zoning Ordinance (MCZO)</b> |   |   |
| <b>Article 3 – Use Zones</b>                 |   |   |
| Section 3.010                                | Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) Zone Uses Permitted Outright | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> Portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Morrow County will occur within the EFU zone. Transmission lines that are necessary for public service are permitted in EFU lands under MCZO Section 3.010(B)(25) and 3.010(D)(10), provided the towers are no greater than 200 feet in height. The proposed changes in RFA 2 are part of a transmission line project necessary for public service and do not include towers greater than 200 feet. Accessory uses are also permitted in EFU lands. MCZO 1.030 defines “accessory use” as “a use incidental and subordinate to the main use of the property and located on the same lot as the main use.” Because the access roads will serve the transmission lines and will be located on the same lot as the transmission lines, the access roads are considered an accessory use to the transmission lines. Therefore, the portions of |

<sup>4</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 162-163 (September 2022)

| Section/Subsection | Name                          | Proposed Changes  |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|
|                    |                               | the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occurring in the EFU Zone are permitted outright under MCZO 3.010(B)(25).   |
| Subsection D       | Use Standards                 | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> The MCZO has been amended since the Council’s previous determination was made. For the original request, the code considered a utility facility necessary for public service as a Conditional Use subject to Article 6. Now MCZO 3.010(B)(25) identifies a utility facility necessary for public service as a use permitted outright on EFU-zoned land subject to the use standards of MCZO 3.010(D)(10). In the 2022 Final Order, the Council concluded the transmission line and associated access roads, modified existing roads, multi-use areas, temporary pulling and tensioning sites, and communication stations in the EFU zone are considered under the “utility facility necessary for public service” land use category. The Council also previously determined that the ASC complies with the standards for a utility facility necessary for public service and ORS 215.275. |
| Section 3.070      | General Industrial (M-G) Zone | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> Portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Morrow County will occur in the M-G zone. Utility and transmission towers less than or equal to 200 feet in height are permitted outright under MCZO 3.070(A)(15). The proposed changes in RFA 2 include transmission towers that could extend up to 200 feet in height.   |
| Subsection A       | Uses Permitted Outright       | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> Portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Morrow County will occur in the M-G zone. Utility and transmission towers less than or equal to 200 feet in height are permitted outright under MCZO 3.070(A)(15). The proposed changes in RFA 2 include transmission towers that could extend up to 200 feet in height.   |
| Subsection C       | Use Limitations               | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> The Council previously found the Project was in the M-G zone but would not be located adjacent to an existing residential lot on a duly platted subdivision or a lot in a residential zone. RFA 2 changes are not proposing to differ from what was previously approved for this standard. The Council can rely on its previous decision for this criteria.   |

| Section/Subsection | Name                      | Proposed Changes   |
|--------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Subsection D       | Dimension Requirements    | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> The Council previously determined that the proposed Facility complied with the dimensional requirements listed in MCZO Section 3.070(D). The changes proposed in RFA 2 in the M-G zone include adjustments to structures spanning Interstate 84 extending outside of the previously approved site boundary/micrositing area. There are no proposed changes to setbacks for structures. The transmission line will comply with setbacks for arterial and collector roads. |
| Subsection E       | Transportation Impacts    | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> The Council previously found that since the construction-related traffic would result in less than 400 passenger car equivalents per day, a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) would not be required for the Project. RFA 2 is not proposing changes that would increase the number of trips per day. Therefore, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions comply with what was previously approved.  |
| Section 3.073      | Port Industrial (PI) Zone | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> Portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are within the PI zone in Morrow County. The Certificate Holder is proposing the addition of a transmission line route in the PI zone, which are permitted outright under MCZO Section 3.073(A)(9).  |
| Subsection A       | Uses Permitted Outright   | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> Portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are within the PI zone including the 500-kV transmission line and associated facilities. Power generating and utility facilities are permitted outright under MCZO Section 3.073(A). The Council previously found that the Project is a utility facility and therefore a use permitted outright in the PI zone under MCZO Section 3.073(A)(9).   |
| Subsection C       | Use Limitations           | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> RFA 2 Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not include any additional storage that was not previously approved by the Council. The Council previously approved storage for the Longhorn Station and a temporary multi-use area. These would include storage of hazardous and non-hazardous materials. The proposed changes to the Micrositing Area and Project do not include the need for additional storage for hazardous and non-hazardous materials. The Proposed  |

| Section/Subsection | Name                     | Proposed Changes   |
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|                    |                          | Micrositing Area Additions will comply with MCZO 3.073(C).   |
| Subsection D       | Dimensional Standards    | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> The ASC included a portion of the transmission line and accessory uses within the PI zone. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are also within the PI Zone and are therefore subject to the dimensional standards in MCZO 3.073(D). The proposed changes will continue to meet the dimensional standards and comply with Condition 2 of the Final Order.   |
| Subsection F       | Transportation Impacts   | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> The ASC included a portion of the transmission line and accessory uses within the PI zone. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are within the PI zone; therefore, these standards do apply to RFA 2. The Council previously found that the proposed Project will not generate more than 400 passenger equivalent trips per day and therefore a TIA was not required for the original approved Project. RFA 2 is proposing changes to the Micrositing Area and associated facilities within the PI zone. These changes will not generate more than 400 passenger equivalent trips per day to the site. Additionally, the Certificate Holder still plans to work with the Morrow County Road Department to develop a traffic management plan prior to construction that addresses construction traffic-related concerns. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with MCZO Section 3.073(F). |
| Section 3.100      | Flood Plain Overlay Zone | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> Portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions fall within the Special Flood Hazard Zone A along Butter Creek on FIRM Panel Number 41049C0500 (effective date 12/18/2007) and FIRM Panel Number 41049C0475D (effective date 12/18/2007), which is classified as the SFHA. (FEMA 2023). MCZO Section 3.100(4.1-1) establishes that a flood plain development permit is required for construction activities within a SFHA. GEN-LU-O1 requires the Certificate Holder to obtain, prior to construction of any phase or segment of the Project, a Flood Plain Development Permit for work in the Flood Plain Overlay zone. GEN-LU-O2 restricts structure placement within the SFHA or requires adherence to MCZO   |

| Section/Subsection | Name                               | Proposed Changes  |
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|                    |                                    | <p>requirements for anchoring and construction materials and methods. Because Site Certificate Conditions GEN-LU-O1 and GEN-LU-O2 will apply to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions and IPC will obtain a Flood Plain Development for the relevant portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with Section 3.100.</p>   |
| Section 4.1-1      | Development Permit                 | <p><b>Applicable and complies.</b> The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions fall within the Special Flood Hazard Zone A along Butter Creek on FIRM Panel Number 41049C0500 (effective date 12/18/2007) and FIRM Panel Number 41049C0475D (effective date 12/18/2007)(FEMA 2023). GEN-LU-O1 requires the Certificate Holder to obtain, prior to construction of any phase or segment of the Project, a Flood Plain Development Permit for work in the Flood Plain Overlay zone. Because Site Certificate Conditions GEN-LU-O1 and GEN-LU-O2 will apply to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions and IPC will obtain a Flood Plain Development for the relevant portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with Section 4.1-1.</p> |
| Section 5.1-1      | Anchoring                          | <p><b>Applicable and complies.</b> The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions fall within the Special Flood Hazard Zone A along Butter Creek (FEMA 2023). GEN-LU-O2 restricts structure placement within the SFHA, or requires adherence to MCZO requirements for anchoring and construction materials and methods. Because Site Certificate Condition GEN-LU-O2 will apply to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with Section 5.1-1.</p>  |
| Section 5.1-2      | Construction Materials and Methods | <p><b>Applicable and complies.</b> The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions fall within the Special Flood Hazard Zone A along Butter Creek (FEMA 2023). GEN-LU-O2 restricts structure placement within the SFHA, or requires adherence to MCZO requirements for anchoring and construction materials and methods. Because Site Certificate Condition</p>   |

| Section/Subsection                      | Name  | Proposed Changes   |
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|   |   | GEN-LU-O2 will apply to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with Section 5.1-2.   |
| Section 3.200                           | Significant Resource (Goal 5) Sites   | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> Morrow County established a Significant Resource Overlay Map identifying the location of designated Goal 5 resources. The County indicated in the original ASC that only those resources depicted on the 1986 Significant Resource Overlay Map were considered Goal 5 designated resources in Morrow County. On December 7, 2015, the County provided to IPC Geographic Information System data identifying the location of the Goal 5 designated resources in Morrow County under the 1986 Significant Resource Overlay Map and the MCCP. Figure K-22 of the original ASC depicts the 1986 Significant Resource Overlay Map information provided by Morrow County and shows the upper reach of Juniper Canyon, but not Little Juniper Canyon. There are no Goal 5 resources, as identified in the 1986 map, within the analysis area for RFA 2. Therefore, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with the County's Goal 5 standards in Section 3.200. |
| Section D                               | Review Criteria   | <b>Not applicable.</b> There are no Goal 5 resources identified within the analysis area for RFA 2, so these standards do not affect RFA 2.  |
| Section E                               | List of Conflicting Uses and Activities   | <b>Not applicable.</b> There are no Goal 5 resources identified within the analysis area for RFA 2, so these standards do not affect RFA 2.  |
| <b>Morrow County Comprehensive Plan</b> |   |  |
| Agricultural Policy 1                   | The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not affect consistency with Agricultural Policy 1. GEN-LU-11 requires the Certificate Holder to finalize, prior to construction, an Agricultural Land Assessment and Mitigation Plan, which implements mitigation measures and monitoring during construction. Therefore, the Council's previous findings, analysis, and conclusions that the Project would be consistent with MCCP Agricultural Policy 1 are equally applicable to RFA 2.   |  |
| Natural Hazards Element                 | The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not affect consistency with the Natural Hazards Element. As described under Section 3.100, GEN-LU-O1 requires the Certificate Holder to obtain, prior to construction of any phase or segment of the Project, a Flood Plain Development Permit for work in the Flood Plain Overlay zone. GEN-LU-O2 restricts structure placement within the SFHA, or requires adherence to MCZO requirements for anchoring and construction materials and methods. Therefore, the Council's previous findings, |  |



| Section/Subsection             | Name | Proposed Changes  |
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|                                |      | analysis, and conclusions that the Project would be consistent with the MCCP Natural Hazards Element are equally applicable to RFA 2.   |
| Utility Finding C;<br>Policy C |      | The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not affect consistency with Utility Finding C; Policy C. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not impact the selection of the Longhorn Station site. Therefore, the Council's previous findings, analysis, and conclusions that the Project would be consistent with MCCP Utility Finding C; Policy C are equally applicable to RFA 2. |
| Goal 5 Resources               |      | There are no new Goal 5 resources identified within the analysis area for RFA 2. The Council may find that no additional analysis is required to comply with the County's Goal 5 standards in Section 3.200(E) and the MCCP.  |

#### 7.1.4.2 Umatilla County Applicable Substantive Criteria and Comprehensive Plan

Section 5.2-4 details the portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Addition in Umatilla County (Figure 4-1, Maps 14 to 30). Figure 7-4 shows the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions overlaid on Umatilla County Zoning. The Council previously concluded that the Project, including access roads, complied with the applicable substantive criteria of Umatilla County's comprehensive plan and development code.<sup>5</sup> There have been no substantive modifications to the Umatilla County Development Ordinance (UCDO; Umatilla County, 2022b) or to the Umatilla County Comprehensive Plan (UCCP; Umatilla County, 2022a) since the Certificate Holder submitted the ASC on September 28, 2018. When a text reference is no longer accurate, both previous and current code references will be included. Table 7.1-7 identifies the updated and archived applicable substantive criteria and provides a response. Specifically, the Certificate Holder has reviewed and confirmed there have been no changes to the Open Space, Scenic and Historic Areas, and Natural Resources and Public Facilities and Services Elements of the Umatilla County Comprehensive Plan that were identified in the Final Order for the ASC.<sup>6</sup> Since September 28, 2018, Umatilla County has amended the previously reviewed Transportation Element. However, the change is not substantive (as described in Section 7.1.3.8). In addition, the UCDO has been updated in 2022, but the updates did not change nor alter the criteria evaluated with the ASC.

**Table 7.1-7. Umatilla County Applicable Substantive Criteria**

| Section/Subsection                             | Name               | Effect of Proposed Change   |
|--|--------------------|---|
| <b>Umatilla County Development Code (UCDC)</b> |                    |   |
| <b>Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) Zone</b>           |                    |   |
| Section 152.059                                | Land Use Decisions | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> Portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Umatilla County will occur within the EFU zone. UCDC 152.059(C) (code reference is unchanged) establishes that utility facilities necessary for public service may be permitted in the EFU zone through an administrative review |

<sup>5</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 168-186 (September 2022)

<sup>6</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Proposed Order, p. 184-185 (September 2022)

| Section/Subsection                | Name                       | Effect of Proposed Change  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
|                                   |                            | <p>application per UCDC 152.769, subject to the criteria found in UCDC 152.617. The decision is finalized through a zoning permit under UCDC 152.025. The Council previously concluded that the “utility facility necessary for public service” land use category includes the transmission line and associated access roads, modified existing roads, multi-use areas, and communication stations. The Council also determined that the additional criteria of UCDC 152.617 cannot impose criteria beyond those of ORS 215.275.<sup>7</sup> Further the procedural standards of UCDC 152.769 do not apply when the land use decision is made by the Council.<sup>8</sup> Therefore, the portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occurring within the County’s EFU zone are permitted under Section 152.059.</p>   |
| <b>Grazing Farm (GF) Zone</b>     |                            |  |
| Section 152.085                   | Conditional Uses Permitted | <p><b>Applicable and complies.</b> Portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Umatilla County will occur within the GF zone. UCDC 152.085(S)(2) (prior code reference was 152.085(R)) identifies new utility facilities for public service, defined in UCDC 152.617(1)(C) as commercial utility facilities for the purpose of generating and distributing power for public use by sale, as a conditional use permitted on GF zoned land. The Council previously concluded that UCDC 152.085(R) (now UCDC 152.085(S)(2)) does not apply to facility components located in GF land because it applies to commercial utility facilities for the purpose of generating and distributing power and is therefore not applicable to the non-energy generating facility (or specific non-generating facility components) in the GF zone. Therefore, the portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occurring within the County’s Grazing Farm zone are permitted under Section 152.085.</p> |
| <b>Light Industrial (LI) Zone</b> |                            |  |
| Section 152.303                   | Conditional Uses Permitted | <p><b>Not applicable.</b> The ASC included one temporary MUA within Umatilla County’s LI zone. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions</p>   |

<sup>7</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 170 (September 2022)

<sup>8</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 170 (September 2022)

| Section/Subsection                         | Name                               | Effect of Proposed Change  |
|--|------------------------------------|--|
|  |                                    | are not within the LI zone, so these standards do not affect RFA 2.  |
| Section 152.304                            | Limitations on Use                 | <b>Not applicable.</b> The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are not within the LI zone, so these standards do not affect RFA 2.   |
| Section 152.306                            | Dimensional Standards              | <b>Not applicable.</b> The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are not within the LI zone, so these standards do not affect RFA 2.   |
| <b>Rural Tourist Commercial (RTC) Zone</b> |                                    |  |
| Section 152.283                            | Conditional Uses Permitted         | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> The ASC included a portion of a temporary multi-use area within Umatilla County's RTC zone. The Council previously determined that the temporary multi-use area was conditionally permitted under UCDC 152.277(G) in the RTC zone. RFA 2 is not proposing changes to the temporary multi-use areas. .  |
| Section 152.284                            | Limitations on Use                 | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not impact the temporary multi-use areas that were previously approved by the Council. There are no limitations that are applicable to the proposed changes. The Certificate Holder will continue to comply with GEN-LU-04 as required by the ASC Final Order. RFA 2 additions will comply with UCDC 152.284.   |
| Section 152.286                            | Dimensional Standards;<br>Setbacks | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are within the RTC zone and do not impact the previously approved temporary multi-use area. The Final Order noted that the dimensional standards were applicable to the proposed use but not to the proposed site, since the applicant was not proposing partitioning of any properties. The proposed changes in RFA 2 will comply with applicable dimensional standards listed in UCDC 152.286. |
| <b>General Provisions</b>                  |                                    |  |
| Section 152.010                            | Access to Buildings                | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> UCDC 152.010 establishes general provisions for site and building access that is applicable to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. GEN-LU-04 dictates the terms necessary to comply with the UCDC 152.010 requirements. Because Site Certificate Condition GEN-LU-05 will apply to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with UCDC 152.010.                                  |

| Section/Subsection | Name  | Effect of Proposed Change   |
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| Section 152.016    | Riparian Vegetation   | <p><b>Applicable and complies.</b> UCDC 152.016 establishes standards for permitted uses in all zones that result in maintenance, removal and replacement of riparian vegetation along streams, lakes and wetlands. The Council's previous determination that the ASC complies with Section 152.016 is applicable to RFA 2. GEN-LU-04 will ensure compliance with UCDC 152.016 requirements. Because Site Certificate Condition GEN-LU-05 will apply to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with UCDC 152.016.</p>   |
| Section 152.017    | Conditions for Development Proposals  | <p><b>Applicable and complies.</b> UCDC 152.016 requires that permitted uses in all zones not impose a significant change in trip generation within the local transportation system. The trip durations associated with the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are similar to those considered by the Council in the Final Order and are not likely to generate a significant increase in trip generation. The Council's previous determination that the ASC complies with Section 152.017 is applicable to RFA 2. PRE-PS-02 will ensure compliance with UCDC 152.017 requirements. Because the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will not generate significant increase in trip generation and Site Certificate Condition PRE-PS-02 will apply to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with UCDC 152.017.</p> |
| Section 152.439    | Historical, Archeological or Cultural Site/Structure Overlay; Criteria for Review | <p><b>Applicable and complies.</b> UCDC 152.439 establishes requirements for proposed uses in the Historical, Archeological or Cultural (HAC) Site/Structure Overlay zone. The Certificate Holder maintains there are no amended project components within or near the HAC Overlay zone and therefore does not apply to the proposed Project site.</p> <p>As detailed in this RFA 2 under Section 7.1.8, new surveys have occurred to determine the proposed amendment makes no changes that will alter the basis for the Council's earlier findings, or its conclusion that the Project will not likely result in an adverse impact to any historical, cultural and archaeological resources in the Analysis Area, and therefore the amendment request meets the requirement of</p>  |

| Section/Subsection | Name   | Effect of Proposed Change   |
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|                    |  | the Historical, Cultural and Archaeological Resources Standard.   |
| Section 152.456    | Critical Winter Range Overlay; Applicability | <p><b>Applicable and complies.</b> UCDC 152.458 establishes requirements for specific uses in the Critical Winter Range (CWR) Overlay zone that would result in eventual placement of a dwelling, and administrative review of non-resource dwellings. The ASC demonstrated that UCDC 152.458 standards apply to dwellings, and because the Project does not include any dwellings, UCDC 152.458 does not apply to the Project.</p> <p>However, since RFA 2 changes are within the Critical Winter Range Overlay, potential impacts to elk and deer winter range were evaluated under the Council’s Fish and Wildlife Habitat standard. Section 7.1.5 of this RFA 2 evaluates potential impacts to elk and deer winter range and proposes mitigation that meets that standard.</p>  |
| Goal 5             | Technical Report D-63                        | <p><b>Applicable and complies.</b> The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions cross into waterfowl/furbearer, and Big Game Critical Winter Range Habitat Goal 5 resource areas that were previously identified with the original ASC. There are no new Goal 5 resources identified within the analysis area for RFA 2.</p> <p>The Certificate Holder stated in the original ASC that Umatilla County has not adopted any Goal 5 protection program for furbearers and hunted non-game wildlife, or Goal 5 fish streams. Nevertheless, impacts to streams and riparian vegetation would be minimized as evaluated under UCDC 152.286 and 152.306 and imposed under Condition GEN-LU-05, which requires a 100-foot setback from structures to the high water mark of any stream, lake or wetland; minimization of cleared vegetation; and, restoration and monitoring.<sup>9</sup></p> <p>As evaluated in the Final Order, UCDC 152.435 through 152.443 are the only applicable provisions to HAC sites within the HAC Site/Structure Overlay Zone UCDC.</p> |

<sup>9</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 184 (September 2022)

| Section/Subsection  | Name | Effect of Proposed Change  |
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|   |      | <p>UCDC 152.436 defines an HAC site as “any historic, archeological or cultural site or structure, or geographic area listed on the Umatilla County Register of Historic Landmarks or recognized as significant by the County Comprehensive Plan and Technical Report.” Umatilla County has not identified any specific HAC sites or structures included in the Goal 5 inventory within the analysis area. A complete assessment of protected areas, scenic resources, and historical resources follows below in Sections 7.1.4, 7.1.7, and 7.1.8. Because Umatilla County has not adopted specific provisions for Goal 5 HAC sites, the Council found no additional analysis is required to comply with the County’s Goal 5 planning goals for historic resources.<sup>10</sup></p> <p>Therefore, the Council may find that no additional analysis is required to comply with the County’s Goal 5 planning goals.</p> |
| <b>Umatilla County Comprehensive Plan</b>   |      |  |
| <p>Open Space, Scenic and Historic Area–, and Natural Resources Element - Finding 37; Policy 37</p> |      | <p>The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not affect consistency with Open Space, Scenic and Historic Area–, and Natural Resources Element - Finding 37; Policy 37. The Project would predominately be located on EFU-zoned land within Umatilla County which, based on Policy 37, may be considered open space appropriate for energy facility use. The Council’s previous determination that the Project would not significantly impact accepted farm practices remains applicable to RFA 2. A complete assessment of protected areas, scenic resources, and historical resources follows below in Sections 7.1.4, 7.1.7, and 7.1.8.</p>   |
| <p>Public–Facilities and Services Element - Finding 19; Policy 19</p>                               |      | <p>The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not affect consistency with Public–Facilities and Services Element - Finding 19; Policy 19. Minimum separation distances for high-voltage transmission lines, as established by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), remain a constraint. The Council’s previous determination that the ASC evaluated feasibility of using existing rights-of-way remains applicable t– RFA 2.</p>  |

<sup>10</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 184 (September 2022)

| Section/Subsection  | Name | Effect of Proposed Change   |
|---|------|---|
| Transportation Element - Finding 18; Policy 18 (Previously Finding 20; Policy 20, See Table 7.1-10) |      | The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not affect consistency with Transportation Element - Finding 18; Policy 18 (Umatilla County 2022a). Minimum separation distances for high voltage transmission lines, as established by NERC and WECC, remain a constraint. The Certificate Holder worked extensively with local landowners in the siting process and Umatilla County maintains the opportunity to review recommendations consistent with the Transportation Element Finding 18 and Policy 18. |

### 7.1.4.3 Union County Applicable Substantive Criteria and Comprehensive Plan

Section 5.2.5 details the proposed changes in Union County (Figure 4-1, Maps 31 to 47). Figure 7-5 shows the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions overlaid on Union County Zoning and Figures 7-6 and 7-7 show the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions overlaid on parcels whose predominant use was evaluated in the ASC. All Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Union County that are in the hybrid Timber-Grazing Zone occur on parcels whose predominant use was evaluated in the ASC. The Council previously concluded that the Project transmission line, including access roads, complied with the applicable substantive criteria of Union County’s development ordinance.<sup>11</sup> There have been no substantive modifications to the Union County Zoning, Partition, and Subdivision Ordinance (UCZPSO; Union County 2015) since the Certificate Holder submitted the ASC on September 28, 2018. The Certificate Holder identified slight differences (detailed below in Table 7.1-8) in criteria references when comparing the ASC and Final Order with UCZPSO available on the County website. However, the differences are not substantive, and the criteria evaluated with the ASC remains consistent with existing applicable criteria in the UCZPSO. As such, an analysis of the updated applicable criteria follows in Section 7.1.3.9.

**Table 7.1-8. Union County Applicable Substantive Criteria**

| Section/Subsection  | Name                | Effect of Proposed Change  |
|---|---------------------|--|
| <b>Union County Zoning, Partition, and Subdivision Ordinance (UCZPSO)</b> |                     |  |
| <b>Exclusive Farm Use(A-1) Zone</b>                                       |                     |  |
| Section 2.03  | Administrative Uses | <b>Not applicable.</b> The Final Order listed utility facilities necessary for public service as an administrative use in the A-1 zone; however, the UCZPSO states in Article 2.04(11) that utility facilities necessary for public service are conditional uses with general review criteria. Compliance with the applicable conditional use standards of Article 2.04(11) is detailed under Section 7.1.3.9. |
| Section 2.04  | Conditional Uses    | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> Article 2.04(11) states that utility facilities necessary for public service are conditional uses with general review criteria. However, as the Council confirmed pursuant to ORS 215.283(1)(c), the use is permitted subject only to the  |

<sup>11</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 191-211 (September 2022)

| Section/Subsection                     | Name                  | Effect of Proposed Change   |
|--|-----------------------|---|
|  |                       | requirements of ORS 215.275 and additional conditional use requirements cannot be imposed. <sup>12</sup> As such, an analysis of the updated applicable criteria follows in Section 7.1.3.9.  |
| <b>Agricultural-Grazing (A-2) Zone</b> |                       |   |
| Section 3.03                           | Administrative Uses   | <b>Not applicable.</b> Portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur within the County's A-2 zone. The Final Order listed utility facilities necessary for public service as an administrative use in the A-2 zone, however the UCZPSO states in Article 3.04(11) that utility facilities necessary for public service are conditional uses with general review criteria. The Council previously found the Project is a utility facility necessary for public service that would be a permitted use in the A-2 zone. As such, an analysis of the updated applicable criteria follows in Section 7.1.3.9.  |
| Section 3.04                           | Conditional Uses      | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> Article 3.04(11) states that utility facilities necessary for public service are conditional uses with general review criteria. As such, an analysis of the updated applicable criteria follows in Section 7.1.3.9.   |
| Section 3.05                           | Use Standards         | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> The use standards for a utility facility necessary for public service are listed under UCZPSO Section 3.05(15), as analyzed in Section 7.1.3.9  |
| Section 3.07                           | Development Standards | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> The Final Order referenced UCZPSO Section 3.07 for development standards, but Section 3.07 speaks to dwellings associated with farm use. The current UCZPSO establishes development standards for uses permitted in the A-2 zone in Section 3.17. The numbering has changed, but the criteria is identical (see comparison in Section 7.1.3.8). No partitions are proposed subject to Section 3.17(1). The Council's previous determination that the ASC complies with Section 3.07 is applicable to RFA 2. GEN-LU-06 ensures compliance with setback requirements outlined in Section 3.17(2) and signage siting requirements outlined in Section 3.17(4). Therefore, the Council may rely on its previous |

<sup>12</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 192 (September 2022)



| Section/Subsection               | Name                                      | Effect of Proposed Change   |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
|                                  |   | findings and conditions, and the Project, as amended by RFA 2, will continue to comply with these standards.  |
| Section 3.08                     | Development and Fire Siting Standards     | <p><b>Not applicable.</b> There are no Development and Fire Siting Standards in Article 3.00 and Section 3.08 speaks to accessory farm dwellings. Development and Fire Siting Standards are listed in UCZPSO Section 5.08, which identifies fire siting standards for structures including requirements for placement of signs, specifying the location and size.</p> <p>GEN-LU-06 ensures compliance with these standards by requiring submission of Union County permits in accordance with UCZPSO Sections 3.08 and 5.08. Since there is no reference to signage in Section 3.08, the Certificate Holder assumes the Council intended to refer to the development standards of Section 3.17.</p> |
| <b>Timber-Grazing (A-4) Zone</b> |   |   |
| Section 5.03                     | Administrative Uses                       | <p><b>Not applicable.</b> Portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will occur within the County's A-4 zone. However, the ASC listed utility facilities necessary for public service as an administrative use in the A-4 zone; however, the UCZPSO states in Article 5.04(21) that new electric transmission lines with right-of-way widths up to 100 feet, as specified in ORS 772.210, are conditional uses with general review criteria. As such, an analysis of the updated applicable criteria follows in Section 7.1.3.9.</p>   |
| Section 5.04                     | Predominantly Forestland Conditional Uses | <p><b>Applicable and complies.</b> Article 5.04(21) states that new electric transmission lines with right-of-way widths up to 100 feet are conditional uses with general review criteria. This definition applies to the Project. An analysis of the updated applicable criteria follows in Section 7.1.3.9.</p>   |
| Section 5.06                     | Minimum Parcel Sizes                      | <p><b>Not applicable.</b> The updated UCZPSO details minimum parcel sizes in Article 5.10. The minimum parcel sizes remain unchanged; however, no partitions are proposed. The parcels to be used for siting of the proposed and alternative facility components within A-4 zoned land would not likely involve partitioning; however, if partition is necessary,</p>   |

| Section/Subsection | Name   | Effect of Proposed Change   |
|--------------------|--|---|
|                    |  | the Certificate Holder would work directly with Union County to obtain approval according to minimum parcel size standards. Section 5.06 in the UCZPSO now pertains to Conditional Use Review Criteria and is addressed below in Section 7.1.3.9  |
| Section 5.07       | Siting Standards for Dwellings and Structures    | <b>Not applicable.</b> The Council previously found that no additional limitations are warranted since the communication stations have been sited in a way to minimize any unnecessary cumulative impacts. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not involve communication stations or other structures, and therefore Section 5.07 does not apply to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions.   |
| Section 5.08       | Development and Fire Siting Standards            | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> The applicable Development and Fire Siting Standards are listed in UCZPSO Section 5.08, which identifies fire siting standards for structures including requirements for placement of signs, specifying the location and size. These standards have not changed and the Council's previous determination that the ASC complies with Section 5.08 is applicable to RFA 2. GEN-LU-06 ensures compliance with these standards by requiring submission of Union County permits in accordance with UCZPSO Section 5.08. Because Site Certificate Condition GEN-LU-06 will apply to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with UCZPSO 5.08.        |
| Section 21.06      | General Standards for Governing Conditional Uses | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> UCZPSO 21.06 applies to all conditional uses in Union County. These standards have not changed since the ASC was submitted. UCZPSO 21.06(1) requires that conditional uses meet the development standards relevant to uses permitted outright in the zone, including UCZPSO 5.06 (Minimum Parcel Size), UCZPSO 5.07 (Siting Standards for Dwellings and Structures), and UCZPSO 5.08 (Development and Fire Siting Standards), which would be satisfied based on applicant representations and compliance with GEN-LU-06. Because Site Certificate Condition GEN-LU-06 will apply to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with UCZPSO 21.06. |

| Section/Subsection              | Name                              | Effect of Proposed Change  |
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| <b>Supplementary Provisions</b> |                                   |  |
| Section 20.08                   | Riparian Zone Setbacks            | <p><b>Applicable and complies.</b> The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not change conditions that would alter the Council's previous determination that the ASC complies with Section 20.08. These standards have not changed since the ASC was submitted. The Council imposed GEN-LU-06 to ensure the locations the Project will cross or be near Class I streams complies with the riparian area setback requirements of UCZPSO 20.08. Because Site Certificate Condition GEN-LU-06 will apply to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with UCZPSO 20.08.</p>   |
| Section 20.09                   | Significant Goal 5 Resource Areas | <p><b>Applicable and complies.</b> The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions cross into Big Game Winter Range or Critical Habitat Zone Goal 5 resource areas that were previously identified with the original ASC. Union County indicated that its mapping is intended to be over-inclusive of possible habitat areas.<sup>13</sup> The standards of Section 20.09 have not changed since the ASC was submitted. In the original ASC, the Certificate Holder evaluated the economic, social, energy, and environmental criteria to demonstrate compliance with Union County's Goal 5 Resources Comprehensive Plan Element implemented through UCZPSO 20.09 Based on the Certificate Holder's detailed evaluation, the Council found the Project complies with UCZPSO 20.09.<sup>14</sup></p> <p>The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions would generally be in proximity to the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area, be constructed of the same materials and components previously described in Exhibit B of the ASC, and would occur in similar habitat types, topography, and land uses to those previously considered. As depicted on Figure 4-1, Maps 31-47, the Certificate Holder has attempted to use existing roads and to limit the development of new roads in Big Game Winter</p> |

<sup>13</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 207 (September 2022)

<sup>14</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 211 (September 2022)

| Section/Subsection | Name | Effect of Proposed Change   |
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|                    |      | Range overlay areas. These efforts have resulted in the development of a proposed access road system to support the construction of the transmission line that substantially relies on the system of publicly maintained roads as well as unimproved roads on public and private lands. Therefore, the previous evaluation remains consistent with the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, and the Council may rely on its previous findings and conditions that the Project complies with the County's Goal 5 planning goals. |

#### 7.1.4.4 Baker County Applicable Substantive Criteria and Comprehensive Plan

Section 5.2.6 details the proposed changes in Baker County (Figure 4-1, Maps 48 to 71). Figure 7-8 shows the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions overlaid on Baker County Zoning. The Council previously concluded that the Project complied with the applicable substantive criteria of Baker County's development ordinance.<sup>15</sup> The Baker County Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance (BCZSO; Baker County 2020) has been updated since the Certificate Holder submitted the ASC on September 28, 2018. When a text reference is no longer accurate, both previous and current code references will be included. Table 7.1-11 identifies the updated and archived applicable substantive criteria and provides a response. However, the updates (detailed in Table 7.1-9) are not substantive, and criteria evaluated with the ASC remains consistent with existing applicable criteria in the BCZSO, which has been amended to clarify and reorganize standards. The amended standards mirror what was previously evaluated with Exhibit K of the ASC. There have been no identified updates to the Baker County Comprehensive Plan since the ASC was submitted on September 28, 2018.

**Table 7.1-9. Baker County Applicable Substantive Criteria**

| Section/Subsection   | Name             | Effect of Proposed Change   |
|--|------------------|---|
| <b>Baker County Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance (BCZSO)</b> |                  |   |
| <b>Article 3: Uses Zones</b>                                 |                  |   |
| Section 301 Exclusive Farm Use Zone                          |                  |   |
| Subsection 410.03.E.2 (formerly 301.02)                      | Conditional Uses | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> Portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur within Baker County's EFU zone. Section 301 formerly stated that "major utility facilities as defined in Section 108(B)" and their accessory uses (including roads) were conditional uses within Baker County's EFU zone, subject to BCZSO 301.05, 301.06 and Article 6 of the ordinance. The BCZO has been amended and Section 301 has been renumbered as Chapter 410, which authorizes "utility facilities necessary for public service" as a Type II |

<sup>15</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 216-227 (September 2022)

| Section/Subsection                         | Name   | Effect of Proposed Change  |
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|  |  | administrative decision as analyzed in Section 7.1.3.9.  |
| <b>Section 305 Rural Service Area</b>      |  |  |
| Subsection 550.03 (formerly 305.02)        | Conditional Uses   | <b>Not applicable.</b> No portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur within the Rural Service Area (RSA) zone; these standards do not apply to RFA 2.   |
| <b>Chapter 530 Industrial Zones</b>        |  |  |
| Subsection 530.03(A)(6)                    | Uses Permitted Through a Type I Procedure                    | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> The portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions that are within Baker County’s Industrial Zone (I) include an MUA that will be used to store equipment and materials during construction and operation of the Project. Under 530.03(A)(2), “Manufacturing, compounding, fabricating, processing, repairing, packaging, storage and warehousing” are permitted uses through a Type I procedure.   |
| Subsection 530.03(E)                       | Limitations on Uses  | <b>Not applicable.</b> Storage and warehousing are permitted uses through a Type I procedure in the Industrial Zone. These permitted uses are not subject to the limitations on use criteria in 530.03. Therefore, section 530.03 is not applicable to the Micrositing Area Additions.   |
| <b>Article 4: Supplementary Provisions</b> |  |  |
| Section 340 (formerly 401)                 | Setbacks and Frontage Road Requirements Flood Plain District | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> The BCZSO has been amended and Section 401 has been renumbered as Chapter 340 Development Standards (Setback Requirements) for All Zones. A comparison of these chapters follows below in Section 7.1.3.8.   |
| Section 710 (formerly 412)                 | Historic/Cultural and Natural Area Protection Procedure      | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> The BCZSO has been amended and Section 412 has been renumbered as Chapter 710. A comparison of these chapters follows below in Section 7.1.3.8.  |
| Section 630 (formerly 410)                 | Flood Plain Provisions                                       | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> Section 410 Flood Plain Provisions was removed during the update to BCZSO. A new section, Chapter 630 Floodplain Development Zone was adopted for floodplain management. According to the FEMA FIRM Panels for Baker County, digital floodplain data is not available. Portions of the RFA 2 corridor cross rivers and streams, which may have floodplain. Any impacts would be from temporary MUA’s. If required by the county, site-specific |

| Section/Subsection   | Name                                     | Effect of Proposed Change  |
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|  |  | evaluations will be performed to comply with floodplain regulations.   |
| <b>Article 6: Conditional Uses</b>   |  |  |
| Section 210 (formerly 602)   | Standards for Granting a Conditional Use | <p><b>Applicable and complies.</b> As stated above, utility facilities necessary for public service are permitted in the EFU zone through an administrative permit, therefore the standards for granting a conditional use are not applicable to RFA 2 within this zone.</p> <p>The standards addressed in the ASC for conditional uses remain largely the same as the amended BCZSO Conditional Use approval criteria in Chapter 210.04(A)(1-6). The chapter has been renumbered, but the criteria is consistent with the language previously addressed in the previous BCZSO Section 602. A comparison of these chapters follows below in Section 7.1.3.8.</p>   |
| <b>Baker County Comprehensive Plan</b>   |  |  |
| Goal V Open Space, Scenic and Historic Areas and Natural Resources Open Spaces and Scenic Areas Natural Areas Historic and Cultural Sites, Structures, Districts |  | <p>As described in the ASC, the proposed facility and site boundary/micrositing area would be located within Baker County’s Big Game Overlay zone and could potentially impact several scenic resources protected under the Baker County Comprehensive Plan Goal 5 Resources element. Most of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions also occur within the Big Game Overlay. In ASC Exhibit K, the applicant evaluated Goal 5 resources to confirm that the proposed facility would not result in significant adverse impacts. The Final Order stated that Baker County’s land use regulations for the EFU zone are compatible with big game habitat and do not include any Goal 5 protection programs applicable to permitted uses in the EFU zone. To minimize potential impacts to riparian vegetation, the Council imposed GEN-LU-07. Based on compliance with GEN-LU-07 and because the facility is permitted in the EFU zone, the Council found the proposed use would be consistent with the county’s Goal 5 planning goals for protecting big game habitat.<sup>16</sup> A complete assessment of protected areas and scenic resources follows below in Sections 7.1.4 and 7.1.7.</p> |

**7.1.4.5 Malheur County Applicable Substantive Criteria and Comprehensive Plan**

Section 5.2.7 details the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Malheur County (Figure 4-1, Maps 72 to 102). Figure 7-9 shows the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions overlaid on Malheur County Zoning. The Council previously concluded that the Project complied with the applicable substantive criteria of Malheur County’s development ordinance.<sup>17</sup> The Malheur County Code (MCC; Malheur County 2021) has been updated since the Certificate Holder

<sup>16</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 225 (September 2022)

<sup>17</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 229-236 (September 2022)

submitted the ASC on September 28, 2018 (detailed in Table 7.1-10). However, the updates to the MCC did not change the criteria evaluated with the ASC. There have been no identified updates to the Malheur County Comprehensive Plan since the ASC was submitted on September 28, 2018.

**Table 7.1-10. Malheur County Applicable Substantive Criteria**

| Section/Subsection                                | Name                              | Effect of Proposed Change   |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Malheur County Code (MCC)</b>                  |                                   |   |
| <b>Exclusive Farm use and Exclusive Range Use</b> |                                   |   |
| MCC 6-3A-2  | Permitted Uses                    | <b>Applicable and complies.</b> Portions of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur within Malheur County’s EFU & ERU zone. The Project is a transmission line necessary for public service, which is permitted outright in EFU & ERU lands, provided the towers are no greater than 200 feet in height. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not affect compliance with standards of the EFU & ERU Zone. As described in this RFA 2, the Council concluded the transmission line and associated access roads, modified existing roads, multi-use areas, temporary pulling and tensioning sites, and communication stations in the EFU & ERU zone are considered under the “utility facility necessary for public service” land use category. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur within the County’s EFU & ERU zone and the Council’s previous determination that the ASC complies with MCC 6-3A-2 is applicable to RFA 2. GEN-LU-08 requires the Certificate Holder to obtain applicable permits from Malheur County prior to construction (including a zoning permit for components in the EFU & ERU zone). Therefore, the Council may rely on its previous findings and conditions, and the Project, as amended by RFA 2, will continue to comply with these standards. |
| <b>Heavy Industrial Use</b>                       |                                   |   |
| MCC 6-31-4  | Performance Standards             | <b>Not applicable.</b> There are no Proposed Micrositing Area Additions within the Heavy Industrial Use zone. This criterion is not applicable to RFA 2   |
| <b>Flood Plain Management Zone</b>                |                                   |   |
| MCC 6-3K-3  | Flood Plain Development Standards | <b>Not Applicable.</b> Under MCC 6-3K-3, any development within the 100-year flood plain requires compliance with MCC Title 5, Chapter 2, the Federal Insurance Administration requirements, and the standards of the underlying primary zone.  |

| Section/Subsection                                | Name                   | Effect of Proposed Change   |
|---|------------------------|---|
|   |                        | <p>The Certificate Holder stated in the original ASC that it does not anticipate that any permanent Project features will be located with the 100-year flood plain in Malheur County. RFA 2 is not proposing any permanent impacts to flood designated areas. A portion of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, specifically existing road improvements along the Malheur River, is within a Malheur County SFHA. However, these existing road improvements are not considered “permanent construction.” MCC Chapter 2 Flood Control states “permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways. Further, GEN-LU-08 requires the Certificate Holder to provide applicable permits approved by Malheur County prior to construction (including flood plain development permits for each location where development could occur within a regulatory floodplain). Therefore, the Council may rely on its previous findings and conditions, and the Project, as amended by RFA 2, will continue to comply with these standards.</p> |
| MCC 5-2-5-1; 5-2-5-2                              | Flood Hazard Reduction | <p><b>Applicable and complies.</b> GEN-LU-08 requires the Certificate Holder to provide applicable permits approved by Malheur County prior to construction (including flood plain development permits for each location where development could occur within a regulatory floodplain). Therefore, the Council may rely on its previous findings and conditions, and the Project, as amended by RFA 2, will continue to comply with these standards.</p>  |
| <b>Malheur County Comprehensive Plan</b>          |                        |   |
| Goal 3 Agricultural Lands, Policies 2, 7, 8 and 9 |                        | <p>The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not affect consistency with Agricultural Policy 1. GEN-LU-11 requires the Certificate Holder to finalize, prior to construction, an Agricultural Land Assessment and Mitigation Plan, which implements mitigation measures and monitoring during construction. Therefore, the Council’s previous determination that the Project would be consistent with MCCP Agricultural Lands Policies 2, 7, 8, and 9 remains applicable to RFA 2.</p>   |



### 7.1.4.6 City of North Powder Applicable Substantive Criteria and Comprehensive Plan

The Council previously concluded that the Project complied with the applicable substantive criteria of the City of North Powder’s comprehensive plan and development ordinance.<sup>18</sup> The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions within The City of North Powder include one MUA within the Industrial (I) zone (Figure 7-5, Map 46). The Council previously found that MUA’s are permitted conditionally within the City’s Commercial Interchange (C-2) zone because they are considered “other uses”. Therefore, the proposed MUA satisfies NPZO 5.02(3) and shall be considered an “other use”. Other uses within the I zone are subject to the Dimensional Standards in NPZO 5.04 and NPZO Article X, Conditional Uses. These sections have been addressed below in Section 7.1.4.9. City of Huntington Applicable Substantive Criteria and Comprehensive Plan.

The Final Order described how the multi-use area within the City of Huntington would be located within both the Commercial Industrial (CI) Zone and Commercial Residential (CR) Zone, as represented in ASC Exhibit K Figure K-53, *City of Huntington Zoning and Proposed Multi Use Area*. In ASC Exhibit K Section 6.9.2.1., the Certificate Holder describes that, in a June 2, 2016 email, the City of Huntington indicated that because the multi-use area would be a temporary use, no provisions of the City of Huntington Zoning Ordinance (CHZO) would apply and no City permits would be required.<sup>19</sup> None of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur within the City of Huntington, and therefore the Council may find that no additional analysis is required.

### 7.1.4.7 Updated Applicable Substantive Criteria

Table 7.1-11 shows a comparison between the substantive criteria evaluated in the ASC against the updated version of the current substantive criteria.

**Table 7.1-11. Comparison of Updated Applicable Substantive Criteria and Archived Applicable Substantive Criteria Previously Analyzed with the ASC<sup>20</sup>**

| Archived Applicable Criteria   | Updated Applicable Criteria  |
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| <p><b>Umatilla County Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element Finding 20 and Policy 20</b></p>   | <p><b>Umatilla County Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element Finding 18 and Policy 18</b></p>   |
| <p>Finding 20. Major transmission lines (natural gas and electricity) traverse the county with additional expansion proposed, and additional new lines or pipelines could be proposed through the county.<br/>Policy 20. The county will review right-of-way acquisitions and proposals for transmission lines and pipelines so as to minimize adverse impacts to the community.</p> | <p>Finding 18. Major transmission lines (fuel, power and communication) traverse the County. Additional expansion proposed, and additional new lines or pipelines could be proposed through the County.<br/>Policy 18. The County will review right-of-way acquisitions and proposals for transmission lines and pipelines so as to minimize adverse impacts on the community.</p> |

<sup>18</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 239-241(September 2022)

<sup>19</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 242 (September 2022)

<sup>20</sup> Table 7.1-10, Comparison of Updated Applicable Substantive Criteria and Archived Applicable Substantive Criteria Previously Analyzed with the ASC, compares applicable substantive criteria from the pASC submitted in 2013.

| Archived Applicable Criteria  | Updated Applicable Criteria   |
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| <p><b>Response:</b> The amended text changes the definition of “major transmission lines” as applying to “natural gas and electricity” lines to “fuel, power, and communication” lines. Finding 18 still applies to the Project, including the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, because it transmits electrical “power.” Beyond the definition change, Umatilla County’s Transportation Element findings and policies have not changed in ways that would impact the Council’s prior findings under the land use standard.</p>  |   |
| Union County (UCZPSO) 3.07 Development Standards  | Union County (UPZPSO) 3.17 Development Standards  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any proposed division of land included within the A-2 Zone resulting in the creation of one or more parcels of land shall be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the County (ORS 215.263).</li> <li>• Setbacks from property lines or road rights-of-way shall be a minimum of 20-foot front and rear yards and 10-foot side yards.</li> <li>• Animal shelters shall not be located closer than 100 feet to an R-1 or R-2 Zone.</li> <li>• Signs shall be limited to the following:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. All off-premise signs within view of any State Highway shall be regulated by State regulation under ORS Chapter 377 and receive building permit approval.</li> <li>b. All on-premise signs shall meet the Oregon Administrative Rule regulations for on-premise signs which have the following standards:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Maximum total sign area for one business is 8% of building area plus utilized parking area, or 2,000 square feet, whichever is less.</li> <li>B. Display area maximum is 825 square feet for each face of any one sign, or half the total allowable sign area, whichever is less.</li> <li>C. Businesses which have no buildings located on the premises or have buildings and parking area allowing a sign area of less than 250 square feet may erect and maintain on-premises signs with the total allowable area of 250 square feet, 125 square feet maximum for any one face of a sign.</li> <li>D. Maximum height of freestanding signs adjacent to interstate highways is 65 feet, for all other highways is 35 feet, measured from the highway surface or the premises grade, whichever is higher to the top of the sign.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any proposed division of land included within the A-2 Zone resulting in the creation of one or more parcels of land shall be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the County (ORS 215.263).</li> <li>• Setbacks from property lines or road rights-of-way shall be a minimum of 20-foot front and rear yards and 10-foot side yards.</li> <li>• Animal shelters shall not be located closer than 100 feet to an R-1 or R-2 Zone.</li> <li>• Signs shall be limited to the following:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. All off-premise signs within view of any State Highway shall be regulated by State regulation under ORS Chapter 377 and receive building permit approval.</li> <li>B. All on premise signs shall meet the Oregon Administrative Rule regulations for on premise signs which have the following standards:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Maximum total sign area for one business is 8% of building area plus utilized parking area, or 2,000 square feet, whichever is less.</li> <li>(2) Display area maximum is 825 square feet for each face of any one sign, or half the total allowable sign area, whichever is less.</li> <li>(3) Businesses which have no buildings located on the premises or have buildings and parking area allowing a sign area of less than 250 square feet may erect and maintain on-premises signs with the total allowable area of 250 square feet, 125 square feet maximum for any one face of a sign.</li> <li>(4) Maximum height of freestanding signs adjacent to interstate highways is 65 feet, for all other highways is 35 feet, measured from the highway surface or the premises grade, whichever is higher to the top of the sign.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

| <b>Archived Applicable Criteria</b>  | <b>Updated Applicable Criteria</b>   |
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| <p>E. All on-premise signs within view or 660 feet of any State Highway shall obtain permit approval from the Permit Unit, Oregon State Highway Division. No sign shall be moving, revolving or flashing, and all lighting shall be directed away from residential use or zones, and shall not be located so as to detract from a motorists vision except for emergency purposes.</p>  | <p>C. All on premise signs within view or 660 feet of any State Highway shall obtain permit approval from the Permit Unit, Oregon State Highway Division. No sign shall be moving, revolving or flashing, and all lighting shall be directed away from residential use or zones, and shall not be located so as to detract from a motorist vision except for emergency purposes.</p>   |
| <p><b>Response:</b> The side-by-side comparison of these applicable criteria in the UCZPSO demonstrates that the only changes are in the numbering and lettering of the standard. The text is identical and therefore the intent remains the same. The Council may find that there are no substantive changes to the applicable criteria previously addressed with the ASC.</p>  |  |
| <b>Baker County (BCZSO) Section 602 Standards for Granting a Conditional Use</b>   | <b>Baker County (BCZSO) Chapter 210 Conditional Uses Approval Criteria</b>   |
| <p><i>A. The proposal will be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and objectives of this Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance and other applicable policies of the County.</i></p> <p><i>B. Taking into account location, size, design and operating characteristics, the proposal will have a minimal adverse impact on the (1) livability, (2) value, and (3) appropriate development of abutting properties and the surrounding area compared to the impact of development that is permitted outright.</i></p> <p><i>C. The location and design of the site and structures for the proposal will be as attractive as the nature of the use and its setting warrant.</i></p> <p><i>D. The proposal will preserve assets of particular interest to the community.</i></p>  | <p><i>1. The proposal will be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and objectives of this Ordinance and other applicable policies of the County.</i></p> <p><i>2. Taking into account location, size, design and operating characteristics, the proposal will have a minimal adverse impact on the (1) livability, (2) value, and (3) appropriate development of abutting properties and the surrounding area compared to the impact of development that is permitted outright.</i></p> <p><i>3. All required public facilities have adequate capacity to serve the proposal.</i></p> <p><i>4. The proposal will not result in emissions that damage the air or water quality of the area. Documentation is required to demonstrate that required state and federal discharge permits have been obtained.</i></p> <p><i>5. The location and design of the site and structures for the proposal will be as attractive as the nature of the use and its setting warrant.</i></p> <p><i>6. The proposal will preserve assets of particular interest to the community.</i></p> |
| <p><b>Response:</b> The side-by-side comparison of these applicable criteria in the BCZSO demonstrate that the only changes are to include the new provision that “3. All required public facilities have adequate capacity to serve the proposal” and “4. The proposal will not result in emissions that damage the air or water quality of the area. Documentation is required to demonstrate that required state and federal discharge permits have been obtained.” Site Certificate Condition GEN-LU-07 requires the Certificate Holder to obtain applicable permits required by Baker County ordinances. If after commencement of construction the Certificate Holder determines additional County-approved permits are required, the Certificate Holder will provide a copy of those additional permits to the department. In addition, Site Certificate Condition PRE-PS-02 was imposed to address public services criteria. PRE-PS-02 requires</p> |  |

| <b>Archived Applicable Criteria</b>  | <b>Updated Applicable Criteria</b>  |
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| <p>the Certificate Holder to submit a Transportation and Traffic Plan for review and approval by the Department in consultation with the affected county. The condition also requires that, through county-issued road-related permits, the Certificate Holder executes a formally binding agreement with the county for use of and potential impacts to roads during construction activities. With respect to new provision 4, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will not result in any air or water quality impacts that the Council did not previously consider and analyze in the Final Order, Therefore, the Council may find the Project complies with the current standard.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>BCZSO Section 401 Setbacks and Frontage Road Requirements Flood Plain District</b></p>   | <p><b>3. BCZSO Chapter 340 Development Standards (Setback Requirements)</b></p>   |
| <p>A. APPLICATION<br/>These requirements shall apply to all structures except for adjustments permitted in Section 402. See also Section 407(B).</p> <p>B. STANDARDS</p> <p>1) The minimum land width at the front building lines shall be 220 feet.</p> <p>2) No part of a structure shall be constructed or maintained closer than 60 feet to the center line of a road or street, or 30 feet from any right-of-way in excess of 60 feet.</p> <p>3) No part of a building or other structure, except for a sign, shall be constructed or maintained closer than 10 feet to any property line.</p> <p>4) No part of a building or other structure requiring a building permit or farm use affidavit or a road to access such development, shall be constructed within 50 feet of a naturally occurring riparian area, bog, marsh or waterway.</p> | <p>A. Applicability.<br/>These requirements shall apply to all structures except for adjustments permitted in Section 340.03 and Livestock Concentration Limitations in Section 510.05.</p> <p>B. Standards.</p> <p>1. Minimum road frontage shall be 220 feet per parcel, unless the subject property is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Currently accessed or proposed to be accessed from a dead-end road, in which case 60 feet of road frontage shall be required; or</li> <li>b. Accessed by an easement granted before 2005, in which the width of the existing easement shall suffice; or</li> <li>c. A parcel or lot on the radius of a road or facing the circular end of a cul-de-sac, in which case no less than 30 feet of road frontage shall be required upon said road, measured on the arc of the right-of-way. Such frontage shall be subject to the standards set forth in Chapter 340.</li> </ul> <p>2. No part of a structure shall be constructed or maintained closer than 60 feet to the centerline of a road or street, or 30 feet from any right-of-way in excess of 60 feet.</p> <p>3. No part of a building or other structure, except for a sign, shall be constructed or maintained closer than 10 feet to any property line.</p> <p>4. If any part of a structure and/or development is proposed within a jurisdictional wetland, as described in Section 660.03, notification shall be provided by the Baker County Planning Department to the Department of State Lands, as required by</p> |

| Archived Applicable Criteria   | Updated Applicable Criteria  |
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|  | <p>ORS 196.795-990. The applicant/property owner shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits for the proposed structure and/or development from the Department of State Lands.</p>  |
| <p><b>Response:</b> The amended text in BCZSO Chapter 340 is generally the same as previously written in the archived version of BCZSO analyzed with the ASC. The updates add clarity, but do not change the intent of the setback restrictions, which remain the same for the Project. BCZSO Chapter 150 defines “building” as “a structure built for the support, shelter or enclosure of persons, animals, goods, chattel, or property of any kind.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Access roads:</u> The Project access roads will not be built to support, shelter, or enclose anything. Therefore, the access roads are not considered buildings, and the yard setback requirements of BCZSO 401(B)(1) do not apply to the relevant access roads.</li> <li>• <u>Transmission Line Towers:</u> The Project transmission towers will not be built to support, shelter, or enclose anything. Therefore, the transmission towers are not considered buildings, and the yard setback requirements of BCZSO 340 (B)(1) do not apply to the relevant towers.</li> <li>• <u>Light-Duty Fly Yards:</u> There will be three (3) light-duty fly yards in the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Baker County. Therefore, the yard setback requirements of BCZSO 340(B)(1) do apply to the relevant towers.</li> <li>• <u>Multi-Use Areas:</u> There are seven (7) multi-use areas in the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Baker County. Therefore, the yard setback requirements of BCZSO 340(B)(1) are applicable.</li> <li>• <u>Communication Stations:</u> There will be no communication stations in the proposed Baker County alternatives. Therefore, the yard setback requirements of BCZSO 340(B)(1) are not applicable.</li> </ul> <p>GEN-LU-07 requires the Certificate Holder to provide applicable permits approved by Baker County prior to construction. In addition, CON-LU-01 ensures the Certificate Holder complies with applicable setback distances and other requirements in Baker County. Therefore, the Council may rely on its previous findings and conditions, and the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will continue to comply with these standards.</p> |  |
| <p><b>BCZSO Section 412 Historic/Cultural and Natural Area Protection Procedure</b></p>  | <p><b>BCZSO Chapter 710 Historic, Cultural, and Natural Resources Protection</b></p>   |
| <p>This Section shall not apply to sites designated as 3A or 3B sites, pursuant to OAR 660-16-010 (1) and (2), respectively. Major alteration or destruction of a Natural Area designated as 2A or 3C shall first require an ESEE analysis, justification, and Plan Amendment.</p>   | <p>710.02 Applicability. This Section shall not apply to sites designated as 3A or 3B sites, pursuant to OAR 660-016-0010(1) and OAR 660-016-0010(2), respectively. Major alteration or destruction of a Natural Area designated as 2A or 3C shall first require an ESEE (economic, social, environmental and energy) analysis, justification, and subsequent Plan Amendment application.</p> <p>710.03 Permits Required</p> |

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| <p>A permit shall be required to destroy or make major alteration to a historic/cultural/natural site or structure inventoried as significant in the County Comprehensive Plan. Upon receipt of an application for said permit, the Planning Department shall institute a 30-day hold. During that time various actions will be initiated by the County depending upon the nature of the threatened resource. All of the inventoried natural sites, historic sites and the cultural sites identified with one, two or three stars will be subject to a public hearing. Notice of the proposed change and public hearing will be provided to the general public, the State Historic Preservation Office, the State Natural Heritage Advisory Council, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and/or affected local historical, cultural, or governmental entities. The opportunity to educate, persuade, pay for, and/or require the preservation of a significant resource will be provided by the County. At the hearing before the Planning Commission a review will be conducted to determine:</p> <p>A. If the change will destroy the integrity of the resource.</p> <p>B. If the proposal can be modified to eliminate its destructive aspects.</p> <p>C. If any agency or individual is willing to compensate the resource owner for the protection of the resource.</p> <p>D. If the resource can be moved to another location.</p> <p>If, after this review, it is determined by the County that the integrity of a significant historic/cultural structure or townsite or a Natural Area resource is threatened, the following criteria will be applied to decide whether to allow, allow with conditions, or disallow the proposed change.</p> <p><b>FOR SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC/CULTURAL STRUCTURES AND TOWNSITES</b></p> <p>A. The historic/cultural structure or townsite constitutes a hazard to the safety of the public occupants and cannot reasonably be repaired; or</p> | <p>A. A permit shall be required to destroy or make major alteration to a historic/cultural/natural site or structure inventoried as significant in the County Comprehensive Plan. Upon receipt of an application for said permit, the Planning Department shall institute a 30-day hold. During that time various actions will be initiated by the County depending upon the nature of the threatened resource. All of the inventoried natural sites, historic sites and the cultural sites identified with one, two or three stars will be subject to a public hearing. Notice of the proposed change and public hearing will be provided to the general public, the State Historic Preservation Office, the State Natural Heritage Advisory Council, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and/or affected local historical, cultural, or governmental entities. The opportunity to educate, persuade, pay for, and/or require the preservation of a significant resource will be provided by the County. At the hearing before the Planning Commission a review will be conducted to determine:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If the change will destroy the integrity of the resource.</li> <li>2. If the proposal can be modified to eliminate its destructive aspects.</li> <li>3. If any agency or individual is willing to compensate the resource owner for the protection of the resource.</li> <li>4. If the resource can be moved to another location.</li> </ol> <p>B. If, after this review, it is determined by the County that the integrity of a significant historic/cultural structure or townsite or a natural area resource is threatened, the following criteria will be applied to decide whether to allow, allow with conditions, or disallow the proposed change:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For significant historic/cultural structures and townsites. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The historic/cultural structure or townsite constitutes a hazard to the safety of the public occupants and cannot reasonably be repaired; or</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |

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| <p>B. The retention of the historic/cultural structure or townsite would cause financial hardship to the owner which is not offset by public interest in the structure's/townsite's preservation; or</p> <p>C. The improvement project is of substantial benefit to the County and cannot be reasonably located elsewhere, and overrides the public's interest in the preservation of the historic/cultural structure or townsite; or</p> <p>D. Major exterior alteration shall, to the extent possible, be consistent with the historic/cultural character of the structure.</p> <p><b>FOR SIGNIFICANT NATURAL AREAS</b></p> <p>A. 'he existence of a site report: The site's relative significance is indicated by the existence of a site report indicating a field survey with one or more elements verified.</p> <p>B. Number of elements: The site is elevated to a higher priority if it contains a diversity of natural elements.</p> <p>C. Past use of land: The degree to which man's activities have already impacted an area is a significant factor in determining the value of protecting the resource.</p> <p>D. Abundance and quality of the same resource elsewhere on the County's inventory: In reviewing such comparative information the County will be able to make its decision knowing the relative significance of the resource in question.</p> <p>E. Financial impact: A determination that the retention of the natural area would cause financial hardship to the owner not offset by public interest in the site's preservation would be a determining factor in the County's decision.</p> <p>F. Public benefit from the proposed change: A finding that the change is of substantial benefit to the County and cannot be accommodated feasibly elsewhere on the applicant's property would be a significant factor in the County's decision.</p> <p><b>FOR RESOURCES ON FEDERALLY MANAGED LANDS</b></p> | <p>b. The retention of the historic/cultural structure or townsite would cause financial hardship to the owner which is not offset by public interest in the structure's/townsite's preservation; or</p> <p>c. The improvement project is of substantial benefit to the County and cannot be reasonably located elsewhere, and overrides the public's interest in the preservation of the historic/cultural structure or townsite; or</p> <p>d. Major exterior alteration shall, to the extent possible, be consistent with the historic/cultural character of the structure.</p> <p>2. For significant natural areas.</p> <p>a. The Existence of a Site Report. The site's relative significance is indicated by the existence of a site report indicating a field survey with one or more elements verified.</p> <p>b. Number of Elements. The site is elevated to a higher priority if it contains a diversity of natural elements.</p> <p>c. Past Use of Land. The degree to which human activities have already impacted an area is a significant factor in determining the value of protecting the resource.</p> <p>d. Abundance and Quality of the Same Resource Elsewhere on the County's Inventory. In reviewing such comparative information, the County will be able to make its decision knowing the relative significance of the resource in question.</p> <p>e. Financial Impact. A determination that the retention of the natural area would cause financial hardship to the owner not offset by public interest in the site's preservation would be a determining factor in the County's decision.</p> <p>f. Public Benefit from the Proposed Change. A finding that the change is of substantial benefit to the County and cannot be accommodated feasibly elsewhere on the applicant's property would be a significant factor in the County's decision.</p> |

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| <p>The findings and conclusions of Baker County relative to a proposed alteration or demolition of a significant cultural/historic/natural site/structure shall be forwarded to the appropriate federal agency as a recommendation.</p> <p><b>FOR RESOURCES NOT INVENTORIED OR DESIGNATED AS 1B</b></p> <p>For resources of unknown significance or resources not on the inventory, a local review will be conducted by BLM and USFS personnel with the consent of their supervisors, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, State and/or college historians and local museum and historical society members to evaluate the resource's comparative worth and make a recommendation as to whether a full public hearing is warranted.</p>   | <p>3. For Resources on Federally Managed Lands. The findings and conclusions of Baker County relative to a proposed alteration or demolition of a significant cultural/historic/natural site/structure shall be forwarded to the appropriate federal agency as a recommendation.</p> <p>4. For Resources Not Inventoried or Designated as 1B. For resources of unknown significance or resources not on the inventory, a local review will be conducted by BLM and USFS personnel, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, State and/or college historians, and local museum and historical society members to evaluate the resource's comparative worth and make a recommendation as to whether a full public hearing is warranted.</p> |
| <p><b>Response:</b> The amended text in BCZSO Chapter 710 is generally the same as previously written in the archived version of BCZSO analyzed with the ASC. The updates renumber subsections and add clarity, but do not change the intent of the Historic, Cultural, and Natural Resources Protection standards, which remain the same for the Project. The Council previously found there are no resources of unknown significance, or resources not on the inventory which are located within the Analysis Area of the proposed transmission line. As detailed in this RFA 2 under Section 7.1.8, new surveys have occurred to determine the proposed amendment makes no changes that will alter the basis for the Council's earlier findings, or its conclusion that the Project will not likely result in an adverse impact to any historical, cultural and archaeological resources in the Analysis Area, and therefore the amendment request meets the requirement of the Historical, Cultural and Archaeological Resources Standard.</p> |  |

**7.1.4.8 New Applicable Substantive Criteria**

The following section addresses new applicable substantive criteria that have been added to county land use plans since the ASC was prepared.

Union County

*2.04 Conditional Uses with General Review Criteria*

*In the A-1 Zone, the following uses and their accessory buildings and uses are permitted subject to county review under Article 24.03 Quasi-Judicial land use decision and the specific standards for the use set forth in Section 2.05, as well as the general standards for the zone and the applicable standards in Article 21.00 (Conditional Uses).*

*11. Utility facilities necessary for public service, including associated transmission lines as defined in Section 1.08 and wetland waste treatment systems, but not including commercial facilities for the purpose of generating electrical power for public use by sale or transmission towers over 200 feet in height as provided in Subsection 2.05.15.*



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## 2.05 Use Standards

### 15. A utility facility that is necessary for public service

A. A utility facility is necessary for public service if the facility must be sited in the exclusive farm use zone in order to provide the service. To demonstrate that a utility facility is necessary, an applicant must show that reasonable alternatives have been considered and that the facility must be sited in an exclusive farm use zone due to one or more of the following factors:

- (1) Technical and engineering feasibility;
- (2) The proposed facility is locationally-dependent. A utility facility is locationally-dependent if it must cross land in one or more areas zoned for exclusive farm use in order to achieve a reasonably direct route or to meet unique geographical needs that cannot be satisfied on other lands;
- (3) Lack of available urban and non-resource lands;
- (4) Availability of existing rights of way;
- (5) Public health and safety; and
- (6) Other requirements of state and federal agencies.

B. Costs associated with any of the factors listed in subparagraph A. of this paragraph may be considered, but cost alone may not be the only consideration in determining that a utility facility is necessary for public service. Land costs shall not be included when considering alternative locations for substantially similar utility facilities and the siting of utility facilities that are not substantially similar.

C. The owner of a utility facility approved under paragraph A shall be responsible for restoring, as nearly as possible, to its former condition any agricultural land and associated improvements that are damaged or otherwise disturbed by the siting, maintenance, repair or reconstruction of the facility. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the owner of the utility facility from requiring a bond or other security from a contractor or otherwise imposing on a contractor the responsibility for restoration.

D. The county shall impose clear and objective conditions on an application for utility facility siting to mitigate and minimize the impacts of the proposed facility, if any, on surrounding lands devoted to farm use in order to prevent a significant change in accepted farm practices or a significant increase in the cost of farm practices on surrounding farmlands.

E. Utility facilities necessary for public service may include on-site and off-site facilities for temporary workforce housing for workers constructing a utility facility. Such facilities must be removed or converted to an allowed use under the A-1 Zone or other statute or rule when project construction is complete. Off-site facilities allowed under this paragraph are subject to Section 2.06 Conditional Use Review Criteria. Temporary workforce housing facilities not included in the initial approval may be considered through a minor amendment request. A minor amendment request shall have no effect on the original approval.

F. In addition to the provisions of subparagraphs A to D of this paragraph, the establishment or extension of a sewer system as defined by OAR 660-011- 0060(1)(f) shall be subject to the provisions of 660-011-0060.

*G. The provisions of subparagraphs A to D of this paragraph do not apply to interstate natural gas pipelines and associated facilities authorized by and subject to regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.*

**Response:** The Council previously determined that utility facilities necessary for public use included ancillary facilities and are permitted outright in the EFU zone. As stated in the Final Order, "As described in ASC Exhibit K, facility components within Union County's A-1 EFU zone would include up to 1.5 miles of 500kV transmission line and ancillary facilities, which based on a 2001 and 2005 court decision, the applicant asserts should be considered under the "utility facility necessary for public service" land use category". Therefore, the Council reviewed the ancillary facilities together under "utility facilities necessary for public service"; which included several temporary MUAs, and determined that the criteria of ORS 215.275 were met. Additionally, the criteria of ORS 215.275 have not changed since they were previously addressed for utility facilities necessary for public service. Therefore, the County can rely on the Council's previous determination that the MUAs meet the ORS 215.275 criteria and therefore, satisfy UCZPSO 2.05(15).

The standards of UCZPSO 2.05(15) mirror the standards of ORS 215.275, which the Certificate Holder has demonstrated compliance with. The Union County Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, which are limited to new MUA's will be constructed of the same materials and components previously described in Exhibit B of the ASC, and would occur in similar habitat types, topography, and land uses to those previously considered. As such, the Council's previous determination that the ASC complies with ORS 215.275 is applicable to RFA 2. GEN-LU-05 condition requires submission of Union County permits in accordance with UCZPSO. Therefore, the Council may rely on its previous findings and conditions, and the proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with these standards.

#### *3.04 Conditional Uses with General Review Criteria*

*In the A-2 Zone, the following uses and their accessory buildings and uses are permitted subject to county review under Article 24.03 Quasi-Judicial land use decision and the specific standards for the use set forth in Section 3.05, as well as the general standards for the zone and the applicable standards in Article 21.00 (Conditional Uses).*

11. *Utility facilities necessary for public service, including associated transmission lines as defined in Section 1.08 and wetland waste treatment systems, but not including commercial facilities for the purpose of generating electrical power for public use by sale or transmission towers over 200 feet in height as provided in Subsection 3.05.15*

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#### *3.05 Use Standards*

15. *A utility facility that is necessary for public service*
  - A. *A utility facility is necessary for public service if the facility must be sited in the exclusive farm use zone in order to provide the service. To demonstrate that a utility facility is necessary, an applicant must show that reasonable alternatives have been considered and that the facility must be sited in an exclusive farm use zone due to one or more of the following factors:*
    - (1) *Technical and engineering feasibility;*
    - (2) *The proposed facility is locationally-dependent. A utility facility is locationally-dependent if it must cross land in one or more areas zoned for exclusive farm use in order to achieve a reasonably direct route or to meet unique geographical needs that cannot be satisfied on other lands;*

- (3) *Lack of available urban and non-resource lands;*
  - (4) *Availability of existing rights of way;*
  - (5) *Public health and safety; and*
  - (6) *Other requirements of state and federal agencies.*
- B. Costs associated with any of the factors listed in subparagraph A. of this paragraph may be considered, but cost alone may not be the only consideration in determining that a utility facility is necessary for public service. Land costs shall not be included when considering alternative locations for substantially similar utility facilities and the siting of utility facilities that are not substantially similar.*
- C. The owner of a utility facility approved under paragraph A shall be responsible for restoring, as nearly as possible, to its former condition any agricultural land and associated improvements that are damaged or otherwise disturbed by the siting, maintenance, repair or reconstruction of the facility. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the owner of the utility facility from requiring a bond or other security from a contractor or otherwise imposing on a contractor the responsibility for restoration.*
- D. The county shall impose clear and objective conditions on an application for utility facility siting to mitigate and minimize the impacts of the proposed facility, if any, on surrounding lands devoted to farm use in order to prevent a significant change in accepted farm practices or a significant increase in the cost of farm practices on surrounding farmlands.*
- E. Utility facilities necessary for public service may include on-site and off-site facilities for temporary workforce housing for workers constructing a utility facility. Such facilities must be removed or converted to an allowed use under the A-1 Zone or other statute or rule when project construction is complete. Off-site facilities allowed under this paragraph are subject to Section 2.06 Conditional Use Review Criteria. Temporary workforce housing facilities not included in the initial approval may be considered through a minor amendment request. A minor amendment request shall have no effect on the original approval.*

**Response:** As described in the ASC Exhibit K, proposed facility components within Union County's A-2 zone would include up to 6.1 miles of 500-kV transmission line and ancillary facilities, which based on 2001 and 2005 court decisions (see *Cox v. Polk County* and *Save our Rural Or. V. Energy Facility Siting Council*, respectively) the Certificate Holder maintains should be considered under the "utility facility necessary for public service." The Council previously found the Project is a utility facility necessary for public service that would be a permitted use in the A-2 zone. Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur within the A-2 zone, which under the current standards are subject to county review under Section 3.05, as well as the applicable standards of Article 21.00 (Conditional Uses).

The standards of Section 3.05(15) mirror the standards of ORS 215.275, which the Certificate Holder went beyond what is required to demonstrate compliance with and included a county-specific alternatives analysis previously evaluated with the ASC. The Union County Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, which are limited to alternative transmission line routes, alignment shifts, and road and MUA updates, will be constructed of the same materials and components previously described in Exhibit B of the ASC, and would occur in similar habitat types, topography, and land uses to those previously considered. As such, the Council's previous

determination that the ASC complies with ORS 215.275 is applicable to RFA 2. GEN-LU-05 condition requires submission of Union County permits in accordance with UCZPSO. Therefore, the Council may rely on its previous findings and conditions, and the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with these standards.

#### 5.04 Conditional Uses with General Review Criteria

*In the A-4 Zone predominantly farmland lots and parcels shall comply with Section 5.06 Administrative Uses and predominantly forest land parcels may authorize the following uses and activities and their accessory buildings and uses subject to county review and the specific standards set forth in Article 21.00, as well as the general provision set forth by this ordinance.*

21. *New electric transmission lines with right of way widths of up to 100 feet as specified in ORS 772.210. New distribution lines (e.g., gas, oil, geothermal, telephone, fiber optic cable) with rights-of-way of 50 feet or less in width.*

#### 5.06 Conditional Use Review Criteria

*A use authorized by Section 5.04 of this zone may be allowed provided the following requirements or their equivalent are met. These requirements are designed to make the use compatible with forest operations and agriculture and to conserve values found on forest lands.*

- The proposed use will not force a significant change in, or significantly increase the cost of, accepted farming or forest practices on agriculture or forest lands.
- The proposed use will not significantly increase fire hazard or significantly increase fire suppression costs or significantly increase risks to fire suppression personnel.
- A written statement recorded with the deed or written contract with the county or its equivalent is obtained from the land owner that recognizes the rights of adjacent and nearby land owners to conduct forest operations consistent with the Forest Practices Act and Rules for uses authorized in OAR 6660-006-0025 Subsection 5(c)

**Response:** Article 5.04(21) states that new electric transmission lines with right-of-way widths up to 100 feet are conditional uses with general review criteria. This definition applies to the Project. As described in RFA 2, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions within Union County's A-4 zone would include alternative transmission line routes and road, pulling-tensioning, and MUA adjustments (Figure 4-1, Maps 31 through 47). A summary of proposed changes are outlined in Table 4.1-1. As such, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are subject to county review under Section 5.06, as well as the applicable standards of Article 21.00 (Conditional Uses). The Conditional Use Review Criteria of Section 5.06 mirror OAR 660-006-0025(4)(q), which was evaluated in under OAR 660-006-0025(5) Uses Authorized In Forest Zones.

As stated in the ASC, while OAR 660-006-0025(4)(q) expressly refers only to transmission lines with up to a 100-foot right-of-way, the Oregon Supreme Court has concluded that the use category defined in OAR 660-006-0025(4)(q) also includes new electric transmission lines with rights-of-way greater than 100 feet because of that provision's specific reference to ORS 772.210 (regarding condemnation) (see *Save Our Rural Oregon v. EFSC*, 339 Or. 353, 375-76 (2005) [concerning the EFSC application of the COB Energy Facility LLC, and hereinafter referred to as COB]). ORS 772.210 relates to "Rights of Ways for Public Uses" and public utility condemnation authority. The Council imposed GEN-LU-12 to allow transmission line right-of-way in Goal 4 forest lands to no wider than 300 feet and found the proposed facility would not result in significant adverse impact to accepted forest practices nor result in a significant increase in the cost of accepted forest practices within the surrounding area.

To evaluate the significance of the removal of land from timber harvest potential, the Certificate Holder assessed the quantity of forest land lost compared to total forest land available (791,000 acres of Union County forested acres), resulting in approximately 530 acres lost (0.07 percent) in Union County.<sup>21</sup> The Council found the proposed facility would not result in significant adverse impacts to accepted forest practices nor result in a significant increase in the cost of accepted forest practices within the surrounding area.<sup>22</sup> Table 5.2-6 quantifies the acres of land disturbed during construction and operation in Union County, where 32.7 acres of land would be permanently converted to operations as a result of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Union County. This impact is a de minimis percentage of the total forest land available in Union County and the inability to use the land for forest purposes over the life of the facility is not significant. Therefore, the Council may rely on its previous findings and conditions, and the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with these standards.

### Baker County

#### *410.03 Uses Permitted Through a Type II Procedure.*

*In the EFU Zone, the following uses and their accessory uses may be permitted when authorized in accordance with the provisions of Section 115.06.*

#### *E. Utility Facilities*

- 2. Utility facilities necessary for public service, including associated transmission lines as defined in ORS 469.300 and wetland waste treatment systems, but not including commercial facilities for the purpose of generating electrical power for public use by sale or transmission towers over 200 feet high. To demonstrate that a utility facility is necessary, as described in ORS 215.283(1)(c), an applicant must:*
  - a. Show that reasonable alternatives have been considered and that the facility must be sited in an Exclusive Farm Use Zone due to one or more of the following factors:*
    - i. Technical and engineering feasibility;*
    - ii. The proposed facility is locationally-dependent. A utility facility is locationally-dependent if it must cross land in one or more areas zoned for exclusive farm use in order to achieve a reasonably direct route or to meet unique geographical need cannot be satisfied on other lands;*
    - iii. Lack of available urban and non-resource lands;*
    - iv. Availability of existing rights-of-way;*
    - v. Public health and safety;*
    - vi. Other requirements of state and federal agencies*
  - b. Costs associated with any of the factors listed in Section 410.03(D)(1)(a) may be considered; however, cost alone may not be the only consideration in determining that a utility facility is necessary for public service. Land costs shall not be included when considering alternative locations for substantially similar utility facilities. The Land Conservation and Development Commission shall*

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<sup>21</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 266 (September 2022)

<sup>22</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 270 (September 2022)

*determine by rule how land costs may be considered when evaluating the siting of utility facilities that are not substantially similar.*

- c. The owner of a utility facility approved under this Section shall be responsible for restoring, as nearly as possible, to its former condition any agricultural land and associated improvements that are damaged or otherwise disturbed by the siting, maintenance, repair or reconstruction of the facility. Nothing in this Section shall prevent the owner of the utility facility from requiring a bond or other security from a contractor or otherwise imposing on a contractor the responsibility for restoration.*
- d. The governing body of the county or its designee shall impose clear and objective conditions to mitigate and minimize the impacts of the proposed facility, if any, on surrounding lands devoted to farm use in order to prevent a significant change in accepted farm practices or a significant increase in the cost of farm practices on the surrounding farmlands.*
- e. The provisions of subsections (2) to (5) of this Section do not apply to interstate natural gas pipelines and associated facilities authorized by and subject to regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.*

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#### *410.05 Standards for Certain Uses in the EFU Zone*

- B. As specified above, certain uses in the EFU Zone shall demonstrate that the following criteria area met:*
  - 1. The use will not force a significant change in accepted farming practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use; and*
  - 2. The use will not significantly increase the cost of accepted farm or forest practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm or forest use.*

**Response:** The Certificate Holder established in the ASC and throughout this RFA 2 that the Project classifies as a facility necessary for public service. The criteria for conditional uses previously evaluated in the ASC establish a higher level of review (Type III) than what is required for administrative uses (Type II). In Baker County, a Type II administrative permit application for utility facilities necessary for public service must demonstrate compliance with BCZSO 410.03(E)(2), which mirror the standards of ORS 215.275 evaluated in the ASC. The ASC also addressed OAR 660-006-0025(5)(a)-(b), which mirror BCZSO Chapter 410.05(B)(1)-(2), to demonstrate the Project will not force a significant change in, or significantly increase the cost of, accepted farming practices in the areas surrounding the Project in forest lands. The Council previously determined that the Project satisfied the requirements of ORS 215.275<sup>23</sup> and OAR 660-006-0025.<sup>24</sup> The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions would generally be in proximity to the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area, be constructed of the same materials and components previously described in Exhibit B of the ASC, and would occur in similar habitat types, topography, and land uses to those previously considered. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not change conditions that would alter the Council's previous determination that the ASC complies Section ORS 215.275 or OAR 660-006-0025,

<sup>23</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 244-259 (September 2022)

<sup>24</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 261-272 (September 2022)

and therefore, the Council may conclude that RFA 2 complies with the applicable standards of BCZSO Chapter 410 Exclusive Farm Use Zone.

### *Chapter 510 Residential Zones*

#### *510.03 Recreation Residential Zone (RR-2).*

C. *Uses Permitted Through a Type III Procedure. In the RR-2 Zone, the following uses may be permitted when authorized in accordance with the provisions of Section 115.07. These uses shall also require a Conditional Use Permit as described in Chapter 210.*

#### *2. Uses*

*a. Major utility facilities as defined in Chapter 150.*

**Response:** The definition of major utility facility in Chapter 150 includes power transmission lines, which indicates an electrical transmission line project would be considered a conditional use in the RR-2 zone. Facility components within 0.5-mile of the RR-2 zone include an accessory use to the proposed utility facility, including new access roads. The Council previously found the Project satisfied the BCZSO conditional use approval standards.<sup>25</sup> The BCZSO has been amended, but standards addressed in the ASC for conditional uses are not substantially different from the amended BCZSO Conditional Use approval criteria in the newly adopted Chapter 210.04(A)(1-6). Existing Site Certificate Conditions ensure compliance with the standard. The Council imposed Site Certificate Condition PRE-PS-02, which requires the Certificate Holder to submit a Transportation and Traffic Plan for review and approval by the Department in consultation with the affected county. The condition also requires that, through county-issued road-related permits, the Certificate Holder execute a formally binding agreement with the county for use of and potential impacts to roads during construction activities. In addition, Site Certificate Condition GEN-LU-07 requires the Certificate Holder to obtain applicable permits required by Baker County ordinances. If after commencement of construction the Certificate Holder determines additional County-approved permits are required, the Certificate Holder will provide to the department a copy of those additional permits. Moreover, the substantially modified roads would provide road improvements that would support livability, value, and access within the area. The Certificate Holder has not identified any “assets of particular interest to the community” that would be impacted by the location of the proposed roads. Livability is considered an assets of interest to the community and is defined as “the sum of factors which add up to a community’s quality of life, limited to the built and natural environments, economic prosperity, social stability and equity, educational opportunities, protection of cultural and heritage assets, and recreation possibilities which collectively contribute to the sustainability of human living” under BCZSO Chapter 150.03. Due to the limited potential impacts resulting during construction and operation of facility components within 0.5 mile of RR-2 zoned land, RFA 2 satisfies BCZSO Chapter 210.04.(A)(1-6) approval standards.

### City of North Powder

#### *Article V, (I) Industrial Zone*

#### *Section 5.02: Conditional Uses*

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<sup>25</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 218 (September 2022)

*In an Industrial Zone the following uses and their accessory uses are permitted by conditional use approval when authorized in accordance with Articles VII and IX of this ordinance:*

- 1. Any use permitted conditionally in the (C-1) Commercial Zone.*
- 2. Single-family or two-family dwelling units.*
- 3. Other uses similar to the above and not specifically listed under the Industrial Zone provided that:*
  - A. The use is not objectionable due to odor, dust, smoke, noise, vibration, or appearance.*
  - B. Other uses similar to the uses permitted outright or conditionally which are determined by the City Council not to create a nuisance to adjacent activities.*

**Response:** The proposed MUA is similar to uses permitted outright or conditionally, such as a bus depot and agricultural uses not involving animals or livestock. There will be equipment stored within the MUA and vehicles entering and leaving the site during the construction of the Project. Levels of odor, dust, smoke, noise and vibration will be similar to that of buses or agricultural vehicles entering and leaving a site multiple times during the work week. The Council previously found that MUA's are permitted conditionally within the City's Commercial Interchange (C-2) zone because they are considered "other uses". Therefore, the proposed MUA satisfies NPZO 5.02(3) and shall be considered an "other use".

#### *Section 5.04 Dimensional Standards*

##### *2. Setback Requirements.*

- A. Adjacent to a Residential Zone: The applicable Residential Zone setback requirements shall apply.*
- B. For residential uses the Residential Zone setback requirement in Section 2.04 shall apply.*
- C. On corner lots: Corner lots shall have no sight-obstruction exceeding 2.5 feet in height, located closer than twenty (20) feet from the lot corner to the nearest street corner.*

**Response:** The proposed MUA is located adjacent to property zoned Residential. Therefore, the setback requirements of NPZO 2.04 apply to the MUA. The proposed MUA will be setback at least 20 feet from the front property line, 15 feet from the rear yard property line, and 5 feet from the side yard property line. Therefore, the Project complies with the setback requirements of the Residential zone.

##### *3. Outdoor Storage.*

*In an Industrial Zone, outside storage adjacent to public roads or surrounding property in a Residential or Commercial Zone shall be enclosed by sight obscuring screening which will not detract from adjacent uses, unless the entire activity is conducted more than 500 feet from said surrounding property or road.*

**Response:** The proposed MUA will only be necessary for the length of the construction phase and will be used to store equipment during construction of the Project. Site obscuring screening will be provided for any activities conducted less than 500 feet from the surrounding property or road.



### Section 5.05: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

1. All business shall be conducted wholly within an enclosed building.
2. Maintain vegetative cover whenever possible.
3. Use vegetation or other site obscuring methods of screening unsightly uses.
4. Signs, same as Section 4.04 2.

**Response:** The proposed MUA consists entirely of outdoor storage and does not include the operation of a business or the use of a building. Development of the site will be done conformance with the requirements of NPZO 5.04(3) as provided above. All existing vegetation will remain where practicable. As required by NPZO 5.04(3), site obscuring screening will be provided for any activities conducted less than 500 feet from the surrounding property or road. No signage at the MUA site is proposed.

### Article X, Conditional Uses

#### Section 10.02 APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USES

*A request for a conditional use or modification of an existing conditional use may be initiated by property owner or his authorized agent by filing an application with the City Council. The application shall be accompanied by a site plan, drawn to scale, showing the dimensions and arrangement of the proposed development and the names of record and addresses thereof for all landowners within 300 feet of the parcel in question. The City Council may request other drawings or material essential to an understanding of the proposed use and its relationship to the surrounding properties.*

**Response:** Pursuant to NPZO 5.02(3), the proposed MUA could be authorized in the City of North Powder through a condition use review. Article X provides no additional criteria to address specific to “other uses”. As discussed above, the proposed MUA is similar to uses permitted outright or conditionally within the Industrial Zone. The Applicant is not proposing development as part of the proposed MUA. The MUA will be used for storage of equipment during construction of the Facility. The Applicant understands City Council may request additional materials to understand the design of the proposed MUA. Overall, the proposed MUA will comply with the provisions of Article X.

#### 7.1.4.9 Directly Applicable Statutes and Administrative Rules

### ORS 215.283 and ORS 215.275

The Council previously determined that the Project satisfied the requirements of ORS 215.283 and ORS 215.275.<sup>26</sup> The provisions of ORS 215.283 and ORS 215.275 have not changed since the original ASC was submitted on September 28, 2018. The facility remains “locationally dependent,” there remains a “lack of available urban or nonresource lands” for locating the facility components, and the location continues to rely on the “availability of existing rights-of-way.” The reasons supporting these conclusions are unchanged. The Certificate Holder demonstrated the Project is permitted outright in Goal 3 EFU lands because it is a utility facility necessary for public service under ORS 215.283(1)(c)(A) and ORS 215.275. In the Final Order of the ASC the Council confirmed that ancillary facilities, such as access roads, multi-use areas

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<sup>26</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 244-259 (September 2022)

and communication stations, are reviewed along with the transmission line as a whole under “utility facility necessary for public service” use and not as separate individual uses.<sup>27</sup>

In compliance with ORS 215.275, IPC will both minimize impacts to accepted farming practices, and mitigate temporary and permanent impacts where necessary, in accordance with the measures outlined in the Agricultural Lands Assessment provided in the original ASC (Attachment K-1 of the Final Order of the ASC). The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions would generally be in proximity to the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area, be constructed of the same materials and components previously described in Exhibit B of the ASC, and would occur in similar habitat types, topography, and land uses to those previously considered. GEN-LU-11 requires the Certificate Holder to finalize, prior to construction, an Agricultural Land Assessment and Mitigation Plan, which implements mitigation measures and monitoring during construction. Therefore, the previous evaluation remains consistent with the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, and the Council may rely on its previous findings and conditions that the Project complies with ORS 215.283 and ORS 215.275.

### **ORS 215.276**

The Council previously determined that the Project satisfied the requirements of ORS 215.283 and ORS 215.276 based upon inclusion of the notification requirements with the Agricultural Assessment and Mitigation Plan (Attachment K-1 of the Final Order on the ASC, imposed in Site Certificate Condition GEN-LU-11), the Project satisfies the requirements of ORS 215.276.<sup>28</sup> The provisions of ORS 215.276 have not changed since the original ASC was submitted on September 28, 2018, and the Certificate Holder does not propose any changes to Land Use GEN-LU-11. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions would generally be in proximity to the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area, be constructed of the same materials and components previously described in Exhibit B of the ASC, and would occur in similar habitat types, topography, and land uses to those previously considered. Therefore, the previous evaluation remains consistent with the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, and the Council may rely on its previous findings and conditions that the Project complies with the ORS 215.276.

### **OAR 660-006-0025 (Forest Zone Requirements)**

Exhibit K of the ASC demonstrated that the Project will not force significant changes in farm practices or cause significant increases in the costs of accepted farm practices on surrounding lands devoted to farm use. The Council previously determined that the Project satisfied the requirements of OAR 660-006-0025.<sup>29</sup> The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions within Union County’s A-4 zone would include alternative transmission line routes and new transmission line routes, access roads and design updates, MUA’s, and pulling and tensioning sites (Figure 4-1, Maps 31 to 47). As such, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are subject to county review under OAR 660-006-0025(4)(q), which was evaluated under OAR 660-006-0025(5) Uses Authorized In Forest Zones. As stated above, approximately 34.5 acres of land would be permanently converted to operations as a result of Proposed Micrositing Area Additions within Union County. This impact is a de minimus percentage of the total forest land available in Union County and the inability to use the land for forest purposes over the life of the facility is not significant. In addition, IPC has prepared a Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Attachment 7-18) that has

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<sup>27</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 170 (September 2022)

<sup>28</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 260-261 (September 2022)

<sup>29</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 261-272 (September 2022)

been filed with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon in compliance with OAR chapter 860, division 300. This plan would apply to the entire Project, including the proposed changes in RFA 2. Therefore, the Council may conclude that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will not significantly increase fire hazard or fire suppression costs, or increase risks to fire suppression personnel, as the Project is subject to a wildfire protection plan approved by the Public Utility Commission. Therefore, the previous evaluation remains consistent with the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, and the Council may rely on its previous findings that the Project complies with the Forest Zone requirements of OAR 660-006-0025.

#### *7.1.4.10 Statewide Planning Goals*

The Council previously determined that the Project satisfied the applicable criteria of OAR 345-022-0030, which implements ORS 469.504(1)(b).<sup>30</sup> The ASC described each of the 19 statewide planning goals and detailed how the Project complies with each goal. The proposed changes with RFA 2 involve several micrositing area changes across the entire span of the Project. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions would generally be in proximity to the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area, be constructed of the same materials and components previously described in Exhibit B of the ASC, and would occur in similar habitat types, topography, and land uses to those previously considered. Therefore, the changes proposed in RFA 2 will not create significant new impacts affecting those resources and interests protected by the Council's siting standards and the Council can find that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with the statewide planning goals adopted by the Land Conservation and Development Commission.

#### *7.1.4.11 Goal 4 Exception*

The Council previously determined that the Project satisfied the applicable criteria of OAR 345-022-0030, which implements ORS 469.504(1)(b).<sup>31</sup> The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not affect the Council's previous finding that an exception to Goal 4 is justified. As described in the assessment of applicable local land use criteria (Section 7.1.3.9), the Council previously imposed condition GEN-LU-12 that limits the transmission line right-of-way in Goal 4 forest lands to no wider than 300 feet. The Council stated in the Final Order on the ASC that: "While the Council agrees that related or supporting facilities within Goal 4 forest land should be considered ancillary facilities to the transmission line and evaluated as a conditional use authorized in forest lands under OAR 660-006-0025(4)(q), permanent related or supporting facilities beyond the designated 300 foot right-of-way, specifically proposed new and substantially modified roads (spanning 10 to 14 feet in width), would not comply with OAR 660-006-0025(4)(q) unless a goal exception is taken".<sup>32</sup> Therefore, the Certificate Holder has evaluated new or substantially improved permanent project components outside the 300-foot transmission line right of way and determined that a Goal 4 exception is required for Proposed Micrositing Area Additions on Forest Lands within Union County.

During the evaluation of Project facilities located in Forest Lands outside the 300-foot transmission right-of-way, three uses were identified in Union County: access roads, light-duty fly yards, and pulling and tensioning sites. Consistent with the findings of the ASC Final Order, only permanent facilities such as new or substantially improved roads require a Goal 4

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<sup>30</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 272-280 (September 2022)

<sup>31</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 280-287 (September 2022)

<sup>32</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 280-281 (September 2022)

exception. Pulling and tensioning sites and light-duty fly yards are temporary facilities and will be reforested in accordance with ODF’s Forest Practices Act. The Council may continue to rely on its determination that a Goal 4 exception is not necessary for these temporary facilities “as the reforestation practices and temporal loss of forested lands would be replaced consistent with commercial forest practices”.<sup>33</sup> For permanent facilities, IPC is proposing 14.7 miles of new or substantially modified access roads (see Table 7.1-12 below) that are outside the 300-foot transmission line right-of-way.

**Table 7.1-12. Access Roads Outside of 300-Foot-Wide Transmission Line Right-of-Way on Goal 4 Forest Lands**

| County       | Corridor  | Total Miles |
|--------------|---|-------------|
| Union        | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements  | 8.4         |
|              | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 71-100% Improvements | 2.7         |
|              | New Road, Bladed  | 3.5         |
|              | New Road, Primitive   | 0.1         |
| <b>Total</b> |   | <b>14.7</b> |

The certificate holder continues to use arguments relating to “reasons supporting an exception” from Exhibit K of the ASC, which include:

1. Proposed facility cannot be built without proposed access roads in Forest Lands; and
2. Minimal impacts to Forest Lands.

Summaries of these reasons are provided below in Section 7.1.3.12.1, while Sections 7.1.3.12.2 and 7.1.3.12.3 provide summaries of the responses to *Significant Environmental, Economic, Social and Energy Consequences* and *Compatibility with Other Adjacent Uses and Measures Designed to Reduce Adverse Impacts*.

### Reasons Supporting an Exception

The new or substantially modified access roads are essential components of the Union County Baldy Alternative. During construction, these roads will help transport materials to and from work areas as well as employees to construction sites. After construction is completed, the roads will allow workers to check on the Facility and transport any materials and equipment needed to maintain the transmission line.

The access roads are locationally dependent because they need to connect the proposed Baldy Alternative to an adjacent laydown fly yard and the existing access roads (such as Ladd Canyon Frontage Road). As shown in Table 7.1-11, IPC is proposing only 3.6 miles of new access roads. The majority of these new roads are shown on Figure 4-1 Map 41. Where possible, the Certificate Holder has chosen to enhance existing roads instead of build new ones. As a result, the primary changes will be substantial modifications to existing roads (8.4 miles). If the Certificate Holder were to locate the new access roads in other areas, this could potentially result in a larger amount of acreage being removed from Goal 4 forest lands. Overall, 3.6 miles of forest lands would be converted to non-forest use, which is a de minimus percentage of the total forest land available in Union County. Therefore, the Council may conclude that the

<sup>33</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 280-281 (September 2022)

Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not affect the Council's previous finding that an exception to Goal 4 is justified.

## **Significant Environmental, Economic, Social and Energy Consequences**

### Environmental Consequences

Consistent with the original proposal described in Exhibit K of the ASC, all forest clearing will occur in accordance with Forest Practices Act and permanent impacts to forest lands will be mitigated in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Plan. According to Table K-16 of the ASC Exhibit K, the proposal included 29.5 miles of substantial improvements to existing roads and 13.1 miles of new roads in Forest Lands. RFA 2 is proposing 11.1 miles of substantial improvements to existing roads and 3.6 miles of new roads. These road improvements will primarily provide access to the Union County Baldy Alternative, which is a transmission line route change requested by the landowner. Due to the continued imposition of Fish and Wildlife Condition 4 and the *de minimus* amount of land being removed from forest production, the Council may continue to rely on its findings that the Project "would not cause significant adverse environmental consequences or impacts."<sup>34</sup>

### Economic Consequences

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are supportive of the Project's economic aim to construct and operate a regional transmission line that provides increased transmission capacity, services to wholesale customers and supports the Pacific Northwest regional economy in both the short term and the long term. The Project remains a vital national transmission project as described in the ASC Exhibit K. The new roads connect the adjusted transmission line routes to adjacent transportation corridors, that allow the essential transport of "materials, equipment, and personnel to the construction sites."<sup>35</sup> As found previously by the Council, the benefits of additional jobs, expansion of transmission capacity and transmission services to wholesale customers provides a net economic benefit compared to the existing use of the Forest Lands that will be impacted.

### Social/Energy Consequences

The proposed additional road improvements will cause no change to the impacts of the Project on social or energy consequences as described in ASC Exhibit U and Exhibit N. Additionally, the improvement of additional roads and the construction of new ones will benefit the local and regional transportation network by providing improved access routes during construction and operation of the transmission line. No increase in construction workers or facility operations and maintenance workers will be required. The Project will continue to facilitate the continued development of renewable energy projects in the Pacific Northwest due to the increased transmission capacity.

In conclusion, the Council may continue to find that the economic, social, environmental and energy (ESEE) consequences of the proposed road improvements and new roads will be "mitigated in accordance with the Council's standards".<sup>36</sup>

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<sup>34</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 284 (September 2022)

<sup>35</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 285 (September 2022)

<sup>36</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 286 (September 2022)

## **Compatibility with Other Adjacent Uses and Measures Designed to Reduce Adverse Impacts**

Construction of the proposed road improvements and new roads would be performed consistent with the methods described in ASC Exhibit K, with soil protect provided as described in ASC Exhibit I and grading conducted under an NPDES 1200-C permit and its associated erosion and sediment control plan. Further, temporarily disturbed areas will be returned to preconstruction conditions pursuant to the Reclamation and Revegetation Plan and the Vegetation Management Plan. During operation, use of the access roads by transmission line personnel would be infrequent and as needed to implement the Vegetation Management Plan and perform routine maintenance. As described in ASC Exhibit K, "IPC will coordinate with local road departments and other forest operators to time large-load deliveries to the extent such deliveries could potentially conflict with other forest or agricultural uses on surrounding lands." The Union County Baldy Alternative is proposed at landowner request. This indicates that the alternative location of the transmission line and its associated supporting infrastructure will be more compatible with adjacent uses and reduce adverse impacts to landowner activities. Due to the continued implementation of the above mentioned plans and the request for the alternative by the landowner, the Council may continue to find that the access roads are compatible with adjacent uses and the proposed measures will reduce any potential adverse impacts.

### **7.1.4.12 Federal Land Management Plans**

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review for the Project will include an evaluation of the Project's consistency with the applicable federal land management plans, which, per ORS 469.370(13), requires the Council to review the application, to the extent feasible, in a manner that is consistent with and does not duplicate review under NEPA. In the ASC Exhibit K, the Certificate Holder provided an evaluation of compliance with Federal Land Management Plans including Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Vale District Resource Management Plan, BLM Baker Resource Management Plan, BLM Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan, and Sage-Grouse Amendments to Resource Management Plans. The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan was recently amended after the Final Record of Decision (USFS 2018) was issued to authorize the Project and related actions on National Forest System lands managed by the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. In January 2021, BLM issued a record of decision approving amendments to its resource management plans in Oregon to provide certain conservation measures for Greater sage-grouse. The ASC's Exhibit K noted the Project was exempt from the new conservation measures set forth in prior amendments; instead, conservation measures for sage-grouse were analyzed through the Project's NEPA process (see Oregon Greater Sage-Grouse Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment). The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions would generally be in proximity to the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area, be constructed of the same materials and components previously described in Exhibit B of the ASC, and would occur in similar habitat types, topography, and land uses to those previously considered. Therefore, the previous evaluation remains consistent with the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, and the Council may rely on its previous findings that the Project complies with the applicable Federal Land Management Plans.

In conclusion, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with Land Use conditions previously imposed on the Project (see Table 6-1). For the reasons discussed above, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with the Land Use Standard.

### **7.1.5 Protected Areas – OAR 345-022-0040**

The Council previously concluded that the Project complies with the Protected Areas Standard.<sup>37,38</sup> The updated Protected Areas Standard requires the Council to find that the design, construction and operation of the facility, taking into account mitigation, are not likely to result in significant adverse impact to a protected area designated on or before the date the ASC or request for amendment was determined to be complete under OAR 345-015-0190 or 345-027-0363, as defined by OAR 345-022-0040. Based on the Certificate Holder's review of protected areas listed in the updated OAR 345-001-0010(26), there are 77 protected areas located within 20 miles of RFA 2's Proposed Micrositing Area Additions (analysis area); no new protected areas were identified that weren't previously addressed in the ASC and RFA1 (see Figure 7-10, and Attachment 7-2, Table 1). Note that this analysis does not address the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area and solely addresses the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in RFA 2.

The significance of impacts on protected areas from water use and wastewater, traffic, noise, visual viewshed alteration, and other impacts are disclosed in Exhibit L and RFA1 and the changes proposed by RFA 2 will not contribute any additional significant impacts to those already considered<sup>39</sup> (see Figure 7-10 and Attachment 7-2, Tables 1 and 2 for a full description). All identified protected areas within the RFA 2 analysis area will not serve as sources for water or experience any kind of wastewater disposal impacts due to continued proper wastewater containment; any traffic impacts from construction will be short term, otherwise negligible, and operational impacts will be negligible due to infrequent maintenance and inspections required at the Project; construction noise impacts will remain less than significant and temporary, or otherwise negligible, and noise impacts from operations will be intermittent (due to infrequent maintenance and inspections) or otherwise indistinguishable from existing background noise<sup>40</sup>; and of the 26 protected areas that were determined to potentially experience visual impacts, all were found to have less than significant impacts, similar to or less than what was previously approved for the ASC and RFA1 (see Figure 7-11 and Attachment 7-2, Table 2).<sup>28</sup>

Continued implementation of the following Site Certificate Conditions will ensure that impacts to protected areas will be minimized: GEN-PA-01 (Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area agency coordination), GEN-PA-02 (avoidance of Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area if Morgan Lake alternative route is chosen), GEN-SR-03 (National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center visual impact reduction), GEN-SR-04 (Birch Creek Area of Critical Environmental Concern visual impact reduction), GEN-HC-01 (Oregon Trail/National Historic Trail resource impact avoidance), GEN-HC-02 (implementation of Historic Properties Management Plan), PRE-PS-02 (traffic management and

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<sup>37</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 326 (September 2022)

<sup>38</sup> Request for Amendment 1 of the Site Certificate for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line - Final Order, p. 159 (September 2023)

<sup>39</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 296-325 (September 2022)

<sup>40</sup> The analysis provided in the Final Order on ASC applicable to protected areas is also applicable to the proposed RFA2 changes, mainly that noise would not be audible from the protected areas because users of the protected areas would not likely be using the resources during times of low ambient noise (e.g. 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.) and rainy conditions, times of day where use would be typical the ambient noise levels would mask any corona noise, or the protected areas are managed for plant or wildlife conservation.

control measure implementation), and GEN-PS-01 (controlled helicopter use within 2 miles of the protected or recreation areas).

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not alter the basis for the Council's previous findings, or its conclusion that the Project will not likely result in a significant adverse impact to any Protected Areas in the analysis area. Therefore, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions meet the requirement of the Protected Areas Standard.

### **7.1.6 Retirement and Financial Assurance – OAR 345-022-0050**

The Certificate Holder shall retire or decommission the facility based on a retirement to be approved by the Council in accordance with the requirement of OAR 345-022-0050. The Certificate Holder has revised the Decommissioning and Cost Estimate (Attachment 7-20). The Certificate Holder has also provided an updated Letter of Credit (Attachment 7-20).

The retirement estimate was developed with input from the constructor engineer, from the B2H construction manager, Quanta Infrastructure Solutions Group (QISG), Assumptions are listed in the updated cost estimate spreadsheet. The cost estimate was based on 2024 labor rates. The estimate assumes foundation removal is down to 3 feet below grade.

These costs are included in the overall cost of the work. The estimates provided are loaded, market rates which include profit, overheads, and insurance costs.

The estimates came from the B2H construction manager, QISG. This is based on real-time market costs of similar work. QISG manages multiple jobs of similar size and has expertise in this field.

### **7.1.7 Fish and Wildlife Habitat – OAR 345-022-0060**

The Council's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Standard requires the Council to find that the design, construction, and operation of a facility is consistent with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) habitat mitigation goals and standards, as set forth in OAR 635-415-0025. The Council previously found that the Project complies with the Fish and Wildlife Habitat Standard. The following describes IPC's review of habitat within the analysis area, which includes habitat and State sensitive and state-listed T&E species within the proposed expanded Site Boundary.

#### **7.1.7.1 Background Review**

IPC reviewed ODFW's current list of sensitive species (ODFW 2021a), updated databases from the Oregon Biodiversity Information Center (ORBIC 2021), U.S. Forest Service and BLM (USFS 2022; BLM 2022), and StreamNet (2019) to inform which state sensitive species have the potential to occur in or near the proposed changes. IPC also reviewed existing landcover data (USGS 2011) to determine the habitat types that occur in the proposed expanded Site Boundary (Analysis Area).

#### **7.1.7.2 Surveys**

IPC has performed biological surveys on the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions following the protocols presented in Attachment P1-2 of Exhibit P1 of the ASC and per the Site Certificate conditions PRE-FW-01 and PRE-FW-02. Table 7.1-13 includes a list of surveys, the proposed changes at which the surveys are being performed, the current status of those surveys, survey reports for which the results of the survey are documented and details regarding future survey efforts. Attachments 7-3 through 7-9 contains maps showing the area surveyed for each resource within the Micrositing Area..



**Table 7.1-13. Biological Resources Surveys**

| <b>Survey Type</b>                                       | <b>Survey Location</b>  | <b>RFA 2 – Total Area Requiring Surveys (acres)</b> | <b>RFA 2 – Survey Area Completed (acres)</b> | <b>RFA2 Survey Area Report</b> | <b>Status</b>   |
|--|---|---|--|--------------------------------|---|
| Washington ground squirrel (Attachment 7-3)              | Ayers Canyon Alternative, Boardman Junction Alternative, Bombing Range SE Alternative, Other Access Road and Work Area Changes in Morrow County | 894   | 894  | 2023                           | IPC completed surveys of all ground squirrel habitat associated with RFA 2 in the spring of 2022 and 2023.  |
| Terrestrial Visual Encounter Survey (Attachment 7-4)     | RFA 2 Proposed Micrositing Area Additions.  | 3,918   | 3,683  | 2011-2023                      | IPC will survey all unsurveyed parcels prior to construction. Survey results will be provided to ODOE.  |
| Pygmy Rabbit (Attachment 7-5)                            | Hwy 203 Crossing Alternative, Proposed Route (230-kV Rebuild) Revised Alternative, Other Access Road and Work Area Changes in Baker County      | 492   | 127  | 2022-2023                      | IPC will survey all unsurveyed parcels prior to construction. Survey results will be provided to ODOE.  |
| Threatened and Endangered Plant Species (Attachment 7-6) | All RFA 2 Proposed Micrositing Area Additions.  | 3,918   | 3,765  | 2022-2023                      | IPC will perform pre-construction threatened and endangered plant surveys of all unsurveyed areas of RFA 2 site boundary additions that have potential habitat and where species were previously observed and/or areas with known |

| Survey Type  | Survey Location                                     | RFA 2 – Total Area Requiring Surveys (acres) | RFA 2 – Survey Area Completed (acres) | RFA2 Survey Area Report | Status  |
|--|---|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
|  |   |  |                                       |                         | occurrences. Survey results will be provided to ODOE.   |
| Noxious Weeds (Attachment 7-7)                                   | All RFA 2 Proposed Micrositing Area Additions..     | 3,918  | 3,765                                 | 2022-2023               | IPC will perform pre-construction noxious weed surveys of all unsurveyed areas associated with the RFA 2 Proposed Site Boundary Additions. Survey results will be provided to ODOE.   |
| Great Gray Owl and Flammulated Owl <sup>2</sup> (Attachment 7-8) | Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Union County | 14 call stations                             | 14 call stations                      | 2022 and 2023           | IPC has been denied right-of-entry to calling stations that are located on parcels that do not contain Project components or related and supporting facilities; therefore, IPC does not have legal authority to force right-of-entry to complete surveys. IPC is not going to continue to pursue right-of-entry to these parcels. |
| Northern Goshawk and American Three-toed                         | Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Union County | 13 call stations                             | 13 call stations                      | 2022-2023               | IPC has been denied right-of-   |

| Survey Type                                 | Survey Location                          | RFA 2 – Total Area Requiring Surveys (acres)            | RFA 2 – Survey Area Completed (acres)                   | RFA2 Survey Area Report | Status   |
|---|--|---|---|-------------------------|--|
| Woodpecker <sup>3</sup><br>(Attachment 7-8) |  |   |   |                         | entry to calling stations that are located on parcels that do not contain Project components or related and supporting facilities; therefore, IPC does not have legal authority to force right-of-entry to complete surveys. IPC is not going to continue to pursue right-of-entry to these parcels. |
| Raptor Nest<br>(Attachment 7-9)             | All Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. | 3,918   | 3,918   | 2023                    | IPC completed raptor nest surveys from a helicopter for the entire Project in the spring of 2023.  |
| Wetland                                     | All Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. | Water Features = 132 features<br>Wetlands = 78 features | Water Features = 132 features<br>Wetlands = 78 features | 2023                    | See Section 5.3  |

<sup>1</sup>The acreage presented here represents the acreage of RFA 2 Proposed Micrositing Area Additions that are considered WAGS habitat. The survey area includes those areas within 1,000 feet of the RFA 2 Proposed Micrositing Area Additions that are considered habitat. Given the immediate proximity of Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area associated with the ASC and RFA 1, once those areas are buffered 1,000 feet there is significant overlap in the survey area such that identifying the survey area as being associated with a single site boundary/micrositing area does not provide a meaningful metric.

<sup>2</sup>Great gray owl call stations are within 0.25-mile buffer of the RFA 2 Proposed Micrositing Area Additions.

<sup>3</sup>Northern Goshawk call stations are within 0.5-mile buffer of the RFA 2 Proposed Micrositing Area Additions.

Washington ground squirrel (WAGS; *Urocitellus washingtoni*), raptor nest, and pygmy rabbit (*Brachylagus idahoensis*) surveys have been completed for the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Great gray owl (*Strix nebulosa*) and flammulated owl (*Psiloscops flammeolus*), and northern goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*) and American three-toed woodpecker (*Picoides dorsalis*) surveys have been partially completed for the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Terrestrial visual encounter surveys, rare plant surveys, noxious weed surveys, and wetland surveys (Section 5.3) of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are also partially completed. The surveys that are considered ongoing are due to right of entry; however, surveys will be completed on all proposed changes prior to construction. Survey findings are incorporated in this RFA 2 where available.

### 7.1.7.3 Findings

IPC has performed habitat categorization per OAR 635-415-0025 by using survey data in combination with an existing landcover dataset (USGS 2011) as the basis for habitat mapping within the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. IPC also used the findings of the WAGS surveys and ODFW elk and mule deer winter range designations to inform the habitat categorization. The habitat categorization followed the process described in Attachment P1-1 of the ASC.

Three WAGS colonies were identified within the survey area associated with the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Only one of the three colonies' Category 1 buffer overlaps with a Proposed Micrositing Area Addition, this occurs on the Ayers Canyon Alternative. No ground disturbing activities are proposed within Category 1 habitat. No pygmy rabbits or their sign were observed during surveys. No owl, goshawk, or woodpecker nests were identified during surveys. Raptor nest surveys have been completed for all Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Raptor nest survey results are provided in Attachment 7-9 of this RFA.

Mule deer winter range and elk winter range are both considered Category 2 habitat. Several of the proposed alternatives are in mule deer and elk winter range. Eight of the thirteen proposed alternatives are in mule deer winter range: Ayers Canyon, Rugg Canyon, Sevenmile Creek, Baldy, Rock Creek 1, Rock Creek 2, and Cottonwood Creek. Several of the Other Access Road and Work Area Changes occur in mule deer winter range in Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker, and Malheur counties. Five of the thirteen proposed alternatives are in elk winter range: Sevenmile Creek, Baldy, Rock Creek 1 and Rock Creek 2. Several of the Other Access Road and Work Area Changes occur in elk winter range in Umatilla, Union, and Baker counties.

Table 7.1-14 shows the habitat categorization for the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Figure 7-12 contains maps showing the habitat categorization.

**Table 7.1-14. Habitat Categorization of RFA 2 Micrositing Area Additions**

| Proposed Change                      | Habitat Category |                  |   |   |   |     | Total        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---|---|---|-----|--------------|
|                                      | 1                | 2                | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6   |              |
| <b>Ayers Canyon Alternative</b>      |                  |                  |   |   |   |     | <b>926.5</b> |
| Agriculture / Developed              |                  | 1.5 <sup>1</sup> |   |   |   | 8.6 | 10.2         |
| Grassland                            |                  | 0.9              |   |   |   |     | 0.9          |
| Riparian Vegetation                  |                  | 1.2              |   |   |   |     | 1.2          |
| Shrub / Grass                        | 1.7 <sup>2</sup> | 901.1            |   |   |   |     | 902.8        |
| Shrubland                            |                  | 11.5             |   |   |   |     | 11.5         |
| <b>Boardman Junction Alternative</b> |                  |                  |   |   |   |     | <b>5.1</b>   |

| Proposed Change                             | Habitat Category |       |       |      |     |     | Total        |
|---|------------------|-------|-------|------|-----|-----|--------------|
|   | 1                | 2     | 3     | 4    | 5   | 6   |              |
| Agriculture / Developed                     |                  |       |       |      |     | 3.3 | 3.3          |
| Riparian vegetation                         |                  |       | 0.3   |      |     |     | 0.3          |
| Shrub / Grass                               |                  |       |       | 0.4  | 0.8 |     | 1.3          |
| Shrubland                                   |                  |       | 0.0   |      |     |     | 0.0          |
| Wetland                                     |                  | 0.2   |       |      |     |     | 0.2          |
| <b>Bombing Range SE Alternative</b>         |                  |       |       |      |     |     | <b>5.7</b>   |
| Agriculture / Developed                     |                  |       |       |      |     | 0.5 | 0.5          |
| Shrub / Grass                               |                  |       |       |      | 1.9 |     | 1.9          |
| Shrubland                                   |                  |       | 3.4   |      |     |     | 3.4          |
| <b>Rugg Canyon Alternative</b>              |                  |       |       |      |     |     | <b>159</b>   |
| Grassland                                   |                  | 0.0   |       |      |     |     | 0.0          |
| Shrub / Grass                               |                  | 158.9 |       |      |     |     | 158.9        |
| Shrubland                                   |                  | 0.1   |       |      |     |     | 0.1          |
| <b>Sevenmile Creek Alternative</b>          |                  |       |       |      |     |     | <b>695.1</b> |
| Agriculture / Developed                     |                  |       |       | 2.6  |     | 3.0 | 5.7          |
| Forest / Woodland                           |                  | 190.0 |       |      |     |     | 190.0        |
| Grassland                                   |                  | 64.4  |       |      |     |     | 64.4         |
| Riparian Vegetation                         |                  | 12.8  |       |      |     |     | 12.8         |
| Shrub / Grass                               |                  | 342.0 | 4.4   |      |     |     | 346.5        |
| Shrubland                                   |                  | 75.2  |       |      |     |     | 75.2         |
| Wetland                                     |                  | 0.6   |       |      |     |     | 0.6          |
| <b>Baldy Alternative</b>                    |                  |       |       |      |     |     | <b>597.3</b> |
| Bare Ground                                 |                  | 2.6   |       |      |     |     | 2.6          |
| Forest / Woodland                           |                  | 230.2 | 123.6 |      |     |     | 353.8        |
| Grassland                                   |                  | 0.0   |       |      |     |     | 0.0          |
| Riparian Vegetation                         |                  | 0.0   |       |      |     |     | 0.0          |
| Shrub / Grass                               |                  | 223.9 | 1.0   |      |     |     | 224.9        |
| Shrubland                                   |                  | 16.0  |       |      |     |     | 16.0         |
| Wetland                                     |                  | 0.0   |       |      |     |     | 0.0          |
| <b>Rock Creek Alternative 1<sup>3</sup></b> |                  |       |       |      |     |     | <b>52.1</b>  |
| Agriculture / Developed                     |                  |       |       |      |     | 2.3 | 2.3          |
| Bare Ground                                 |                  | 0.1   |       |      |     |     | 0.1          |
| Forest / Woodland                           |                  | 7.8   |       |      |     |     | 7.8          |
| Riparian Vegetation                         |                  | 0.9   |       |      |     |     | 0.9          |
| Shrub / Grass                               |                  | 41.0  |       |      |     |     | 41.0         |
| Shrubland                                   |                  | 0.1   |       |      |     |     | 0.1          |
| <b>Rock Creek Alternative 2<sup>3</sup></b> |                  |       |       |      |     |     | <b>36.2</b>  |
| Forest / Woodland                           |                  | 8.4   |       |      |     |     | 8.4          |
| Shrubland                                   |                  | 27.8  |       |      |     |     | 27.8         |
| <b>Hwy 203 Crossing Alternative</b>         |                  |       |       |      |     |     | <b>70.6</b>  |
| Agriculture / Developed                     |                  |       |       |      |     | 3.2 | 3.2          |
| Shrub / Grass                               |                  |       |       | 67.0 |     |     | 67.0         |
| Shrubland                                   |                  |       | 0.3   |      |     |     | 0.3          |

| Proposed Change  | Habitat Category |       |      |       |      |       | Total          |
|--|------------------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|----------------|
|  | 1                | 2     | 3    | 4     | 5    | 6     |                |
| <b>Proposed Route (230-kV Rebuild) Revised Alternative</b> |                  |       |      |       |      |       | <b>10.2</b>    |
| Shrub / Grass  |                  |       |      |       | 1.2  | 9.0   | 10.2           |
| <b>Cottonwood Creek Alternative</b>                        |                  |       |      |       |      |       | <b>239.7</b>   |
| Agriculture / Developed                                    |                  |       |      |       |      | 0.8   | 0.8            |
| Grassland  |                  |       |      |       | 0.0  |       | 0.0            |
| Riparian Vegetation  |                  |       | 0.1  |       |      |       | 0.1            |
| Shrub / Grass  |                  | 0.5   | 3.5  | 222.0 | 12.8 |       | 238.7          |
| Shrubland  |                  |       | 0.0  |       |      |       | 0.0            |
| <b>Willow Creek Alternative</b>                            |                  |       |      |       |      |       | <b>32.8</b>    |
| Agriculture / Developed                                    |                  |       |      |       |      | 32.8  | 32.8           |
| <b>Other Access Road and Work Area Changes</b>             |                  |       |      |       |      |       | <b>1,314.7</b> |
| Agriculture / Developed                                    |                  | 20.8  | 1.0  |       |      | 455.0 | 476.7          |
| Bare Ground  |                  | 1.5   | 0.6  |       |      |       | 1.5            |
| Forest / Woodland  |                  | 27.6  | 39.8 |       |      |       | 61.1           |
| Grassland  |                  | 72.1  | 3.0  |       | 15.0 |       | 90.1           |
| Open Water   |                  | 0.0   |      |       |      |       | 0.0            |
| Open Water / Unvegetated Wetlands                          |                  | 0.8   |      |       |      |       | 0.8            |
| Riparian Vegetation  |                  | 3.5   | 0.0  |       |      |       | 3.5            |
| Shrub / Grass  |                  | 388.7 | 62.2 | 58.3  | 21.6 |       | 530.8          |
| Shrubland  |                  | 106.1 | 41.7 | 2.3   |      |       | 150.2          |
| Wetland  |                  | 0.1   |      |       |      |       | 0.1            |

<sup>1</sup> Category 2 Agriculture/Developed is associated with CRP land in mule deer winter range.

<sup>2</sup> Category 1 is associated with a WAGS colony.

<sup>3</sup> Rock Creek Alternative 1 and Rock Creek Alternative 2 share 2.8 acres of micro-siting area.

Review of the most recent ODFW sensitive species list and species occurrence datasets would not warrant any changes to the previously prepared Table P1-5 in Exhibit P1 of the ASC that indicates which sensitive species are likely to occur near the Project. The discussion of the nature and duration of potential impacts to fish and wildlife in Exhibit P1 of the ASC is applicable to the Proposed Micro-siting Area Additions.

Quantification of acreages of temporary and permanent impacts by habitat type and category of the proposed changes are included in Table 7.1-15 and are incorporated in a draft final Habitat Mitigation Plan that has been reviewed by ODOE outside of this RFA 2. The draft final Habitat Mitigation Plan identifies a mitigation bank which IPC has entered into agreements with to address a majority of its fish and wildlife habitat mitigation needs. ODFW has released mitigation credits to IPC from the mitigation bank. Acknowledgment of the release of the mitigation credits to IPC is included in Attachment 7-22.

**Table 7.1-15. Temporary and Permanent Impact Calculations**

| Proposed Change                     | Habitat Category |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                     | 1                |      | 2     |      | 3    |      | 4    |      | 5    |      | 6    |      |
|                                     | Temp             | Perm | Temp  | Perm | Temp | Perm | Temp | Perm | Temp | Perm | Temp | Perm |
| <b>Ayers Canyon Alternative</b>     |                  |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Agriculture / Developed             |                  |      | 1.0   | 0.0  |      |      |      |      |      |      | 0.0  | 0.1  |
| Grassland                           |                  |      | 0.8   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Riparian Vegetation                 |                  |      | 0.0   | 0.1  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Shrub / Grass                       |                  |      | 108.2 | 43.3 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Shrubland                           |                  |      | 7.6   | 0.4  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Subtotal</i>                     |                  |      | 117.6 | 43.8 |      |      |      |      |      |      | 0.0  | 0.1  |
| <b>Boardman Junction</b>            |                  |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Agriculture / Developed             |                  |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 2.7  |      |
| Riparian Vegetation                 |                  |      |       |      | 0.3  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Shrub / Grass                       |                  |      |       |      |      |      | 0.0  |      | 0.8  |      |      |      |
| Wetland                             |                  |      | 0.0   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Subtotal</i>                     |                  |      | 0.0   |      | 0.3  |      | 0.0  |      | 0.8  |      | 2.7  |      |
| <b>Bombing Range SE Alternative</b> |                  |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Agriculture / Developed             |                  |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 0.0  | 0.1  |
| Shrub / Grass                       |                  |      |       |      |      |      |      |      | 0.3  | 0.1  |      |      |
| Shrubland                           |                  |      |       |      | 0.1  | 0.6  |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Subtotal</i>                     |                  |      |       |      | 0.1  | 0.6  |      |      | 0.3  | 0.1  | 0.0  | 0.1  |
| <b>Rugg Canyon Alternative</b>      |                  |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Shrub / Grass                       |                  |      | 25.7  | 4.5  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Shrubland                           |                  |      | 0.0   | 0.0  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Subtotal</i>                     |                  |      | 25.7  | 4.5  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>Sevenmile Alternative</b>        |                  |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Agriculture / Developed             |                  |      |       |      |      |      | 0.6  | 0.2  |      |      | 0.6  | 0.1  |
| Forest / Woodland                   |                  |      | 21.1  | 2.2  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Grassland                           |                  |      | 0.0   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Riparian Vegetation                 |                  |      | 5.3   | 0.1  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Shrub / Grass                       |                  |      | 56.0  | 8.4  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <i>Subtotal</i>                     |                  |      | 82.5  | 10.8 |      |      | 0.6  | 0.2  |      |      | 0.6  | 0.1  |
| <b>Baldy Alternative</b>            |                  |      |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Bare Ground                         |                  |      | 2.6   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Forest / Woodland                   |                  |      | 31.6  | 10.6 | 19.6 | 5.0  |      |      |      |      |      |      |

| Proposed Change  | Habitat Category |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
|--|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|
|  | 1                |      | 2    |      | 3    |      | 4    |      | 5    |      | 6     |      |
|  | Temp             | Perm | Temp | Perm | Temp | Perm | Temp | Perm | Temp | Perm | Temp  | Perm |
| Grassland  |                  |      | 0.0  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Shrub / Grass  |                  |      | 40.7 | 11.7 | 0.2  |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Shrubland  |                  |      | 9.8  | 0.3  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| <i>Subtotal</i>  |                  |      | 84.7 | 22.5 | 19.8 | 5.0  |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| <b>Rock Creek Alternative 1</b>                            |                  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Forest / Woodland  |                  |      | 5.0  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Shrub / Grass  |                  |      | 6.3  | 2.3  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| <i>Subtotal</i>  |                  |      | 11.2 | 2.3  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| <b>Rock Creek Alternative 2</b>                            |                  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Forest / Woodland  |                  |      | 3.1  | 0.2  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Shrubland  |                  |      | 3.0  | 0.4  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| <i>Subtotal</i>  |                  |      | 6.1  | 0.6  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| <b>Hwy 203 Crossing Alternative</b>                        |                  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Agriculture / Developed                                    |                  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 2.8   |      |
| Shrub / Grass  |                  |      |      |      |      |      | 12.8 | 2.2  |      |      |       |      |
| Shrubland  |                  |      |      |      | 0.0  | 0.0  |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| <i>Subtotal</i>  |                  |      |      |      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 12.8 | 2.2  |      |      | 2.8   |      |
| <b>Proposed Route (230-kV Rebuild) Revised Alternative</b> |                  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Shrub / Grass  |                  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 0.1  | 0.0  | 0.9   | 0.2  |
| <i>Subtotal</i>  |                  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 0.1  | 0.0  | 0.9   | 1.2  |
| <b>Cottonwood Creek Alternative</b>                        |                  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Agriculture / Developed                                    |                  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 0.0   | 0.0  |
| Shrub / Grass  |                  |      | 0.5  |      | 1.1  | 0.2  | 25.6 | 8.8  | 3.0  | 0.3  |       |      |
| <i>Subtotal</i>  |                  |      | 0.5  |      | 1.1  | 0.2  | 25.6 | 8.8  | 3.0  | 0.3  | 0.0   | 0.0  |
| <b>Willow Creek Alternative</b>                            |                  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Agricultural / Developed                                   |                  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 10.8  | 1.2  |
| <i>Subtotal</i>  |                  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | 10.8  | 1.2  |
| <b>Other Access Road and Work Area Changes</b>             |                  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Agriculture / Developed                                    |                  |      | 5.5  | 2.5  | 1.0  |      | 0.1  | 0.1  |      |      | 407.9 | 4.6  |
| Bare Ground  |                  |      | 0.6  | 0.1  |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Forest / Woodland  |                  |      | 8.0  | 2.8  | 23.0 | 1.3  |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Grassland  |                  |      | 23.2 | 5.5  | 3.0  |      |      |      | 15.0 |      |       |      |
| Open Water   |                  |      | 0.0  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |
| Open Water / Unvegetated Wetlands                          |                  |      | 0.8  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |



| Proposed Change     | Habitat Category |      |              |              |             |             |             |             |             |            |              |            |  |
|---------------------|------------------|------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|--|
|                     | 1                |      | 2            |              | 3           |             | 4           |             | 5           |            | 6            |            |  |
|                     | Temp             | Perm | Temp         | Perm         | Temp        | Perm        | Temp        | Perm        | Temp        | Perm       | Temp         | Perm       |  |
| Riparian Vegetation |                  |      | 3.6          | 0.2          | 0.0         |             |             |             |             |            |              |            |  |
| Shrub / Grass       |                  |      | 105.5        | 38.9         | 4.4         | 8.2         | 36.0        | 3.2         | 9.1         | 1.9        |              |            |  |
| Shrubland           |                  |      | 34.1         | 7.9          | 37.4        | 0.6         | 2.3         |             |             |            |              |            |  |
| Wetland             |                  |      | 0.1          |              |             |             |             |             |             |            |              |            |  |
| <i>Subtotal</i>     |                  |      | <i>181.4</i> | <i>58.0</i>  | <i>68.8</i> | <i>10.1</i> | <i>38.3</i> | <i>3.3</i>  | <i>24.1</i> | <i>1.9</i> | <i>407.9</i> | <i>4.6</i> |  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>  |                  |      | <b>509.7</b> | <b>142.5</b> | <b>90.0</b> | <b>15.9</b> | <b>77.4</b> | <b>14.6</b> | <b>28.2</b> | <b>2.3</b> | <b>425.8</b> | <b>6.3</b> |  |

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in sage-grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*) habitat are subject to OAR 635-140-0025, Policy 2 and Policy 3. Policy 2, subsections (a), (b), and (c), requires compliance with a mitigation hierarchy intended to direct development away from productive sage-grouse habitat into the least productive areas for sage-grouse. Subsection (d) requires minimization where impacts cannot be avoided pursuant to (a), (b), or (c). Policy 3 requires compensatory mitigation in the event avoidance and minimization efforts have been exhausted.

The Hwy 203 Crossing Alternative in Baker County, Cottonwood Creek Alternative In Malheur County, and Other Access Road and Work Area Changes in Baker and Malheur counties occur in greater sage-grouse habitat. Greater sage-grouse habitat designations are defined in Exhibit P-2 of the ASC. The Hwy 203 Crossing Alternative occurs in Core Area, the Cottonwood Creek Alternative occurs in Low Density, and Other Access Road and Work Area Changes occur in Core Area and Low Density in Baker and in Core Area in Malheur County. A list of Proposed Micrositing Area Additions that occur in sage-grouse habitat is included in Attachment 7-10. The types of impacts on sage-grouse and their habitat associated with the changes proposed in RFA 2 would be similar to those discussed in Exhibit P-2 of the ASC. ODFW has released mitigation credits to IPC from the mitigation bank. Acknowledgment of the release of the mitigation credits to IPC is included in Attachment 7-10.

The proposed changes that occur in elk winter range would result in the types of impacts discussed in Exhibit P-3 of the ASC.

#### 7.1.7.4 Conclusion

Ground-disturbing activities will be avoided in WAGS Category 1 habitat (within 785 feet of the colony boundary) per condition CON-TE-01. Similarly, ground-disturbing activities will not occur in elk or mule deer winter range from December 1 to March 31 per condition CON-FW-01 (with exceptions) and ground disturbing activities will not occur within the seasonal restriction areas associated with active raptor nests per condition CON-FW-04 (with exceptions). Acreages of temporary and permanent impacts by habitat type and category have been incorporated in the final Habitat Mitigation Plan per condition GEN-FW-04 that is being finalized with the Department (See Table 7.1-15 above). All work will be performed in accordance with the draft Reclamation and Revegetation Plan (Attachment P1-3 of the Final Order), and draft Noxious Weed Plan (Attachment P1-5 of the Final Order), which will be finalized prior to construction per conditions GEN-FW-01, GEN-FW-02, and GEN-FW-03. Draft final plans are currently being reviewed by ODOE and cooperating agencies for compliance with the applicable conditions.

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions that occur in greater sage-grouse habitat are subject to the avoidance test contained in Policy 2 of the Mitigation Hierarchy of Impacts in Sage-grouse Habitat at OAR 635-140-0025. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in sage-grouse habitat meet the criteria identified in Policy 2 (a)(B) and (b)(B) because they are dependent on lands that are reasonably adjacent to the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area. All land reasonably adjacent to the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area, where the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions occur in sage-grouse habitat, also occur in sage-grouse habitat. Policy 2 criteria (a)(C) is met as the Project would create economic opportunity through construction-related jobs and taxes and operation of the Project would provide needed infrastructure for the region by increasing transmission capacity.

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions would be evaluated in a final Sage-Grouse Habitat Mitigation Plan, including development of compensatory mitigation, prior to construction per condition PRE-FW-03. IPC has submitted a draft final Sage-Grouse Habitat Mitigation Plan to ODOE for review outside of this RFA 2. As part of this RFA 2, IPC is proposing changes to conditions associated with sage-grouse mitigation as described in Section 6.0 and included in Attachment 6-1. The rationale for the proposed changes is detailed in the memo included in Attachment 7-10.

The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions that occur in elk habitat would be evaluated with the rest of the Project in a final Habitat Mitigation Plan. IPC has submitted a draft final Habitat Mitigation Plan to ODOE for review outside of this RFA 2.

Therefore, based on the information provided and the conditions imposed on the Project, the Council may conclude that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with the Fish and Wildlife Habitat standard.

### **7.1.8 Threatened and Endangered Species – OAR 345-022-0070**

The Council previously found the Certificate Holder has demonstrated an ability to construct, operate, and retire the Project in compliance with Council standards and conditions of the Site Certificate, including the Threatened and Endangered Species Standard (OAR 345-022-0070). The Certificate Holder's assessment of the Project's compliance with the Threatened and Endangered Species Standard was included as Exhibit Q of the ASC. The following describes the Certificate Holder's review of the effects on threatened and endangered species from the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions.

#### **7.1.8.1 Background Review**

IPC reviewed ODFW's Threatened, Endangered, and Candidate Fish and Wildlife Species list (ODFW 2021b) and Oregon Department of Agriculture's (ODA) Threatened, Endangered, and Candidate Plant Species list (ODA 2022) to determine which species are currently listed under the Oregon Endangered Species Act (ORS 496.171 – 496.192) that have the potential to occur in the analysis area (micrositing area with a half mile buffer). Additionally, IPC reviewed updated databases from the Oregon Biodiversity Information Center (ORBIC 2022), U.S. Forest Service and BLM (USFS 2022; BLM 2022), and StreamNet (2019) to inform which Threatened and Endangered species have the potential to occur in or near the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions.

Species found to exist or potentially occur in or near the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions include WAGS, Snake River Chinook Salmon (Spring/Summer; *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), and seven threatened and endangered plant species (Table 7.1-16). Species were considered to have the potential to occur at a particular location if their habitat overlaps the analysis area or

if a known record occurs within 5 miles of the analysis area. The background review did not identify any threatened or endangered species associated with RFA 2 that were not previously addressed in RFA 1 or the ASC.

**Table 7.1-16. State Listed Threatened and Endangered Species Potentially Present within the Analysis Area**

| Type     | Species  | Location  | Counties         | State Status | Justification   |
|----------|--|---|------------------|--------------|---|
| Wildlife | Washington ground squirrel ( <i>Uroditellus washingtoni</i> )                | Ayers Canyon Alternative, Boardman Junction Alternative, Bombing Range SE Alternative & Other Access Road and Work Area Changes | Morrow           | Endangered   | Historical and verified extant records overlap Micrositing Area                       |
| Fish     | Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon ( <i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i> ) | Rock Creek Alternative 1 & 2  | Union            | Threatened   | Nearest record is within the analysis area  |
| Plant    | Lawrence's milkvetch ( <i>Astragalus collinus</i> var. <i>laurentii</i> )    | Bombing Range SE Alternative, Ayers Canyon Alternative, Rugg Canyon Alternative and Other Access Road and Work Area Changes     | Morrow, Umatilla | Threatened   | Known occurrence overlaps Micrositing Area (Morrow Co.), analysis area (Umatilla Co.) |
| Plant    | Mulford's milkvetch ( <i>Astragalus mulfordiae</i> )                         | Willow Creek Alternative, and Other Access Work Area Changes  | Malheur          | Endangered   | Known occurrence overlaps Micrositing Area  |
| Plant    | Cronquist's stickseed ( <i>Hackelia cronquistii</i> )                        | Cottonwood Creek Alternative, Willow Creek Alternative, and Other Access Work Area Changes                                      | Baker, Malheur   | Threatened   | Known occurrence overlaps Micrositing Area  |
| Plant    | Oregon semaphore grass ( <i>Pleuropogon oregonus</i> )                       | Baldy Alternative and Other Access Road and Work Area Changes   | Union            | Threatened   | Known occurrence within the analysis area   |
| Plant    | Snake River goldenweed ( <i>Pyrrocoma radiata</i> )                          | Other Access Road and Work Area Changes   | Baker            | Endangered   | Known occurrence overlaps Micrositing Area  |

| Type  | Species  | Location  | Counties     | State Status | Justification   |
|-------|--|---|--------------|--------------|---|
| Plant | Smooth mentzelia ( <i>Mentzelia mollis</i> )   | Other Access Road and Work Area Changes   | Malheur      | Endangered   | Nearest occurrence is within 5 miles of the analysis area |
| Plant | Howell's spectacular thelypody ( <i>Thelypodium howellii</i> ssp. <i>spectabilis</i> ) | Highway 203 Crossing, Proposed Route (230-kV Rebuild) Revised Alternative, Baldy Alternative, and Other Access Road and Work Area Changes | Baker, Union | Endangered   | Nearest occurrence is within 5 miles of the analysis area |

Four WAGS records from the Oregon Biodiversity Information Center (ORBIC) overlapped the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions at the Ayers Canyon Alternative and Other Access Road and Work Area Changes within Morrow County. The record at the Ayers Canyon Alternative (2013 record) and at the proposed access road change (2011 record) are verified extant colonies according to ORBIC 2022. Two historical record occurrences overlap proposed changes to the access roads with observations from 1979 and 1987. Analyzing WAGS ORBIC records within the analysis area added 1 historical (1987 record) and 1 verified extant (2013 record) colony overlap.

Threatened and endangered plant species records that overlap the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in RFA 2 include Lawrence's milkvetch (*Astragalus collinus* var. *laurentii*), Mulford's milkvetch (*Astragalus mulfordiae*), Cronquist's stickseed (*Hackelia cronquistii*), and Snake River goldenweed (*Pyrrocoma radiata*) in Baker, Malheur, and Morrow Counties (ORBIC 2022; BLM 2022).

Additional records of each of the threatened and endangered plant species found within the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions overlap the analysis area, along with a 1986 ORBIC record of Oregon semaphore grass (*Pleuropogon oregonus*) in Union County. Within 5 miles of the analysis area, Smooth mentzelia (*Mentzelia mollis*) and Howell's spectacular thelypody (*Thelypodium howellii* ssp. *spectabilis*) are known to occur (ORBIC 2022; BLM 2022).

Snake River Chinook salmon (Spring/Summer) rearing and migration habitat occurs in the analysis area for the Rock Creek 1 and Rock Creek 2 alternatives and is associated with the Grande Ronde River along the Hilgard Highway 244. However, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not overlap any rivers or tributaries bearing Snake River Chinook salmon (Spring/Summer).

### 7.1.8.2 Surveys

IPC performed and completed all necessary surveys for WAGS within a 1,000-foot buffer of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in suitable habitat (survey area) in Morrow County in April and May of 2022 and 2023 (Attachment 7-3). A 1,000-foot buffer on the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions was surveyed because ODFW recommends a 785-foot buffer in continuous suitable habitat around WAGS colonies as an avoidance area for energy development projects. Surveys for WAGS are 100% complete.

At the close of 2023, RFA 2 threatened and endangered plant species surveys were 98 percent completed throughout Baker, Malheur, Morrow, Union and Umatilla counties. The survey area for threatened and endangered plants are the Proposed Site Boundary Additions. Remaining threatened and endangered plant species surveys will be completed prior to construction of that particular phase or section. Table 7.1-17 summarizes the surveys performed for threatened and endangered species including the status of survey completeness for the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions.

Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon are the only Oregon threatened and endangered salmonids known to inhabit the stream sections within the RFA 2 analysis areas. The Grande Ronde River bearing Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook will not be affected by the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in Union County.

**Table 7.1-17. Status of Threatened and Endangered Plant Surveys by Proposed Micrositing Area Additions**

| <b>Proposed Micrositing Area Additions</b> | <b>Survey Complete (acres)</b> | <b>Survey Incomplete (acres)</b> | <b>Micrositing Area/Survey Area (acres)</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Ayers Canyon Alternative                   | 926.5                          | 0                                | 926.5                                       |
| Boardman Junction Alternative              | 5.1                            | 0                                | 5.1   |
| Bombing Range SE Alternative               | 5.7                            | 0                                | 5.7   |
| Other Access Road and Work Area Changes    | 19.8                           | 0                                | 19.8  |
| <b>Morrow County – Total</b>               | <b>957.1</b>                   | <b>0</b>                         | <b>957.1</b>                                |
| Rugg Canyon Alternative                    | 157.5                          | 1.5                              | 159.0                                       |
| Sevenmile Creek Alternative                | 695.1                          | 0                                | 695.1                                       |
| Other Access Road and Work Area Changes    | 260.5                          | 26.9                             | 287.4                                       |
| <b>Umatilla County – Total</b>             | <b>1,113.2</b>                 | <b>28.3</b>                      | <b>1,141.5</b>                              |
| Baldy Alternative                          | 597.3                          | 0                                | 597.3                                       |
| Rock Creek 1 Alternative                   | 10.9                           | 41.2                             | 52.1  |
| Rock Creek 2 Alternative                   | 36.2                           | 0                                | 36.2  |
| Other Access Road and Work Area Changes    | 198.6                          | 39.3                             | 237.9                                       |
| <b>Union County – Total</b>                | <b>879.5</b>                   | <b>41.2</b>                      | <b>920.7</b>                                |
| Hwy 203 Crossing Alternative               | 70.6                           | 0                                | 70.6  |

| <b>Proposed<br/>Micrositing Area<br/>Additions</b>        | <b>Survey Complete<br/>(acres)</b> | <b>Survey Incomplete<br/>(acres)</b> | <b>Micrositing Area/Survey<br/>Area (acres)</b> |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Proposed Route<br>(230-kV Rebuild)<br>Revised Alternative | 10.2                               | 0                                    | 10.2  |
| Other Access Road<br>and Work Area<br>Changes             | 317.3                              | 15.7                                 | 333.0   |
| <b>Baker County –<br/>Total</b>                           | <b>398.2</b>                       | <b>15.7</b>                          | <b>413.9</b>                                    |
| Cottonwood Creek<br>Alternative                           | 239.7                              | 0                                    | 239.7   |
| Willow Creek<br>Alternative                               | 32.8                               | 0                                    | 32.8  |
| Other Access Road<br>and Work Area<br>Changes             | 419.1                              | 17.6                                 | 436.7   |
| <b>Malheur County –<br/>Total</b>                         | <b>693.4</b>                       | <b>15.7</b>                          | <b>709.1</b>                                    |
| <b>Grand Total</b>  | <b>4,039.3</b>                     | <b>102.9</b>                         | <b>4,142.3</b>                                  |

### 7.1.8.3 Findings

2022 IPC surveys found WAGS populations to occur at three locations within the analysis area Ayers Canyon Alternative in Morrow County. Details for these three occurrences include a colony 1) 0.17 miles from Existing Road (Substantial Modification 21-70% Improvements), 0.27 miles from new road construct-on, colony 2) 0.5 miles from new road construction (primitive), and colony 3) - 0.01 mile from new road construction (bladed), 0.14 mile from new road construction (primitive), 0.2 mile from structure work area, and 0.21 mile from pulling and tensioning work area.

Preconstruction surveys (2022 and 2023) for threatened and endangered plant species observed 34 polygons of threatened and endangered plants that would be affected by temporary and/or permanent impacts associated with the Project (Attachment 7-11). In Baker County, one polygon of Snake River goldenweed could be impacted due to Other Access Road and Work Area Changes. In Morrow County, 31 polygons of Lawrence’s milkvetch could be impacted at the Ayer’s Canyon Alternative. In Umatilla County, 2 polygons of Lawrence’s milkvetch could be impacted due to Other Access Road and Work Area Changes and at the Rugg Canyon Alternative. No impacts to ODA threatened and endangered plant species are anticipated in Malheur or Union Counties associated with RFA 2.

### 7.1.8.4 Conclusion

As previously stated in the Fish and Wildlife Habitat section above, ground-disturbing activities will be avoided in WAGS Category 1 habitat (within 785 feet of the colony boundary) per condition CON-TE-01.

Per modified condition CON-TE-02, the 32 polygons of ODA threatened and endangered plant species that overlap ground-disturbed activities, will be avoided by micrositing (10 polygons) the road corridor including a 33-foot buffer, installing temporary construction mats where practical, or providing additional mitigation commensurate with impacts.

Previously imposed Council conditions for threatened and endangered species apply to RFA 2. However, IPC requests a modification to condition CON-TE-02 to allow for mitigation activities to compensate for impacts to threatened and endangered plant species where micro-siting and installation of construction mats is not practical and does not minimize impacts. Mitigation activities would be implemented by ODA may include but are not limited to seed collections, outplanting, and research/monitoring activities. All mitigation would be developed in conjunction with and approved by ODA with funding from IPC. The proposed changes to the Project and site certificate condition CON-TE-02 do not affect the Certificate Holder's ability to comply with any of the other previously imposed Site Certificate conditions for threatened and endangered species. Therefore, for the reasons discussed above and subject to the Site Certificate conditions, the Proposed Micro-siting Area Additions will comply with the Council's Threatened and Endangered Species Standard.

### **7.1.9 Scenic Resources – OAR 345-022-0080**

The Council previously concluded that the Project complies with the Scenic Resources Standard. OAR 345-022-0080 requires the Council to determine that the design, construction, and operation of the proposed Project will not have a "significant adverse impact" to any significant or important scenic resources and values in the analysis area. The previous scenic resource analysis for the ASC (Exhibit R) found 47 applicable federal and local land use management plans or development codes within the 10-mile analysis area of the Project. Based on the Certificate Holder's review of applicable land use plans, 23 of the 47 plans or codes have been updated or replaced by a new plan since the ASC and RFA1 (Attachment 7-12 includes the updated land use plans relevant to RFA 2). The updates did not identify additional scenic resources or include provisions that will warrant changes to the previous analyses of scenic resources. See Attachment 7-12, Table 1 for a description of the plans and codes and any updates. See Figure 7-13 and Figure 7-14 for the locations of the identified scenic resources.

Additionally, the proximity of a majority of the previously identified scenic resources to the RFA 2 analysis area either remained the same as previously described in the ASC or increased, thus the impacts will be less than or equal to what was previously approved (Attachment 7-12, Table 2). For the one scenic resource that decreased in proximity to the Project (SR B5), the distances changed by approximately 0.1 mile, thus impacts were found to be similar to what was previously approved for these areas (Attachment 7-12, Table 2).

The Certificate Holder completed a zone of visual influence (ZVI) analysis for the changes proposed in RFA 2. The visual impacts associated with the changes proposed in RFA 2 were found to be similar to what was previously approved for these areas (Attachment 7-12, Table 2).

Continued implementation of the following Site Certificate conditions will ensure that impacts to scenic resources will be minimized: GEN-PA-02 (avoidance of Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area if Morgan Lake alternative route is chosen), GEN-SR-01 (use of dull-galvanized steel), GEN-SR-02 (Union County visual impact reduction), GEN-SR-03 (National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center visual impact reduction), and GEN-SR-04 (Birch Creek Area of Critical Environmental Concern [ACEC]).

Therefore, the Proposed Micro-siting Area Additions do not alter the basis for the Council's prior findings that the Project complies with the Scenic Resources Standard.

### **7.1.10 Historical, Cultural and Archaeological Resources – OAR 345-022-0090**

The Council previously concluded that the Project complies with the Historical, Cultural and Archaeological Resources Standard. OAR 345-022-0090 requires the Council to determine that the design, construction, and operation of the proposed Project will not have a significant adverse impact on historic, cultural, or archaeological resources that have been listed on, or will likely be listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP); for a facility on private land, archaeological objects, as defined in ORS 358.905(1)(a), or archaeological sites, as defined in ORS 358.905(1)(c); and for a facility on public land, archaeological sites, as defined in ORS 358.905(1)(c).

The previous historic, cultural, and archaeological resource analysis for the ASC (Exhibit S) is summarized in the Final Order, particularly in Tables HCA-2, -3, -4, -6, and -7. These tables identify 29 avoided/not impacted segments/resources associated with the Oregon Trail, 10 potentially indirectly impacted segments/resources associated with the Oregon Trail, three (3) indirectly impacted Historic Properties of Religious and Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes, 104 potentially impacted resources, and 23 inventoried resources subject to the standards in OAR 345-022-0090.

#### **7.1.10.1 Background Review**

IPC has completed record searches to identify previously recorded archaeological and historic sites within the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions and that might be encountered during the course of the Project surveys. Research was conducted at the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Tribal Historic Preservation Office, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USFS), and BLM offices to identify previous cultural resource surveys and previously recorded cultural resources within the Analysis Area. Oregon SHPO databases consulted include Oregon Archaeological Records Remote Access and Oregon Historic Sites Database. Data were collected for both archaeological and historic sites and included site location, age, type, ownership, NRHP status, and a brief description of site attributes. Additional sources of information included the Oregon Historic Trails website (<http://www.oregonhistorictrailsfund.org>), USGS Mineral Resource Data System, General Land Office plats, early USGS and state maps, other historic maps and aerial photographs, ethnographic literature, and historical contexts.

#### **7.1.10.2 Surveys**

Cultural resource field surveys were performed consistent with applicable survey protocol plans and situated within the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. These include a cultural resources pedestrian survey (Figure 7-15 ) of the direct analysis area and surveys in support of the Visual Assessment of Historic Properties within the Visual Assessment analysis area. To date, 3,417 acres (82 percent) of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions have been surveyed for cultural resources. These preconstruction surveys are ongoing and have identified resources subject to the Standards in OAR-345-022-0090 and they are listed in Table 7.1-18. Maps depicting the location of resources within the direct analysis area are included in confidential Attachment 7-13 (Part A). A report for survey within the direct analysis area completed through 2021 is provided as confidential Attachment 7-13 (Part B). A report for resources identified after 2021 is forthcoming. The report in confidential Attachment 7-13 is considered a preliminary final and has been reviewed by consulting parties for the Project's Section 106 process. An updated Visual Assessment of Historic Properties survey report for the indirect analysis area is also provided as confidential Attachment 7-14. This report is a draft and is currently being revised under the Section 106 process.



**Table 7.1-18. Potentially Impacted Resources**

| Resource Number          | County   | Generalized Resource Description/<br>Resource Type | NRHP Status or Recommendation                                 | Project Route  | Project Component   | Land Ownership | Applicable EFSC Standard   | Physical Impact Avoided        | Resource Newly Considered | Management Comments  |
|--------------------------|----------|--|---|--|---|----------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 8B2H-ZH-02               | Morrow   | Undetermined Stacked Rock Feature                  | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Ayers Canyon Alternative                                       | New Road, Bladed  | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property;<br>b) Archaeological site on private lands | No – potential physical impact | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 8B2H-ZH-03               | Morrow   | Historic Stacked Rock Feature                      | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Ayers Canyon Alternative                                       | New Road, Bladed  | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property;<br>b) Archaeological site on private lands | No – potential physical impact | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| Sand Hollow Battleground | Morrow   | TCP/HPRCSIT  | Eligible  | Bombing Range SE; Bombing Range SE Alternative; Proposed Route | Structure Work Area; Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements; New Road, Bladed | PV, U.S. Navy  | a) Historic Property   | No – potential physical impact | No                        | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| Sisupa                   | Morrow   | TCP/HPRCSIT  | Eligible  | Bombing Range SE; Bombing Range SE Alternative; Proposed Route | Structure Work Area; Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements; New Road, Bladed | PV, U.S. Navy  | a) Historic Property   | No – potential physical impact | No                        | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 35UM00524/<br>6B2H-TH-08 | Umatilla | Historic Agriculture                               | Not Eligible  | Proposed Route   | New Road, Bladed  | PV             | b) Archaeological site on private lands                                    | Yes                            | No                        | No further management.   |
| 6B2H-MC-17               | Umatilla | Pre-Contact Stacked Rock Feature                   | Unevaluated   | Sevenmile Creek Alternative                                    | Structure Work Area   | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property;<br>b) Archaeological site on private lands | Yes                            | Yes                       | Flag/Avoid/Monitor.  |
| 6B2H-MC-21               | Umatilla | Pre-Contact Stacked Rock Feature                   | Unevaluated   | Sevenmile Creek Alternative                                    | Structure Work Area   | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property;<br>b) Archaeological site on private lands | Yes                            | Yes                       | Flag/Avoid/Monitor.  |
| 7B2H-BB-09               | Umatilla | Pre-Contact Stacked Rock Feature                   | Unevaluated   | Sevenmile Creek Alternative                                    | New Road, Primitive   | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property   | Yes                            | Yes                       | Flag/Avoid/Monitor.  |
| 9B2H-AL-01               | Umatilla | Historic Agriculture                               | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Proposed Route   | New Road, Bladed  | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property;<br>b) Archaeological site on private lands | No – potential physical impact | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |

| Resource Number  | County   | Generalized Resource Description/<br>Resource Type   | NRHP Status or Recommendation                                 | Project Route               | Project Component   | Land Ownership | Applicable EFSC Standard  | Physical Impact Avoided                               | Resource Newly Considered | Management Comments  |
|--|----------|--|---|-----------------------------|---|----------------|---|---|---------------------------|--|
| 9B2H-AL-02   | Umatilla | Historic Agriculture                                 | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Proposed Route              | New Road, Bladed  | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property; b) Archaeological site on private lands | No – potential physical impact                        | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| Charley Henry Hudson Homestead (35UM00603 / B2H-BS-40) | Umatilla | Historic Homestead                                   | Eligible  | Sevenmile Creek Alternative | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements  | PV             | a) Historic Property; b) Archaeological site on private lands           | No – physical impact not significant with mitigation. | No                        | Fill placement on existing road. Flag/avoid/monitor.                 |
| Daly Wagon Road  | Umatilla | Historic Road  | Eligible  | Proposed Route              | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 71-100% Improvements | PV             | a) Historic Property  | No – potential physical impact                        | No                        | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 8B2H-DM-28   | Union    | Pre-Contact Lithic Scatter                           | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Proposed Route              | Multi-Use Area  | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property; b) Archaeological site on private lands | No – potential physical impact                        | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 8B2H-DM-40   | Union    | Historic Refuse Scatter                              | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Baldy Alternative           | New Road, Bladed  | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property; b) Archaeological site on private lands | Yes   | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 8B2H-DM-41   | Union    | Pre-Contact Lithic Scatter                           | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Baldy Alternative           | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements  | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property; b) Archaeological site on private lands | Yes   | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 8B2H-DM-42   | Union    | Pre-Contact Lithic Scatter                           | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Baldy Alternative           | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements  | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property; b) Archaeological site on private lands | Yes   | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 8B2H-DM-43   | Union    | Pre-Contact Lithic Scatter & Historic Refuse Scatter | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Baldy Alternative           | Structure Work Area   | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property; b) Archaeological site on private lands | Yes   | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 8B2H-JS-06   | Union    | Historic Mining                                      | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Baldy Alternative           | Structure Work Area   | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property; b) Archaeological site on private lands | Yes   | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |

| Resource Number          | County | Generalized Resource Description/<br>Resource Type               | NRHP Status or Recommendation                                 | Project Route            | Project Component  | Land Ownership | Applicable EFSC Standard   | Physical Impact Avoided               | Resource Newly Considered | Management Comments  |
|--------------------------|--------|--|---|--------------------------|--|----------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 8B2H-JS-07               | Union  | Pre-Contact Lithic Scatter                                       | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Baldy Alternative        | Structure Work Area  | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property;<br>b) Archaeological site on private lands   | No – potential physical impact        | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 8B2H-JS-08               | Union  | Pre-Contact Lithic Scatter & Historic Buildings & Refuse Scatter | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Baldy Alternative        | New Road, Primitive  | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property;<br>b) Archaeological site on private lands   | Yes                                   | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 8B2H-JS-09               | Union  | Historic Structures  | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Baldy Alternative        | Structure Work Area  | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property;<br>b) Archaeological site on private lands   | Yes                                   | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 8B2H-JS-ISO-06           | Union  | Pre-Contact Debitage   | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Baldy Alternative        | New Road, Bladed   | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property;<br>b) Archaeological object on private lands | No – potential physical impact        | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 8B2H-JS-ISO-07           | Union  | Pre-Contact Debitage   | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Baldy Alternative        | Structure Work Area  | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property;<br>b) Archaeological object on private lands | No – potential physical impact        | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 8B2H-ND-ISO-03           | Union  | Pre-Contact Debitage   | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Proposed Route           | Multi-Use Area   | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property;<br>b) Archaeological object on private lands | No – potential physical impact        | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| B2H-BS-ISO-29            | Union  | Pre-Contact Debitage   | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Rock Creek Alternative 2 | Structure Work Area  | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property   | Yes                                   | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| B2H-SA-24                | Union  | Undetermined Stone Alignment                                     | Unevaluated   | Baldy Alternative        | Structure Work Area  | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property;<br>b) Archaeological site on private lands   | Yes                                   | No                        | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 35BA01521                | Baker  | Historic Refuse Scatter & Road                                   | Not Eligible  | Hwy 203 Crossing         | Structure Work Area  | ST             | c) Archaeological site on state lands  | Yes                                   | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 35BA01560/<br>3B2H-CH-04 | Baker  | Historic Structural Remains                                      | Not Eligible  | Proposed Route           | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements | PV             | b) Archaeological site on private lands                                      | No – physical impact not significant. | Yes                       | No further management.   |

| Resource Number                       | County  | Generalized Resource Description/<br>Resource Type | NRHP Status or Recommendation                                 | Project Route                | Project Component  | Land Ownership | Applicable EFSC Standard  | Physical Impact Avoided                               | Resource Newly Considered  | Management Comments  |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--|---|------------------------------|--|----------------|---|---|----------------------------|--|
| 35BA01583/<br>B2H-DM-07               | Baker   | Historic Homestead                                 | Unevaluated   | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements                 | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property; b) Archaeological site on private lands | No – physical impact not significant with mitigation. | No                         | Fill placement on existing road. Flag/avoid/monitor.                 |
| 35BA01613/<br>6B2H-SA-11              | Baker   | Historic Structural Remains                        | Unevaluated   | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements                 | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property; b) Archaeological site on private lands | No – physical impact not significant with mitigation. | Yes                        | Fill placement on existing road. Flag/avoid/monitor.                 |
| 8B2H-DM-18                            | Baker   | Historic Agriculture                               | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 71-100% Improvements                | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property; b) Archaeological site on private lands | Yes   | Yes                        | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| B2H-DM-ISO-06                         | Baker   | Historic Refuse                                    | Not Eligible  | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements                 | PV             | N/A   | Yes   | Yes                        | No further management.   |
| B2H-DM-ISO-07                         | Baker   | Historic Refuse                                    | Not Eligible  | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements                 | PV             | N/A   | No – physical impact not significant.                 | Yes                        | No further management.   |
| Corral Ditch/<br>4B2H-EK-06           | Baker   | Historic Water Conveyance                          | Eligible  | Hwy 203 Crossing             | Pulling and Tensioning   | PV             | a) Historic Property; b) Archaeological site on private lands           | No – potential physical impact                        | No                         | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| Oregon National Historic Trail        | Baker   | Route of National Historic Trail                   | Listed  | Proposed Route               | Multi-Use Area; Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements | County, PV     | a) Historic Property; b) Potential archaeological site on private lands | No – potential physical impact                        | No                         | No evidence of trail at access road or MUA BA-05.                    |
| Schuck Irrigation Ditch/<br>35BA01370 | Baker   | Historic Water Conveyance                          | Eligible  | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements                 | BLM            | a) Historic Property  | No – physical impact not significant with mitigation. | No                         | No evidence of ditch at road crossings. Flag/avoid/monitor.          |
| Smith Ditch/<br>4B2H-EK-07            | Baker   | Historic Water Conveyance                          | Eligible  | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements                 | PV             | a) Historic Property  | No – physical impact not significant.                 | No                         | No further management.   |
| 35ML01619/<br>7B2H-BB-08              | Malheur | Historic Water Conveyance & Refuse Scatter         | Not Eligible  | Cottonwood Creek Alternative | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 71-100% Improvements                | BLM            | N/A   | No – physical impact not significant.                 | Resource: No; Segment: Yes | No further management.   |

| Resource Number          | County  | Generalized Resource Description/<br>Resource Type   | NRHP Status or Recommendation                                 | Project Route                | Project Component  | Land Ownership | Applicable EFSC Standard  | Physical Impact Avoided                               | Resource Newly Considered | Management Comments  |
|--------------------------|---------|--|---|------------------------------|--|----------------|---|---|---------------------------|--|
| 35ML02152/<br>6B2H-SA-01 | Malheur | Historic Mining & Refuse Scatter                     | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Proposed Route               | Multi-Use Area   | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property  | No – potential physical impact                        | No                        | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 4B2H-EK-48               | Malheur | Pre-Contact Lithic Procurement Site                  | Eligible  | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements | BLM            | a) Historic Property  | No – physical impact not significant with mitigation. | No                        | Fill placement on existing road. Flag/avoid/monitor.                 |
| 4B2H-EK-50               | Malheur | Pre-Contact Lithic Scatter & Historic Refuse Scatter | Unevaluated   | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property  | No – physical impact not significant with mitigation. | No                        | Fill placement on existing road. Flag/avoid/monitor.                 |
| 7B2H-BB-04               | Malheur | Pre-Contact Lithic Scatter                           | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Cottonwood Creek Alternative | New Road, Bladed   | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property  | No – potential physical impact                        | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 7B2H-BB-07               | Malheur | Pre-Contact Lithic Scatter                           | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Cottonwood Creek Alternative | New Road, Bladed   | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property  | Yes   | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 7B2H-BB-ISO-03           | Malheur | Pre-Contact Debitage                                 | Unevaluated   | Cottonwood Creek Alternative | New Road, Bladed   | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property  | Yes   | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 7B2H-BB-ISO-05           | Malheur | Pre-Contact Biface                                   | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Cottonwood Creek Alternative | Structure Work Area  | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property  | Yes   | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 8B2H-DM-16               | Malheur | Pre-Contact Lithic Scatter                           | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Cottonwood Creek Alternative | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property; b) Archaeological site on private lands   | No – potential physical impact                        | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 8B2H-DM-17               | Malheur | Historic Mining                                      | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property  | No – potential physical impact                        | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 8B2H-DM-ISO-10           | Malheur | Pre-Contact Debitage                                 | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Cottonwood Creek Alternative | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property; b) Archaeological object on private lands | Yes   | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 8B2H-DM-ISO-17           | Malheur | Pre-Contact Debitage                                 | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements | PV             | a) Potential Historic Property; b) Archaeological object on private lands | No – potential physical impact                        | Yes                       | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |

| Resource Number                        | County  | Generalized Resource Description/<br>Resource Type | NRHP Status or Recommendation                                 | Project Route                | Project Component   | Land Ownership | Applicable EFSC Standard       | Physical Impact Avoided                               | Resource Newly Considered     | Management Comments  |
|--|---------|--|---|------------------------------|---|----------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
| 8B2H-JS-ISO-11                         | Malheur | Pre-Contact Biface(s) & Debitage                   | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Cottonwood Creek Alternative | Structure Work Area   | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property | No – potential physical impact                        | Yes                           | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 9B2H-DM-03                             | Malheur | Historic Survey Marker                             | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements  | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property | Yes   | Yes                           | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 9B2H-DM-04                             | Malheur | Historic Refuse Scatter                            | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements  | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property | No – potential physical impact                        | Yes                           | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 9B2H-DM-05                             | Malheur | Historic Refuse Scatter                            | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements  | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property | No – potential physical impact                        | Yes                           | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| 9B2H-DM-06                             | Malheur | Historic Refuse Scatter                            | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements  | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property | No – potential physical impact                        | Yes                           | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| B2H-SA-42                              | Malheur | Pre-Contact Lithic Procurement Site                | Unevaluated   | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements  | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property | No – physical impact not significant with mitigation. | No                            | Fill placement on existing road. Flag/avoid/monitor.                 |
| Kingman Lateral Canal/<br>8B2H-AB-01.1 | Malheur | Historic Water Conveyance                          | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements  | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property | Yes   | Resource: No;<br>Segment: Yes | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| Kingman Lateral Canal/<br>8B2H-AB-01.3 | Malheur | Historic Water Conveyance                          | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 71-100% Improvements; Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements | BLM            | a) Potential Historic Property | No – potential physical impact                        | Resource: No;<br>Segment: Yes | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |
| South Canal                            | Malheur | Historic Water Conveyance                          | Eligible  | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements; New Road, Bladed  | BLM, PV        | a) Historic Property           | No – physical impact not significant.                 | No                            | No further management. (New Access Road avoids resource.)            |
| South Canal/<br>9B2H-DM-02             | Malheur | Historic Water Conveyance                          | To be determined. Potentially eligible for purposes of RFA 2. | Proposed Route               | Existing Road, Substantial Modification, 21-70% Improvements  | BLM, PV        | a) Potential Historic Property | No – potential physical impact                        | Resource: No;<br>Segment: Yes | To be determined in consultation with Parties to the Section 106 PA. |

BLM = Bureau of Land Management; EFSC = Energy Facility Siting Council; HPMP = Historic Properties Management Plan; HPRCSIT = Historic Property of Religious and Cultural Significance to Indian Tribes; NRHP = National Register of Historic Places; ODOT = Oregon Department of Transportation; PV = Private

<sup>1</sup> Eligibility evaluations can be found in confidential Attachments S-6 and S-10 of the Application for Site Certification (ASC) or, if not previously addressed in the ASC, the Initial Class III Intensive Inventory Report (King et al. 2023). Those not yet determined will be addressed in forthcoming reports under the Section 106 PA.

The impacts associated with changes in visibility as a result of this RFA were found to be similar to what was described in the ASC. AECOM prepared revised viewshed maps that identified areas that would have new views based upon the new alignments and roads (confidential Attachment 7-15). The maps contained in the 2022 draft Oregon VAHP ILS (Attachment 7-14) were then analyzed. This analysis did not identify resources that would be newly affected by the proposed route changes other than those archaeological sites with aboveground components identified by Tetra Tech in the direct analysis area and contained in the Initial Class III (confidential Attachment 7-13, Part B). A map depicting the identified resources and viewshed impacts for the micro siting area is provided as confidential Attachment 7-15. Outside of the micro siting area, no additional resources were identified for field analysis within the Visual Assessment analysis area.

### **7.1.10.3 Findings**

For those resources subject to the Council's standards and where significant impacts will occur under the standards, the Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP) will include the final impact analysis and mitigation proposals for Historic, Cultural, and Archaeological Resources based upon the field surveys and in coordination with the lead federal agencies. The impact analysis and mitigation obligations will be rectified based on the boundary probing, testing, evaluation, and final NRHP eligibility determinations for the sites listed in Table 7.1-20 and included in the redlined resource tables in confidential Attachment 7-16. Eligibility determinations will be made by the lead federal agencies in consultation with the Oregon SHPO and consistent with the Programmatic Agreement (PA), for Section 106 compliance. The preconstruction surveys will be included in reports submitted to the Oregon SHPO and EFSC and the NRHP eligibility, effects to resources, and mitigation will be resolved prior to construction consistent with the Site Certificate Conditions.

### **7.1.10.4 Conclusion**

Continued implementation of the following Site Certificate Conditions will ensure that impacts to historic, cultural, and archaeological resources will be minimized: GEN-HC-01 (avoid direct impacts to Oregon Trail/National Historic Trail resources), GEN-HC-02 (prepare HPMP prior to construction (by phase or segment), and CON-HC-01 (completion of a final Cultural Resources Report within three years of construction completion).

The proposed amendment makes no changes that will alter the basis for the Council's earlier findings, or its conclusion that the Project will not likely result in an adverse impact to any historical, cultural and archaeological resources in the Analysis Area, and therefore the Proposed Micro siting Area Additions meet the requirement of the Historical, Cultural and Archaeological Resources Standard.

### **7.1.11 Recreation – OAR 345-022-0100**

The Council previously concluded that the Project complies with the Recreation Standard.<sup>41,42</sup> The updated Recreation Standard requires the Council to find that the design, construction, and operation of a facility, taking into account mitigation, will not likely result in significant, adverse impacts to important recreational opportunities, as defined by OAR 345-022-0100. Therefore, the Council's Recreation Standard applies to only those recreation areas that the Council

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<sup>41</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 568 (September 2022)

<sup>42</sup> Request for Amendment 1 of the Site Certificate for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line - Final Order, p. 203 (September 2023)

deems important. Based on the Certificate Holder's review of recreation areas, there are 27 recreation areas, 24 of which were deemed important, located within 2 miles of RFA 2's Proposed Site Boundary Additions (analysis area); no new recreation areas were identified that were not previously addressed in the ASC and RFA1 (see Figure 7-16, and Attachment 7-17, Table 1). Note that this analysis does not address the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area and solely addresses the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions in RFA 2.

The significance of impacts on important recreation areas from direct or indirect loss of recreational opportunity, traffic, noise, visual viewshed alteration, and other impacts are disclosed in Exhibit T, and RFA1 and the changes proposed by RFA 2 will not contribute any additional significant impacts to those already considered<sup>43</sup> (see Figure 7-16 and Attachment 7-17, Tables 1 and 2 for a full description). No loss of opportunity is anticipated for the identified recreation areas due to less than significant, temporary intermittent access delays during construction, otherwise no access delays, and no long-term loss of opportunity; any traffic impacts from construction will be short term, otherwise negligible, and operational impacts will be negligible due to infrequent maintenance and inspections required at the Project; construction noise impacts will remain less than significant and temporary, or otherwise negligible, and noise impacts from operations will be intermittent (due to infrequent maintenance and inspections) or otherwise indistinguishable from existing background noise<sup>44</sup>; and of the 24 recreation areas that were determined to be important and potentially experience visual impacts, all were found to have less than significant impacts, similar to or less than what was previously approved for the ASC and RFA1 (see Figure 7-17 and Attachment 7-17, Tables 1 and 2).

Continued implementation of the following Site Certificate Conditions will ensure that impacts to recreation areas will be minimized: GEN-RC-01 (Morgan Lake Park visual impact reduction), GEN-SR-03 (National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center visual impact reduction), GEN-SR-04 (Birch Creek Area of Critical Environmental Concern visual impact reduction), GEN-HC-02 (implementation of Historic Properties Management Plan), PRE-PS-02 (traffic management and control measure implementation), and GEN-PS-01 (controlled helicopter use within two-miles of protected or recreation areas).

The changes proposed in RFA 2 do not alter the basis for the Council's earlier findings, or its conclusion that the Project will not likely result in a significant adverse impact to any Recreation Areas in the analysis area. Therefore, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions meet the requirement of the Recreation Areas Standard.

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<sup>43</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate - Final Order, p. 546-568 (September 2022)

<sup>44</sup> The analysis provided in the Final Order on ASC applicable to recreation areas is also applicable to the proposed RFA2 changes, mainly that noise would not be audible from the recreation areas because users of the recreation areas would not likely be using the resources during times of low ambient noise (e.g. 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.) and rainy conditions, times of day where use would be typical the ambient noise levels would mask any corona noise, or the recreation areas are managed for plant or wildlife conservation.



### **7.1.12 Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation – OAR 345-022-0115**

#### *OAR 345-022-115 Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation*

*(1) To issue a site certificate, the Council must find that:*

*(a) The applicant has adequately characterized wildfire risk within the analysis area using current data from reputable sources, by identifying:*

*(A) Baseline wildfire risk, based on factors that are expected to remain fixed for multiple years, including but not limited to topography, vegetation, existing infrastructure, and climate;*

*(B) Seasonal wildfire risk, based on factors that are expected to remain fixed for multiple months but may be dynamic throughout the year, including but not limited to, cumulative precipitation and fuel moisture content;*

*(C) Areas subject to a heightened risk of wildfire, based on the information provided under paragraphs (A) and (B) of this subsection;*

*(D) High-fire consequence areas, including but not limited to areas containing residences, critical infrastructure, recreation opportunities, timber and agricultural resources, and fire-sensitive wildlife habitat; and*

*(E) All data sources and methods used to model and identify risks and areas under paragraphs (A) through (D) of this subsection.*

*(b) That the proposed facility will be designed, constructed, and operated in compliance with a Wildfire Mitigation Plan approved by the Council. The Wildfire Mitigation Plan must, at a minimum:*

*(A) Identify areas within the site boundary that are subject to a heightened risk of wildfire, using current data from reputable sources, and discuss data and methods used in the analysis;*

*(B) Describe the procedures, standards, and time frames that the applicant will use to inspect facility components and manage vegetation in the areas identified under subsection (a) of this section;*

*(C) Identify preventative actions and programs that the applicant will carry out to minimize the risk of facility components causing wildfire, including procedures that will be used to adjust operations during periods of heightened wildfire risk;*

*(D) Identify procedures to minimize risks to public health and safety, the health and safety of responders, and damages to resources protected by Council standards in the event that a wildfire occurs at the facility site, regardless of ignition source; and*

*(E) Describe methods the applicant will use to ensure that updates of the plan incorporate best practices and emerging technologies to minimize and mitigate wildfire risk.*

*(2) The Council may issue a site certificate without making the findings under section (1) if it finds that the facility is subject to a Wildfire Protection Plan that has been approved in compliance with OAR chapter 860, division 300.*

*(3) This Standard does not apply to the review of any Application for Site Certificate or Request for Amendment that was determined to be complete under OAR 345-015-0190 or 345-027-0363 on or before the effective date of this rule.*

IPC has submitted its 2023 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Attachment 7-18) that has been filed approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon in compliance with OAR chapter 860, division 300. This plan would apply to the entire Project, including the proposed changes in RFA 2. Therefore, the Council may conclude that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions comply with OAR 345-022-0115(2) as they are subject to a wildfire protection plan approved by the Public Utility Commission.

Existing site certificate conditions ensure that future WMP's approved by PUC would be provided to the Department.

## 7.2 Other Standards and Laws

### 7.2.1 Noise Control Regulations – OAR 340-035-0035

The Project Order requires an analysis of the Project's compliance with the Oregon Noise Regulations at OAR 340-035-0035.<sup>45</sup>

#### 7.2.1.1 Methods

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(x)(B): An analysis of the proposed facility's compliance with the applicable noise regulations in OAR 340-035-0035, including a discussion and justification of the methods and assumptions used in the analysis.*

To demonstrate compliance with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) Noise Rules, IPC conducted an acoustic analysis of the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions using the same multistep process that was used in the ASC and approved by the Council in the Final Order.<sup>46</sup>

Monitoring Point (MP) and representative acoustic environments were provided in ASC Exhibit X Attachments X-2 and X-3 including aerial imagery maps supporting review of proximate noise sources (e.g. road/highways, railroads, transmission lines, and creeks), topography (e.g. hilly, flat) and land cover type (e.g. agriculture, forested, bare ground and low vegetation). Similarly, IPC reviewed aerial imagery maps presenting noise-sensitive receptor (NSR) location along with proximate noise sources and topography as provided in ASC Exhibit X Attachment X-5. Based on IPC's review of acoustic environments of MPs compared to the respective NSR groups the acoustic environment of the MP represent locations with similar noise sources but located at greater distances than NSRs to noise sources and therefore a more conservative and acceptable ambient noise level for use in the evaluation of compliance with the DEQ noise rules. The Proposed Micrositing Area Additions are minor and do not alter the previous determined representative monitoring points for the NSRs associated with the proposed alternatives.

#### 7.2.1.2 Construction, Regular Maintenance, and Helicopter Noise

*OAR 340-035-0035(5): Exemptions: Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (1)(b)(B)(ii) of this rule, the rules in section (1) of this rule shall not apply to: . . . (g) Sounds that originate on construction sites. (h) Sounds created in construction or maintenance of capital equipment; . . . (h) Sounds created in . . . maintenance of capital equipment; . . . (j) Sounds generated by the operation of aircraft and subject to pre-emptive federal regulation. This exception does not apply*

<sup>45</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate – Second Amended Project Order, p. 21 (July 2018); see also OAR 345-021-0010(1)(y)(B) (requiring the same).

<sup>46</sup> Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate – Final Order at pp. 673-76.

*to aircraft engine testing, activity conducted at the airport that is not directly related to flight operations, and any other activity not pre-emptively regulated by the federal government or controlled under OAR 340-035-0045; . . . .*

The Council previously found that noise resulting from Project's construction activities, regular maintenance activities, and helicopter operations is exempt from the Oregon Noise Regulations at OAR 340-035-0035(1).<sup>47</sup> Because the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will involve the same construction, maintenance, and helicopter activities previously evaluated, the Council may rely on its previous findings that those activities are exempt from the relevant Oregon Noise Regulations.

### 7.2.1.3 Corona Noise

#### Maximum Allowable Noise Standard

*OAR 340-035-0035(1)(b)(B)(i): No person owning or controlling a new industrial or commercial noise source located on a previously unused industrial or commercial site shall cause or permit the operation of that noise source if the noise levels generated or indirectly caused by that noise source . . . exceed the levels specified in Table 8, as measured at an appropriate measurement point, as specified in subsection (3)(b) of this rule, except as specified in subparagraph (1)(b)(B)(iii).*

Under the maximum allowable noise standard, a new industrial or commercial noise source to be located on a previously unused site may not exceed the noise levels specified in Table 8 of the noise rules. The maximum allowable L<sub>50</sub> sound level standard relevant to the Project is 50 A-weighted decibels (dBA). The Council previously found that IPC sufficiently demonstrated that the maximum sound level resulting from corona noise in a "worse-case scenario" (that is, during foul weather) will be no greater than 45 dBA, and accordingly, the Council found that the Project would be in compliance with the maximum allowable sound level standard identified in OAR 340-035-0035(1)(b)(B)(i).<sup>48</sup> As shown in Attachment 7-19, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will result in maximum sound levels no greater than 45 dBA, which is less than the 46 dBA previously considered by the Council. Thus, the Council may rely on its previous findings that the Project complies with maximum allowable noise standard in OAR 340-035-0035(1)(b)(B)(i) and Table 8.

#### Ambient Antidegradation Standard

*OAR 340-035-0035(1)(b)(B)(i): No person owning or controlling a new industrial or commercial noise source located on a previously unused industrial or commercial site shall cause or permit the operation of that noise source if the noise levels generated or indirectly caused by that noise source increase the ambient statistical noise levels, L10 or L50, by more than 10 dBA in any one hour . . . as measured at an appropriate measurement point, as specified in subsection (3)(b) of this rule, except as specified in subparagraph (1)(b)(B)(iii).*

The ambient antidegradation standard under OAR 340-035-0035(1)(b)(B)(i) allows a maximum increase in ambient statistical noise of 10 dBA, as measured at an "appropriate measurement point" from noise generated from a new industrial source. "Appropriate measurement point" is

<sup>47</sup> Final Order at pp. 655-57. As described in the Final Order, the Department engaged its consultant, Golder Associates Inc. (Golder), to evaluate IPC's methodologies for conducting baseline surveys and identifying the frequency of foul weather. Golder found that IPC's methodologies were sound. See Final Order at p. 676.

<sup>48</sup> Final Order at p. 679.

defined in -0035(3)(B) as a point on the noise sensitive property (also referred to as noise-sensitive receptor [NSR]) nearest to the noise source. The Council previously found that foul weather corona noise from the Project may exceed the ambient antidegradation standard during low wind, late night (midnight to 5 a.m.) conditions.<sup>49</sup> However, the Council granted the Project an exception and a variance to compliance with the ambient antidegradation standard with respect to corona noise, and found that the Project otherwise complies with the Noise Control Regulations.<sup>50</sup>

### Potential Exceedances of the Ambient Antidegradation Standard

For the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions, IPC used the same methods that the Council previously reviewed and approved, comparing baseline ambient sound levels to the modeled predicted future sound levels at potentially affected NSRs. For the baseline ambient sound levels, IPC relied on the baseline monitoring positions and related sound data previously reviewed and approved by the Council. IPC identified the potentially affected NSRs using the same approach previously reviewed and approved by the Council—that is, IPC analyzed (a) all NSRs within 1/2 mile of the transmission line alternatives included in the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions; and (b) NSRs out to one mile in areas where the late-night baseline sound level was unusually low (i.e., less than 26 dBA). IPC then compared the ambient baseline sound levels with the predicted future sound levels at the potentially affected NSRs.

IPC Identified 41 potentially affected NSRs: 30 NSRs within 1/2 mile and 11 NSRs between 1/2 and 1 mile whose late-night baseline sound level was less than 26 dBA (Attachment 7-19). The results of the analysis indicate that during typical fair weather conditions, the transmission line alternatives included in the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with the ambient antidegradation standard. However, a potential increase of more than 10 dBA above the L<sub>50</sub> baseline may occur at 27 (7 new to RFA 2, 20 previously evaluated in the ASC or RFA1) of the NSRs during foul weather in low wind, late night conditions. Attachment 7-19 is a supplement to Final Order Attachment X-4 presents the foul weather analysis at the NSRs evaluated by IPC for RFA 2. Attachment 7-19 is considered a supplement because the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions would be located at distances that are different than the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area evaluated in Final Order Attachment X-4 and therefore have different modeling outcomes. Figure 7-18 shows the orientation of the NSRs in relation to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions.

### Exception to Ambient Antidegradation Standard

*OAR 340-035-0035(6): Exceptions: Upon written request from the owner or controller of an industrial or commercial noise source, the Department may authorize exceptions to section (1) of this rule, pursuant to rule 340-035-0010, for: (a) Unusual and/or infrequent events; . . . .*

A potential increase of more than 10 dBA above the ambient baseline sound levels may occur at 27 of the potentially affected NSRs during infrequent periods representative of foul weather conditions, 20 of which were previously identified as exceedances in the ASC. The Council previously granted the Project an exception from compliance with the ambient antidegradation standard due to unusual or infrequent foul weather events, as authorized under OAR 345-035-0035(6)(a), subject to the Noise Control Conditions described in the Final Order.<sup>51</sup> Because the Project has already received an exception, IPC does not need to request a separate exception

<sup>49</sup> Final Order at p. 679.

<sup>50</sup> Final Order at p. 699.

<sup>51</sup> See Final Order at p. 682.

from the Council to address the exceedance related to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions. Regardless, the following information is provided for the new NSR exceedances.

Previous analysis in the ASC concluded that meteorological conditions resulting in maximum corona generation causing exceedances, when they occur, would be “infrequent events” within the meaning of OAR 340-035-0035(6)(a). Foul weather conditions occurs approximately 1 to 2 percent of the time in the Project area. Meteorological conditions evaluated during the ASC are assumed to be applicable to RFA 2 (i.e., meteorological conditions in the Project area have not changed since that time). Exceedances would occur infrequently and when they occur would be within established limits (OAR 345-035-035 Table 8). Corona noise cannot reasonably be mitigated at the source; therefore, IPC cannot actively reduce exceedances associated with infrequent foul weather conditions. IPC would initiate discussions with the landowners of all new NSRs with exceedances associated with RFA 2 to develop mutually agreed upon mitigation plans prior to and during construction per condition GEN-NC-01.

NSR-671 is associated with the RFA 2 Baldy Alternative (Figure 7-18, Map 4). IPC has worked with the landowner to site the line in a less impactful corridor that will minimize effects to their use of the property. These activities include recreation, timber harvesting, and other uses. This change has resulted in the new NSR exceedance. NSR-671 would experience similar effects from noise as previously considered for NSR-132.

NSR-515, -520, -521, -662, -664, and -666 are associated with the RFA 2 Willow Creek Alternative (Figure 7-18, Maps 8 and 9). Through early siting studies and during the BLM’s NEPA process, alternatives to crossing the Willow Creek Valley were considered but ultimately other resource constraints (existing field access and irrigation infrastructure) identified crossing of the Willow Creek Valley at this location to be the least impactful. The new NSRs identified for RFA 2 are interspersed among the previously evaluated NSRs in the Willow Creek Valley (NSR-92 through -110) and the new NSRs would experience similar effects from noise as previously considered for NSR-92 through -110.

### **Variance to Ambient Antidegradation Standard**

The Council previously granted the Project a variance from compliance with the ambient antidegradation standard under OAR 345-035-0100(1), finding strict compliance would be inappropriate due to conditions beyond IPC’s control, special circumstances and physical conditions would render strict compliance unreasonable, and strict compliance would prohibit the Project from being built.<sup>52</sup> Because the Project has already received a variance, and any new NSR exceedances associated with RFA 2 would be similar to those previously considered in the ASC and as described in Section 7.2.1.3.4, IPC does not need to request a separate variance from the Council to address the exceedance related to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions.

#### **7.2.1.4 Quiet Areas**

*OAR 340-035-0035(1)(c): Quiet Areas. No person owning or controlling an industrial or commercial noise source located either within the boundaries of a quiet area or outside its boundaries shall cause or permit the operation of that noise source if the statistical noise levels generated by that source exceed the levels specified in Table 9 as measured within the quiet area and not less than 400 feet (122 meters) from the noise source.*

<sup>52</sup> See Final Order at pp. 696-99.

There are no ODEQ-designated “quiet areas” within the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions or within the vicinity of the Project. Therefore, the Project will be in compliance with OAR 340-035-0035(c).

#### 7.2.1.5 Impulse Sound

*OAR 340-035-0035(1)(d): Impulse Sound. Notwithstanding the noise rules in Tables 7 through 9, no person owning or controlling an industrial or commercial noise source shall cause or permit the operation of that noise source if an impulsive sound is emitted in air by that source which exceeds the sound pressure levels specified below, as measured at an appropriate measurement point, as specified in subsection (3)(b) of this rule: (A) Blasting. 98 dBC, slow response, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. and 93 dBC, slow response, between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. (B) All Other Impulse Sounds. 100 dB, peak response, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. and 80 dB, peak response, between the hours of 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.*

OAR 340-035-0035(1)(d) applies to blasting and other impulse sounds resulting from the “operation” of noise sources. Here, while the Project may include certain blasting or other impulse sounds, those sounds will occur during construction and not operation of the Project. Accordingly, the Project will be in compliance with OAR 340-035-0035(1)(d).

#### 7.2.1.6 Measures to Reduce Noise Levels or Noise Impacts, or to Address Complaints

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(x)(C): Any measures the applicant proposes to reduce noise levels or noise impacts or to address public complaints about noise from the facility.*

IPC is not proposing any changes to the Noise Control conditions set forth in the Final Order, which would apply to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions.<sup>53</sup>

#### 7.2.1.7 Monitoring

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(x)(D): Any measures the applicant proposes to monitor noise generated by operation of the facility.*

IPC is not proposing any changes to the Noise Control conditions set forth in the Final Order, which would apply to the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions.<sup>54</sup>

#### 7.2.1.8 List of Noise Sensitive Properties

*OAR 345-021-0010(1)(x)(E): A list of the names and addresses of all owners of noise sensitive property, as defined in OAR 340-035-0015, within one mile of the proposed site boundary.*

Per the Second Amended Project Order, the list of NSR owners must include all owners of NSRs within one-half mile, and not one mile, of the Site Boundary.<sup>55</sup> Refer to Attachment 7-19 for a list of the names and addresses of all owners of NSRs within one-half mile or within 1-mile if unusually low ambient conditions from the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions.

<sup>53</sup> See Final Order, Attachment 1, Site Certificate at 40-44 (Noise Control Conditions 1 and 2).

<sup>54</sup> See Final Order, Attachment 1, Site Certificate at 40-44 (Noise Control Conditions 1 and 2).

<sup>55</sup> See Second Amended Project Order, Section III(x); Final Order at 673.

### **7.2.2 Removal-Fill Law**

The Oregon Removal-Fill Law (ORS 196.795 through ORS 196.990) and Oregon Department of State Lands regulations (OAR 141-085-0500 through OAR 141-085-0785) require a removal-fill permit if 50 cubic yards or more of material is removed, filled, or altered within many “waters of the state.” For activities in ESH streams, State Scenic Waterways and compensatory mitigation sites, a permit is required for any amount of removal or fill.

As detailed in Exhibit J of the ASC, a removal-fill permit is required for the Project. The information provided in Section 5.3 of this RFA 2 will be incorporated into an updated wetland delineation report for the proposed changes per condition PRE-RF-01. An updated removal-fill permit is required prior to construction and IPC will comply with procedures in all removal-fill conditions included in the permit per conditions GEN-RF-03 and GEN-RF-04.

IPC will incorporate the changes proposed in RFA 2 in a revised Joint Permit Application per condition PRE-RF-02 including a final Site Rehabilitation Plan (condition GEN-RF-01) and final Compensatory Wetland and Non-Wetland Mitigation Plan (Condition GEN-RF-02).

Therefore, the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions do not significantly alter the prior analysis and the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with the Oregon Removal-Fill Law.

All wetlands associated with RFA2 were delineated in 2023 and are included in the 2023 Addendum Wetland Delineation Report (Attachment 7-21).

## **8.0 EXPANDED SITE BOUNDARY EVALUATION**

IPC is requesting expansion of the site boundary (Proposed Site Boundary) in this RFA 2 to accommodate minor adjustments associated with requests from landowners or stakeholders, the need to avoid impacts to sensitive resources, or needed to address constructability issues in the field. The Proposed Site Boundary generally encompasses a 0.5-mile-wide corridor centered on access roads and the transmission line centerline (Section 1.1 and Attachment 6-1). In some locations, IPC is not requesting an expansion of the Previously Approved Site Boundary. Examples of this scenario include the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area associated with Double Mountain Alternative or the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area on Naval Weapons System Training Facility Boardman. In some locations the Proposed Site Boundary extends beyond the Previously Approved Site Boundary/Micrositing Area but may not extend out to encompass the full 0.5-mile-wide corridor. In this scenario, IPC attempted to avoid expanding on to parcels whose owners have not been previously involved with the Project, expanding across constraints such as Interstate 84 or sensitive resources (such as protected areas). The new Proposed Site Boundary will not impact any new landowners or result in the siting of facility components without further analysis. Figure 8-1 shows the Proposed Site Boundary and Table 8-1 identifies relevant materials describing or showing resource information for the Proposed Site Boundary.

**Table 8-1. Proposed Site Boundary Resource Materials**

| <b>Resource</b>                                   | <b>Supporting Materials</b>  |
|---|--|
| Structural  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASC, Exhibit H, Attachment H-1 (mapset covers the extent of the expanded Proposed Site Boundary associated with ASC)</li> <li>• RFA 1, Section 7.1.1</li> <li>• RFA 1, Figures 7-1 and 7-2 (mapset covers the extent of the expanded Proposed Site Boundary associated with RFA 1)</li> <li>• RFA 2, Section 7.1.1</li> <li>• RFA 2, Figure 7-1 (mapset covers the extent of the expanded Proposed Site Boundary associated with RFA2)</li> </ul> |
| Soils   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASC, Exhibit I, Attachment I-1</li> <li>• RFA 1, Figures 7-3 and 7-4</li> <li>• RFA 2, Figure 7-2</li> <li>• RFA 2, Figure 8-2 (mapset covers the extent of the expanded Proposed Site Boundary)</li> </ul>   |
| Wetlands  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASC, Exhibit J, Attachment J-1</li> <li>• RFA 1, Figures 5-1 and 5-2</li> <li>• RFA 2, Figure 5-1</li> <li>• RFA 2, Figure 8-3 (mapset covers the extent of the expanded Proposed Site Boundary)</li> </ul>   |
| Land Use  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASC, Exhibit K</li> <li>• RFA 1, Figures 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8, 7-9, 7-10 (mapsets cover the extent of the expanded Proposed Site Boundary)</li> <li>• RFA 2, Figures 7-3, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8, 7-9 (mapsets cover the extent of the expanded Proposed Site Boundary)</li> </ul>   |
| Protected Areas                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASC, Exhibit L</li> <li>• RFA 2, Figures 7-10 and 7-11 (mapset covers the extent of the expanded Proposed Site Boundary), Attachment 7-2</li> </ul>   |
| Fish and Wildlife Habitat                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASC, Exhibits P1, P2, P3</li> <li>• RFA 2, Figure 8-1 and 8-4</li> </ul>  |
| Threatened and Endangered Species                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASC, Exhibit Q</li> </ul>   |
| Scenic Resources                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASC, Exhibit R</li> <li>• RFA 2, Figure 7-13 and 7-14 (mapset covers the extent of the expanded Proposed Site Boundary), Attachment 7-12</li> </ul>   |
| Historical, Cultural and Archaeological Resources | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASC, Exhibit S</li> </ul>   |
| Recreation  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASC, Exhibit T</li> <li>• RFA 2, Figure 7-16 and 7-17 (mapset covers the extent of the expanded Proposed Site Boundary), Attachment 7-17</li> </ul>   |
| Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFA 2, Attachment 7-18</li> </ul>   |
| Noise   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASC, Exhibit X</li> <li>• RFA 2, Figure 8-5</li> </ul>  |



## 9.0 PROPERTY OWNERS OF RECORD – OAR 345-027-0360(1)(F)

*OAR 345-027-0360(1)(f): A list of the names and mailing addresses of property owners, as described in this rule:*

*(A) The list must include all owners of record, as shown on the most recent property tax assessment roll, of property located:*

*(i) Within 100 feet of property which the subject of the request for amendment, where the subject property is wholly or in part within an urban growth boundary;*

*(ii) Within 250 feet of property which is the subject of the request for amendment, where the subject property is outside an urban growth boundary and not within a farm or forest zone; or*

*(iii) Within 500 feet of property which is the subject of the request for amendment, where the subject property is within a farm or forest zone; and*

*(B) In addition to incorporating the list in the request for amendment, the applicant must submit the list to the Department in an electronic format acceptable to the Department.*

A property owner list applicable to this RFA 2 is provided in Attachment 9-1 and the notification area is shown on Figure 9-1. Property owner data was received from the counties between March 14 and March 25, 2024.

## 10.0 CONCLUSION

Based on the information provided in this submittal, IPC has demonstrated that the Proposed Micrositing Area Additions will comply with the requirements of the Oregon Energy Facility Site Statutes, ORS 469.300 to 469.520, with all other Oregon statutes and administrative rules applicable to the amendment of the Site Certificate that are within the Council's jurisdiction, and that the existing Site Certificate conditions ensure that the Project will continue to comply with the applicable laws, standards, and rules. For these reasons, IPC respectfully requests approval of RFA 2.

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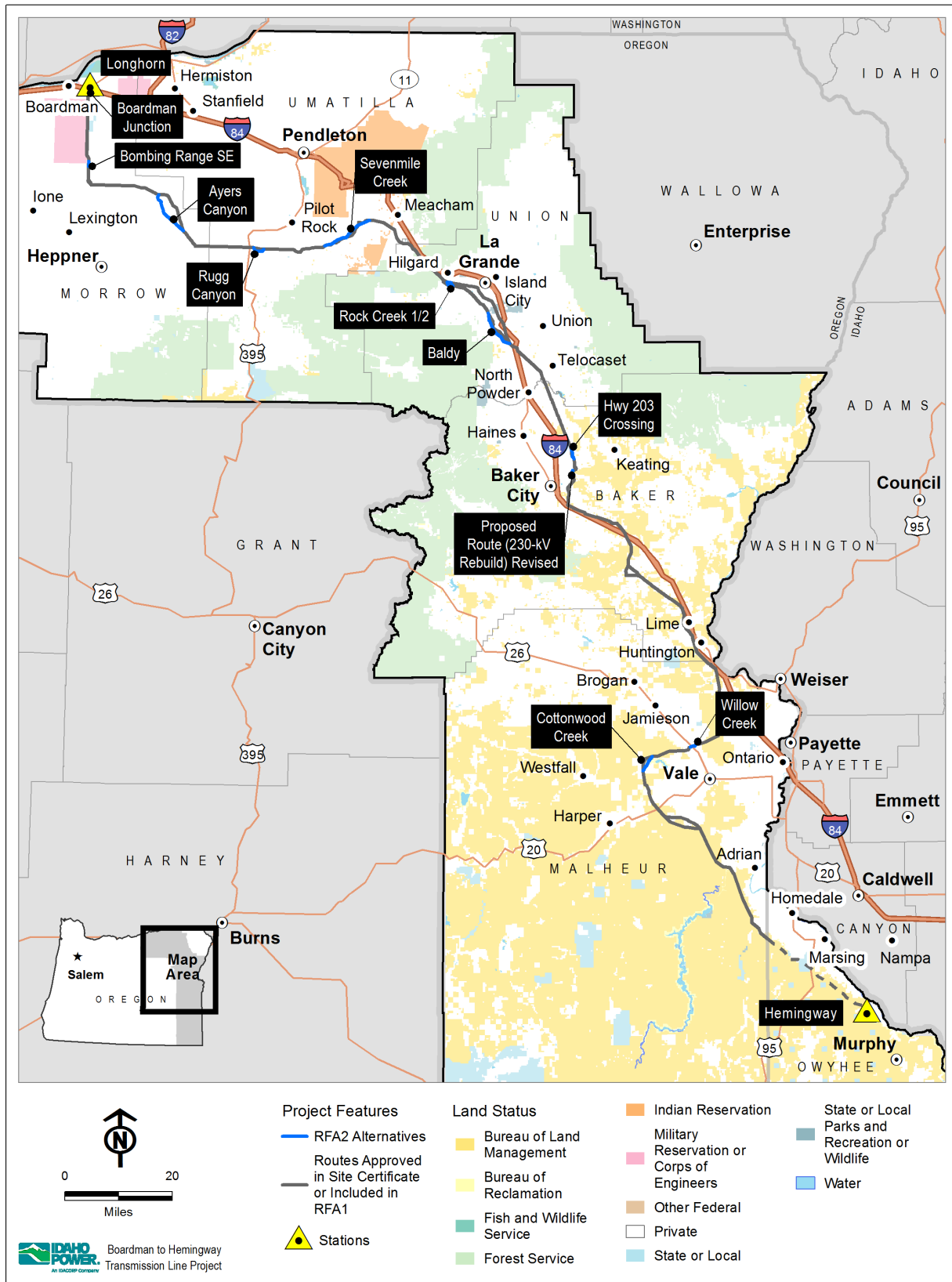


Figure 1-1. Project Overview

## **TERMINOLOGICAL NOTE TO ATTACHMENTS**

Idaho Power Company is proposing to redefine the term “site boundary” as part of RFA2. The site boundary would be expanded to include the area within 0.25 mile of either side of the transmission line centerline and within 0.25 mile of either side of access road centerlines. This generally creates a 0.5-mile-wide site boundary.

The previously approved site boundary, as described in the ASC Exhibit C, is now referred to as the “micrositing area.” RFA2 includes proposed micrositing area additions as well as the expanded site boundary. Additional details regarding the definition of site boundary and micrositing area are included in Attachment 6-1.

The terminology used in these attachments does not reflect the changes in terminology proposed in RFA2. In general, when reading these attachments (with a few exceptions noted below), the term “site boundary” should be read as “micrositing area.” For Attachment 6-1, Redline Site Certificate, IPC made the terminology changes throughout that document and the remaining uses of “site boundary” in that attachment refer to the expanded site boundary proposed in RFA2. For cultural resources attachments (7-13 and 7-14), the term “site boundary” is used to refer to the Project location as well as the location of cultural resources identified during surveys. The terminology change described here only applies to the use of “site boundary” in reference to the Project location.