

PUBLIC NOTICE



Boardman Solar Energy Facility

Notice of Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 1

Summary:

Date Notice and Draft Proposed Order Issued: September 10, 2021.

Issuance of Proposed Order: The Proposed Order recommends approval of the amendment request with existing and, recommended amended site certificate conditions.

Amendment Request: Extend the construction commencement and completion deadlines by three years each.

Facility Location: Morrow and Gilliam counties

Review Process: Type B

Description of Facility: The Boardman Solar Energy Facility is an approved but not yet constructed 75 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) facility located within a site boundary of approximately 798 acres. Construction had to begin by February 23, 2021 and be completed by February 23, 2024, unless extension of the deadlines is approved by Council through review of this amendment request. The site certificate holder is Boardman Solar Energy LLC (certificate holder), a subsidiary of Invenergy LLC.

Description of Requested Amendment: Request for Amendment 1 (RFA1) seeks Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) approval for a three year extension to both the construction commencement and completion deadlines. This change would make the new construction commencement deadline February 23, 2024, and the new construction completion deadline February 23, 2027.

Facility Location: The solar energy generation components of the Boardman Solar Energy Facility are approved to be located in Morrow County, whereas the 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line that will connect the energy facility to the grid will be located within Gilliam County. The approved facility site is located between the cities of Arlington and Boardman, and is south of U.S. Highway 84. A map of the facility site boundary is included in this notice.

For a detailed map, please see the Revised Project Overview figure provided in the Revised Property Owner Map and Information available at <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/BSE.aspx> or visit our online mapping tool at <https://tinyurl.com/EFSCmap>.

EFSC Review Process: The amendment request is being processed under "Type B" review, per OAR 345-027-0368 and -0372, which does not include an opportunity to request a contested case. The Proposed Order considers all comments received on the record of the Draft Proposed Order within EFSC jurisdiction. The Proposed Order recommends approval of the changes proposed in RFA1 and issuance of an amended site certificate for Boardman Solar, based on previously imposed site certificate conditions and mitigation plans and amended site certificate conditions.

EFSC will review the proposed order at its **September 24, 2021** meeting to be held remotely with opportunity for attendance via teleconference (phone) or WebEx (internet log-in). EFSC may adopt, modify or reject the proposed order based on the considerations described in OAR 345-027-0375. In a written final order, EFSC shall either grant or deny issuance of an amended and two original site certificates. Judicial review of Council's final order granting or denying the amendment request is as described in OAR 345-027-0372(5) and Oregon Revised Statute 469.403. For more information relating to EFSC standards, please visit: <http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/Siting-Standards.aspx>

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1. You own property within or adjacent to (within 500 feet) the property on which the facility (existing and proposed) site boundaries are located. You will automatically receive all future notices on this facility.
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3. You have previously signed up via GovDelivery/ClickDimensions or by contacting ODOE to receive notices related to the Boardman Solar Energy Facility or all EFSC project-related notices. You will automatically receive all future notices per your request, unless you unsubscribe via ClickDimensions or by contacting ODOE.

More Information: Please contact Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Policy Advisor, at the phone, email address or mailing address listed in this notice.

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More information about the facility and updates on the review process is available using any of the following options.

- 1) **Oregon Department of Energy's webpage:** More details on Boardman Solar Energy Facility including RFA1, Draft Proposed Order and Proposed Order are available online at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/BSE.aspx>.

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

- 2) **Updates by email/mail:** Subscribe to ClickDimensions, a self-managed, automated email system that sends notices and updates on WREFII as well as any or all other energy facilities and events under EFSC jurisdiction. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ODOE-EFSC>.

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3) In hardcopy:

Hard copies of RFA1, Draft Proposed Order and Proposed Order are available for public inspection at following location at no cost. Hard copies will be provided at reasonable cost upon request to the Department:

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

Please contact Chase McVeigh-Walker if you wish to arrange a time to inspect RFA1, Draft Proposed Order or Proposed Order.

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Figure 1: Boardman Solar Energy Facility – Facility Location and Site Boundary

