

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Carty Generating Station

### Receipt of Preliminary Request for Amendment 4 of Site Certificate

**Summary:**

Date Notice Issued: February 28, 2024

Approved Facility: Operational 450 megawatt (MW) natural gas-fueled power plant and approved but not yet constructed 50 MW solar PV unit.

Amendment Request: Increase the solar PV unit from 50 MW to 185 MW, add battery storage, and amend conditions.

Approved Facility Location: North Morrow and North Gilliam Counties.

Amendment Location: North Morrow County.

Review Process: Type A Review Process

*Information Only: Please note, this notice is to provide early notification of this amendment request. There is no comment period associated with this phase of review.*

**Introduction:** On February 16, 2024, the Oregon Department of Energy (Department or staff), staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council (Council or EFSC), received preliminary Request for Amendment 4 (pRFA4) for the Carty Generating Station site certificate. The certificate holder is Portland General Electric Company (PGE).

**Description of Approved Facility:** The Carty Generating Station is an approved 500 MW energy generating facility: 450 MW combined-cycle natural gas-fueled electric generating power plant, and a not-yet-constructed 50 MW solar PV electric power generating unit (Carty Solar Farm) on 315 acres (0.49 sq. miles). The facility is located within an approved site boundary of approximately 4,997 acres.

**Description of Amendment Request:** pRFA4 seeks Council approval for the following changes to the site certificate:

1. Increase solar generating capacity from 50 MW on 315 acres (.49 sq. miles) to 185 MW on 849.7 acres (1.33 sq. miles).
2. Amend the approved site boundary from 4,997 acres (7.8 sq. miles) to approximately 5,249 acres (8.2 sq. miles) by adding three areas to, and removing one area from, within the approved site boundary. (See pRFA4 Figures 1-4)
3. Increase the micrositing area for the Carty Solar Farm from 315 acres (0.49 sq. miles) to approximately 849.7 acres (1.33 sq. miles), to be sited in two separate locations: (1) 491.8 acres to the south of the Carty Reservoir; and (2) 357.9 acres to the north of the Carty Reservoir.
4. Add new related and supporting facilities including: a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with up to 156 MW storage capacity, an above and below ground 34.5 kV collector line system, a new 34.5-kV to 500-kV step up collector substation, a new O&M building, approximately 9.9 miles of new access roads, and approximately 14.7 miles of perimeter fencing.
5. Requests to change construction start and completion dates for the facility and other changes to existing site certificate conditions (See Section 6.0 of pRFA4).

**Facility Location:** The main approved facility is located adjacent to Tower Road, approximately 13 miles southwest of the City of Boardman, in Morrow County. There are also two transmission corridors, one of which extends into northeastern Gilliam County. pRFA4 is proposed both south and north of the Carty Reservoir in Morrow County.

Maps of the approved site boundary, and proposed pRFA4 changes are included in this notice. For detailed map of proposed changes, please see Figure 2 of pRFA4, available at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/CGS.aspx> or visit our online mapping tool at <https://tinyurl.com/EFSCmap>.

## EFSC Review Process:

### Overview

The site certificate amendment process is a consolidated, comprehensive siting process. The certificate holder must demonstrate that the facility, with the proposed changes, meets all applicable EFSC standards established under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 469.501 and set forth in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapters 345, Division 22, 24 and 27 as well as all other applicable Oregon statutes, rules and standards.

### Preliminary Request for Amendment

The current phase consists of staff reviewing the amendment request, along with applicable state agencies, local government and tribal governments to ensure there is information adequate for Council to make findings or impose conditions on all applicable Council standards.

### Complete Request for Amendment

Under OAR 345-027-0363(5), an amendment is complete when the Department finds that the certificate holder has submitted information adequate for the Council to make findings or impose conditions on all applicable Council standards.

### Draft Proposed Order (DPO)

This document is staff's initial recommendation to EFSC, who are the final decision makers, on whether or not each applicable standard is met. The DPO will include staff's analysis of the amendment request as well as comments received from state agencies, local governments and tribal governments. The DPO will include recommended findings of facts, conclusions or law and may include new and/or amended conditions.

Issuance of the DPO will initiate a public comment period.

Under Type A review, in addition to the written public comment period there will be a public hearing which includes an opportunity for oral comments. At that time, to preserve your right to request a contested case proceeding and any subsequent appeal of EFSC's decision, you must comment during the public comment period on the DPO, either orally at the public hearing or in writing during the comment period.

Following the conclusion of the comment period on the DPO, EFSC will review the DPO and all submitted comments and provide their comments to the Department.

### Proposed Order

Following the conclusion of the DPO comment period, the Department must issue a Proposed Order, the staff's second recommendation to EFSC. Changes made from the DPO to the Proposed Order are based on the comments of the Council and any other comments made before the close of the public comment period.

### Contested Case

To determine that a request justifies a contested case, the Council must find that the request raises a significant issue of fact or law that may affect the Council's determination that the facility, with proposed changes, meets the applicable laws and Council standards.

### Final Order

Following the Contested Case proceeding, or the Proposed Order phase if no requests for a Contested Case are received and granted by EFSC, EFSC will issue a Final Order either approving or rejecting RFA4. If approved, an Amended Site Certificate will be issued.

For more information, please visit:

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

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

Please note that you may be receiving this notice for multiple reasons:

1. You own property within or adjacent to (within 500 feet) the property on which the site boundary is located. You will automatically receive all future notices on this facility.
2. You have requested to receive paper notices on the Carty Generating Station. If you wish to be removed from this mailing list, please contact Nancy Hatch.
3. You have previously signed up via GovDelivery/ClickDimensions or by contacting ODOE to receive notices related to the Carty Generating Station 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 Kathleen Sloan, Senior Siting Analyst, at the phone, fax, email address or mailing address listed below:

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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 the Carty Generating Station, and the certificate holder's pRFA4 are available online at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/CGS.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 related to the Carty Generating Station as well as any or all other energy facilities and events under EFSC jurisdiction. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ODOE-EFSC>.

To receive notices by U.S. Mail, please contact Kathleen Sloan using the contact information listed above.

**3) In hardcopy:** A hard copy of pRFA4 is available for public inspection at:

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

Please contact Kathleen Sloan if you wish to arrange a time to review hard copies. Hard copies will be provided at reasonable cost upon request to the Department.

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Figure 1: Carty Generating Station – Facility Site and Vicinity Map –Area Subject to RFA4

