

Oregon Department of **ENERGY**

Public Forum: Listening Session on two EO 25-29 Efforts

Virtual Meeting

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OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Leading Oregon to a safe, equitable, clean, and sustainable energy future.

Our Mission

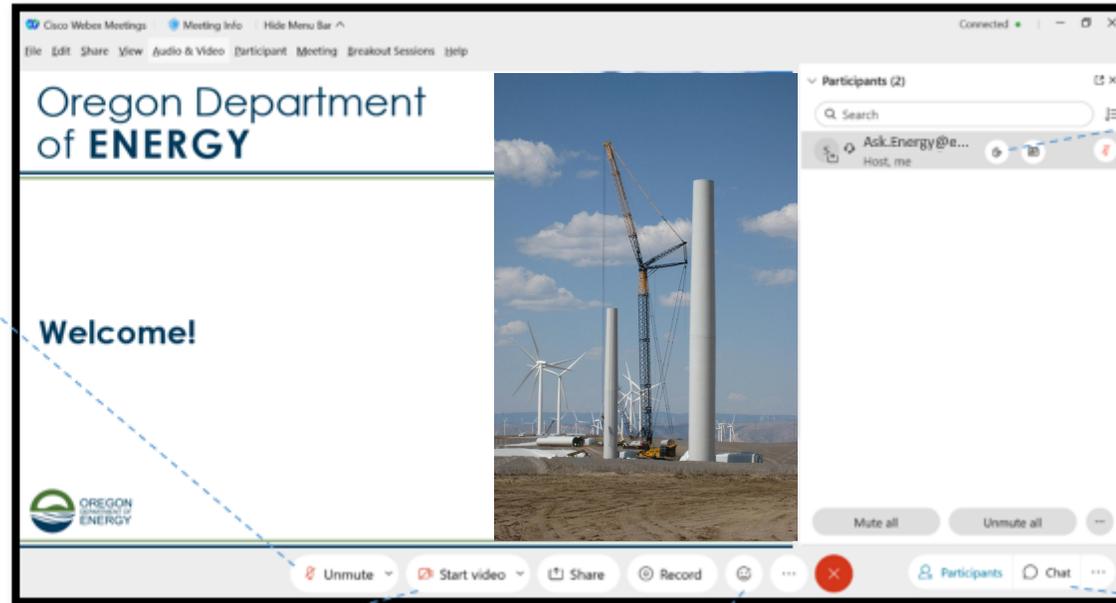
The Oregon Department of Energy helps Oregonians make informed decisions and maintain a resilient and affordable energy system. We advance solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition, protect the environment and public health, and responsibly balance energy needs and impacts for current and future generations.

What We Do

On behalf of Oregonians across the state, the Oregon Department of Energy achieves its mission by providing:

- A Central Repository of Energy Data, Information, and Analysis
- A Venue for Problem-Solving Oregon's Energy Challenges
- Energy Education and Technical Assistance
- Regulation and Oversight
- Energy Programs and Activities

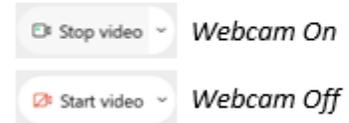
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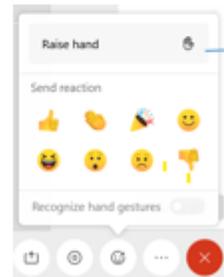
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Video Options



Reactions



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Click on Lower hand when you are done.

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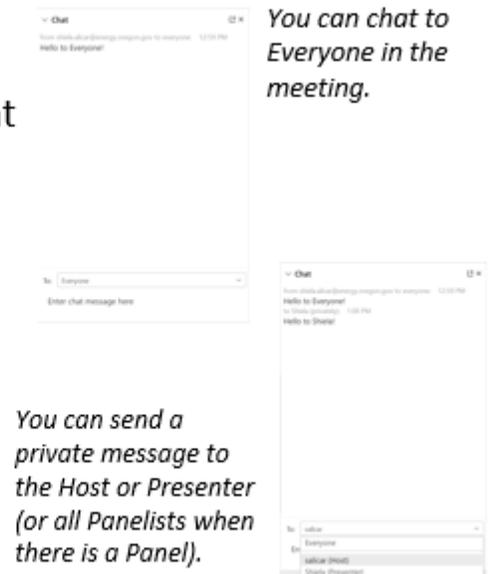
You can also click on the hand next to your name in the Participant list to raise your hand.

Click on Lower hand when you are done.



Chat

You can chat to Everyone in the meeting.



You can send a private message to the Host or Presenter (or all Panelists when there is a Panel).

Would you like to comment today?

- Please write your name in the meeting chat, if you can.
- We will call on people who sign up after our introductory slides.

The image shows a Zoom meeting interface with several callouts:

- Video Options:** A callout box on the left shows two buttons: "Stop video" with a camera icon and "Webcam On", and "Start video" with a camera icon and "Webcam Off".
- Reactions:** A callout box in the center shows a "Raise hand" button with a hand icon and a "Lower hand" button with a hand icon. Text next to it says "Click to Raise your hand." and "Click on Lower hand when you are done." Below the buttons is a "Send reaction" menu with various emoji icons and a "Recognize hand gestures" toggle.
- Chat:** A callout box on the right shows a chat window with a text input field and a "Send" button. Text next to it says "You can chat to Everyone in the meeting." and "You can send a private message to the Host or Presenter (or all Panelists when there is a Panel)." Below the chat window is a list of participants with a dropdown menu.

What is the ask?

What is ODOE seeking comments on, and why?

ODOE would like your input

- Comments will inform TWO work products:
 - Report on Reducing Barriers to Clean Energy Deployment
 - Report on Siting and Permitting Large-Scale Electricity Infrastructure
- ODOE is pursuing each in accordance with Executive Order 25-29
- Each is due to the Governor by September 1, 2026

Report on Siting and Permitting Large-Scale Electricity Infrastructure

- EO 25-29 directs ODOE to examine opportunities to increase the efficiency of siting and permitting processes of large-scale energy projects in Oregon. This report will examine the Energy Facility Siting Council's processes and seek to identify opportunities for improvement.
- Learn more at <https://energystrategy.oregon.gov/largescale>

Disclaimer: This is not an EFSC meeting

- Comments received will inform ODOE's work under EO 25-29.
- Comments received will NOT be considered part of the record for any active rulemaking or facility currently under EFSC's review.
- If you want to comment on any active matter before EFSC, you may do so in two ways:
 - Submit a comment to **EFSC's** comment portal at <https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/en-US/SitingPublicComment/>.
 - Speak at the designated time during an EFSC meeting. More information can be found at <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/Council-Meetings.aspx>.

Report on Reducing Barriers to Clean Energy Deployment

- EO 25-29 directs ODOE to examine barriers to the development of large-scale renewable energy projects in Oregon. This report will examine why some projects have not moved forward despite receiving site certificates and seek to recommend solutions for similar projects.
- Learn more at <https://energystrategy.oregon.gov/cleanenergydevelop>

Oregon Energy Strategy

During the Energy Strategy development process, ODOE heard numerous comments on barriers to clean energy deployment and to siting and permitting energy projects in Oregon.

These comments are available in full and in summarized form at <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Data-and-Reports/Pages/Energy-Strategy.aspx>.

ODOE's Current Expectations

YES, reports will focus on:

- Large-scale projects
- Commercially available technologies like solar, on-shore wind, short-term battery storage
- Transmission – *only for the Report on Siting and Permitting Large-Scale Electricity Infrastructure*

NO, reports will not focus on:

- Small-scale projects
- Emerging technologies*
- Transmission corridors*

** Information about other EO 25-29 workstreams focused on these topics will be posted at <https://energystrategy.oregon.gov/implementing-the-strategy>*

Opportunities to Comment

- First Round of Public Comments ends **5 p.m. March 20, 2026**
 - Written comments via Comment Portal
 - <https://odoedev.powerappsportals.us/en-US/EO-Public-Comment/>
 - Oral comments at a listening session
- There will be an additional public comment opportunity in the future.

Optional Questions in the Comment Portal

- Q1 – Describe your interest and why you are commenting
- Q2 – Barriers you have experienced or witnessed before EFSC's review begins
- Q3-10 – Barriers at each stage of EFSC's review process
- Q11 – Barriers after EFSC approves a project

Optional Questions 12-19

- Q12-17 – Barriers not described in prior response to...
 - Public participation
 - Permitting
 - Interconnection
 - Construction
- Q18 – Any recommendations for the State of Oregon to act?
- Q19 – Any other comments?

Logistics for Public Comments

- ODOE is not going to be responding to comments today or answering questions verbally. If possible, we will answer questions in the chat. We will consider questions we receive to inform how and if we can improve the information on our website.
- We will call on those wishing to provide comments.
- ODOE will be tracking time to facilitate as many public comments as possible.
- If time allows, we will circle back to those with more to say.

Meeting Guidelines

- ODOE strives to provide a welcoming venue to hear a wide range of perspectives
- We ask that you engage in a respectful and courteous manner
- ODOE may take action to address disruptive behavior



Time for Public Comments!



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