

PUBLIC NOTICE

Columbia Ethanol Project

Request for Amendment #1



Summary

Date Notice Issued: May 13, 2016

Facility: Columbia Ethanol Project

Location: Boardman Industrial Park, Morrow County, Oregon

Request for Amendment: The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC), received Request for Amendment #1 (RFA) to Columbia Ethanol Project's (CEP) Site Certificate from the certificate holder, Pacific Ethanol Columbia, LLC. The RFA includes a corn oil extraction system; sugar addition system; carbon dioxide capture infrastructure; change in feedstock to allow corn and granulated sugar for use in ethanol production; increase the volume of annual ethanol production from 35 to 44 million gallons per year (MMgy); and, amend site certificate conditions IV.C.2 and IV.C.4.

Background and Description of the Facility

In 2007, EFSC issued a site certificate for construction and operation of CEP, an ethanol facility that converts corn to ethanol, to produce up to 35 MMgy. The existing energy facility consists of buildings, storage tanks, and bins. With the exception of the requested increase in annual ethanol production, the components included in the RFA have been constructed and are in operation.

Energy Facility Location Description

CEP's existing energy facility is located on approximately 25 acres, zoned Port Industrial, in the Boardman Industrial Park owned by the Port of Morrow in Morrow County, Oregon. The components included in the RFA would not change the existing facility location or site boundary.

Energy Facility Location Map



The Siting Council's Review Process

After reviewing the RFA and any comments received, ODOE will prepare a proposed order that will make a recommendation to EFSC for approval, modification, or denial of the requested amendments. Upon the release of the proposed order, ODOE will issue a public notice and open a 30-day period for comments or requests for a contested case hearing. The notice will explain the right to request a contested case hearing on the proposed order.

Extended Review Process

ODOE has determined that the RFA requires extended review. As such, ODOE expects to release the proposed order within 180 days from the date of this notice.

Comment Period

The deadline to submit comments on the RFA is **August 5, 2016**. ODOE does not anticipate a change to the comment deadline. However, ODOE will notify the public if the comment period is extended.

Comments must be submitted *in writing* by mail, email, hand-delivery, or fax. Please send comments to:

Sarah Esterson, Siting Analyst
Oregon Department of Energy
625 Marion Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
Email: CEP.comments@state.or.us
Fax: 503-373-7806

Please Note: This is only the first opportunity to comment on the RFA. The department will also solicit comments after issuing the proposed order.

More Information

You can find more information and updates on the review process using any of the options below:

1) Oregon Department of Energy's webpage

More details on CEP, including the certificate holder's RFA, are available at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/Siting/Pages/CEP.aspx>

2) Contacting the project Siting Analyst

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3) Updates by email

Subscribe to GovDelivery for email updates on CEP's RFA or other energy facilities under Council jurisdiction. GovDelivery is an automated email system that allows interested members of the public to manage subscriptions to information received about the department's projects and events. For more information, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/EFSC-email>.

4) In hard copy

Copies of the RFA are available for public review at:

Oregon Trail Library District
200 South Main Street
Boardman, OR 97818

Oregon Department of Energy
625 Marion Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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