

Attachment 2: Draft Proposed Order Comments (received by August 9, 2018)

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From: POULEY John * OPRD
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 11:15 AM
To: ESTERSON Sarah * ODOE
Subject: SHPO Case Nbr SHPO Case No.: 14-1150, Golden Hills Wind Project
Attachments: SHPO Response Letter Case Nbr SHPO Case No._ 14-1150.pdf

Please find the SHPO's response to your request for comment on cultural resources at the above-identified project. This attachment serves as your file copy. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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July 19, 2018

Ms. Sarah Esterson
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RE: SHPO Case No. 14-1150
Golden Hills Wind Project
Install of wind turbines
Multiple Legals, Sherman County

Dear Ms. Esterson:

Our office recently received your memorandum for the project referenced above, and concur the project will likely have no adverse effects to any other known archaeological sites. Additional archaeological research is not anticipated for this project. This letter refers to archaeological resources only. Comments pursuant to a review for above-ground historic resources will be sent separately.

Sincerely,

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July 26, 2018

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RE: SHPO Case No. 14-1150
Golden Hills Wind Project
Install of wind turbines
Multiple Legals, Sherman County

Dear Ms. Esterson:

We have reviewed the additional materials provided by your agency on the project referenced above, which address our request for additional information sent on July 25, 2018. The Oregon SHPO agrees with the applicant's analysis in the preliminary Request for Amendment 5 that the increased height of the wind turbines will not adversely affect the National Register of Historic Places -listed DeMoss Springs Park or the identified segments of the Oregon National Historic Trail and Barlow Cutoff.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments or need additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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Hi Sarah,

If the proposed areas of expansion of temporary access roads were not covered in existing wetland delineations for this project, those areas will need to have a wetland delineation performed and sent into DSL for review and concurrence. If the expanded temporary access roads will impact waters of the state, a permit may be required if one isn't already. If one is already, then those impacts will need to be included in the permit application and potentially mitigated for.

Heidi Hartman

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Subject: Golden Hills Wind Project: Notice of Complete Request for Amendment 5 of the Site Certificate, Draft Proposed Order and Public Hearing - August 23, 2018 Comment Deadline

Good afternoon,

On July 6, 2018 the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (Council) and the Oregon Department of Energy (Department) received a complete Request for Amendment 5 of the Golden Hills Wind Project site certificate (RFA5). On July 13, 2018, the Department issued its Draft Proposed Order presenting recommended findings of fact related to Council standards at OAR Chapter 345 Divisions 22-24.

Background

The Golden Hills Wind Project is an approved wind energy generation facility to be located in Sherman County. The facility has not yet been constructed, but has been previously approved by Council for construction and operation of up to 125 wind turbines, with a peak generating capacity of up to 400 megawatts of electricity.

Summary of the amendment request

RFA5 seeks Council approval to amend its site certificate to allow flexibility in its final facility design, including larger wind turbine types that would increase maximum turbine blade tip height from 518 to 650 feet; increase the maximum turbine hub height from 312 to 404 feet; reduce minimum aboveground blade tip clearance from 65 to 46 feet; increase the height of meteorological towers from 312 to 404 feet; allow for expansion of temporary access roads from 40 to 100 feet; and, remove subsection (e) from condition PRE-DC-01 (which restricts the maximum combined weight of metals contained within turbine towers).

Attachments

Public Notice on Request for Comments on the Complete RFA5 and Draft Proposed Order, and Notice on the Draft Proposed Order Public Hearing is attached for your reference.

RFA5, draft proposed order and public notice are available on the Department's project website at:

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

Comment Deadline

Written comments on RFA5 and the draft proposed order must be received by the Department **by the close of the August 23, 2018 public hearing**. Comments on the amendment request and the draft proposed order must be received by the Department **by the close of the August 23, 2018 public hearing, and must be submitted in writing by mail, email, hand-delivery or fax per below:**

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Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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Subject: Re: Golden Hills Wind Project: Notice of Complete Request for Amendment 5 of the Site Certificate, Draft Proposed Order and Public Hearing - August 23, 2018 Comment Deadline

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Golden Hills Wind Project: Notice of Complete Request for Amendment 5 of the Site Certificate (Sherman County).

As the technical reviewer for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), concerns are with potential impacts to historic properties that may be located within the Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the Project. The Project APE is within the territories and areas of concern of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (CTWSRO).

If the redesign of the Project includes any changes to the APE, then additional identification, evaluation, and protection of historic properties or cultural resources may be necessary. Please keep us in the loop on this Project.

Please keep us in the loop as these Projects develop.

Thank you again for your consideration.

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*The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon have reserved treaty rights in Ceded Lands, as well as Usual and Accustomed and Aboriginal Areas, as set forth through the Treaty with the Middle Tribes of Oregon, June 25, 1855.

*Please know that review by the Tribal Historic Preservation Office does not constitute Government-to-Government consultation. Please ensure that appropriate Government-to-Government consultation is made with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Tribal Council.

On Jul 16, 2018, at 1:51 PM, Robert Brunoe <robert.brunoe@ctwsbnr.org> wrote: