



# ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

## Energy Facility Siting Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

### Oregon Department of Energy WebEx Teleconference/Webinar

**Friday, January 28, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.**

#### WebEx Webinar Information:

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**Please Note:** Every effort will be made to consider items as they are indicated. However, the Council agenda and the order of agenda items are subject to change.

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#### Roll Call and Opening Remarks

- A. **Consent Calendar (Action Item & Information Item)** – Approval of December 16-17, 2021 minutes; Council Secretary Report; and other routine Council business.
- B. **Annual Financial Assurance Update (Action Item)** – Sisily Fleming, Fiscal Analyst. Council’s Retirement and Financial Assurance Standard (OAR 345-022-0050) requires that certificate holder’s obtain a bond or letter of credit in a form and amount deemed satisfactory to Council. Council will receive a presentation on “form” options, including updates to the financial instrument templates and financial institutions staff recommends be considered satisfactory, proposed for the Council’s 2022 pre-approved template and financial institution list.
- C. **2022 Legislative Session Overview (Information Item)** – Christy Splitt, Government Relations Coordinator. The Council will receive an overview of the 2022 legislative session.
- D. **Public Comment** - This time is reserved for the public to address the Council regarding any item within Council jurisdiction that is not otherwise closed for comment, which includes the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Proposed Order and the Obsidian Solar Center Proposed Order, both of which are in contested case proceedings.
- E. **Stateline Wind Project – Council Review/Decision on Contested Case Requests, if Received, and Review/Decision on the Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 6 of the Site Certificate (Action Item)** – Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Siting Analyst. The Council will review requests for

contested case on the Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 6 of the Stateline Wind Project site certificate, if received. If received and determined justified, Council will initiate a contested case proceeding. If no contested case requests are received or the Council denies the contested case request(s), the Council will proceed to review the Proposed Order on Amendment 6 and will either adopt, modify, or reject the proposed order as the final order and grant or deny an amended site certificate.

The Stateline Wind Project is an operational 222 MW wind facility located in Umatilla County. The Proposed Order on Amendment 6 evaluates a new repowering option, new and replacement wind turbines, new temporary and permanent disturbance, and a 50 MW battery energy storage system, proposed for the Vansycle II unit by the certificate holder.

- F. Biglow Canyon Wind Farm – Transformer Failure Overview (Information Item)** – Duane Kilsdonk, ODOE Compliance Officer and Lenna Cope, Portland General Electric Senior Environmental Specialist. Council will receive a presentation from the Department and certificate holder, as requested by Council in October 2021, regarding transformer failures at Portland General Electric’s Biglow Canyon Wind Farm, an operational 450 MW wind facility located in Sherman County.
- G. Overview of Electrical Generation and Consumption in Oregon and the Region (Information Item)** – Adam Schultz, ODOE Senior Policy Analyst and Stephanie Kruse, ODOE Facilities Engineer 3 will provide an overview of the current state of production and consumption of electricity in Oregon and the momentum towards regionalization.
- H. Golden Hills Wind Project – Council Review of Construction Compliance (Information Item)** – Duane Kilsdonk, ODOE Compliance Officer and Sarah Esterson, ODOE Senior Policy Advisor will provide a presentation to Council on the certificate holder’s response to tenant/landowner complaints and non-compliance issues related to disturbance impacts to agriculturally productive soils and adequacy of erosion control materials/monitoring for multiple resources protected by Council standards at the Golden Hills Wind Project, a 202 MW wind facility under construction in Sherman County.
- I. Cascade Renewables Transmission Project Overview (Information Item)** – Christopher Hocker, Vice President, Cascade Renewable Transmission, LLC will provide an overview of the Cascade Renewables Transmission project that would consist of an electric transmission cable bundle with 1100 MW of transmission capacity that starts in The Dalles, Oregon and travels approximately 100 miles beneath the Columbia River to the Portland area.  
  
<https://www.cascaderenewable.com/>
- J. Nolin Hills Wind Power Project - Hearing Officer Appointment (Action Item)** – Sarah Esterson, ODOE Senior Policy Advisor. Council will consider appointment of Office of Administrative Hearing’s Senior Administrative Law Judge Kate Triana, in accordance with ORS 469.470, as the Hearing Officer for proceedings on the Application for Site Certificate for the Nolin Hills Wind Project (proposed 600 MW wind/solar facility in Umatilla County).

**Anticipated Adjournment at 3:30 p.m.**

## Anticipated Future Energy Facility Siting Council Meetings:

- February 24-25, 2022
  - March 17-18, 2022
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