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## Energy Facility Siting Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

**Thursday May 30, 2024 5:30 PM**  
**Friday May 31, 2024 8:30 AM**

**Riverfront Center/ Riverfront Room**  
**2 Marine Dr.**  
**Boardman Oregon**

### Thursday 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, Opening Remarks and Agenda Modifications**

- A. (5:30 P.M.) Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Request for Amendment 2 Draft Proposed Order (Public Hearing)** – The Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line is an approved, not yet constructed, facility that includes an ASC approved route approximately 270.8-mile-long single-circuit 500-kV electric transmission line that crosses five counties in Oregon, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker, and Malheur counties. The approved facility also includes eight alternative routes.

Request for Amendment 2 (RFA2) includes: expansion of the site boundary for most of the facility; the addition of micrositing areas to relocate the transmission line in 12 locations including approximately 40 miles of 500-kV transmission line alternatives and 0.6 mile of 230-kV transmission line alternatives; refining 58 miles of roads resulting from additional design and engineering review; proposed alternative temporary work areas; add a Midline Capacitor Substation; and widen the width of roads used for construction. The amendment also requests Council approval to amend language of site certificate condition(s). This agenda item includes:

1. Facility and RFA2 Overview: Kellen Tardaewether, Senior Siting Analyst (staff), will provide an overview of the siting process, and of the amendment request.

2. Public Hearing Overview: Chair Kent Howe, acting as the Presiding Officer, will explain the legal requirements for providing comments on the record and will facilitate the hearing.
3. Public Hearing: Interested individuals will have an opportunity to provide oral testimony on RFA2 and Draft Proposed Order on RFA2. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department through the close of the public comment period, scheduled to end at the close of the public hearing on the DPO.

**B. (6:15 P.M.) Wagon Trail Solar Project Draft Proposed Order (Public Hearing)** – The Wagon Trail Solar Project is a proposed solar photovoltaic energy generation facility with a generating capacity of approximately 500 megawatts. The facility would be located within an approximately 7,450-acre (11.64 sq. miles) site boundary. Other proposed components include a battery energy storage system (lithium-ion batteries); power collection system; up to two substations; operation and maintenance building; Generator Step Up (GSU) transformer; 0.6 mile overhead 230 kV transmission line; perimeter fencing, access roads and staging areas.

1. Proposed Facility Overview: Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Siting Analyst, will provide an overview of the siting process and the proposed facility.
2. Public Hearing Overview: Chair Kent Howe, acting as the Presiding Officer, will explain the legal requirements for providing comments on the record and will facilitate the hearing.
3. Public Hearing: Interested individuals will have an opportunity to provide oral testimony on Draft Proposed Order. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department through the close of the public comment period.

**Anticipated Recess at 7:00 PM**

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**Roll Call, Opening Remarks, and Agenda Modifications**

- C. **Consent Calendar (Action & Information Item)** – Approval of April Meeting Minutes; Council Secretary Report; and other routine Council business.
- D. **Wheatridge Energy Facility East Request for Amendment 1 – Council Review of Proposed Order, Decision on Any Submitted Requests for Contested Case, Possible Material Change Hearing and Public Notice of Hearing to Adopt Final Order (Action Item)** – Christopher Clark, Senior Siting Analyst. Council will be presented with an overview of the approved but not yet constructed 200 MW wind energy generation facility which includes up to 66 wind turbines, up to 32 miles of two overhead, parallel 230 kV transmission lines, and other related and supporting facilities to be located within an approximately 4,582-acre site boundary in Umatilla and Morrow Counties.

Request for Amendment 1 (RFA1) proposes to add 41 turbines, expand the micrositing corridor by approximately 10,000 acres, expand and increase the relating or supporting facilities and extend the construction completion deadline by 3 years. Council will have two potential review and action items:

1. Council Decision on Requests for Contested Case – Council will first consider any requests for contested case on the Department’s Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 1 submitted on or before May 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.; which is the deadline to submit requests. If a contested case request or requests are granted, Council will provide the next steps for initiating a contested case proceeding for the issues granted.
2. Council Decision on Proposed Order – Unless a contested case proceeding is granted, Council will proceed to review the Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 1 and will either adopt, modify or reject the Proposed Order as the Final Order. If Council makes material changes from the Proposed Order to the Final Order, there will be a hearing on any material changes.

**E. Public Comment Period (Information Item)** – This time is reserved for the public to address the Council regarding any item within Council jurisdiction that is not otherwise closed for comment including the Wheatridge East Request for Amendment 1 Draft Proposed Order and the Leaning Juniper IIA Request for Amendment 3 Draft Proposed Order.

**F. Leaning Juniper IIA Council Decision on Any Submitted Requests for Contested Case, and Possible Material Change Hearing and Public Notice of Hearing to Adopt Final Order (Action Item)** – Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Siting Analyst. Council will be presented with an overview of the operational 90.3 MW wind energy generation facility consisting of 43 wind turbines, with a maximum blade tip height of 492 feet, and related and supporting facilities within a site boundary of 6,404 acres in Gilliam County.

Request for Amendment 3 includes repowering 36 wind turbines, decommissioning 2 wind turbines, temporarily disturbing 396 acres of high-value farmland and adding new conditions. Council will have two potential review and action items:

1. Council Decision on Requests for Contested Case – Council will first consider any requests for contested case on the Department’s Proposed Order on Amendment 3 submitted on or before the deadline to submit requests for contested case. If a contested case request or requests are granted, Council will provide the next steps for initiating a contested case proceeding for the issues granted.
2. Council Decision on Proposed Order – Unless a contested case proceeding is granted, Council will proceed to review the Proposed Order on Amendment 3 and will either adopt, modify or reject the Proposed Order as the Final Order. If Council makes material changes from the Proposed Order to the Final Order, there will be a hearing on any material changes.

**G. Contested Case Rulemaking (Action Item)** – Thomas Jackman, Rules Coordinator will present for consideration by Council updated amended rules regarding the Contested Case rulemaking to be submitted as part of a new Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

**Anticipated Adjournment at 11:30 AM**

## Anticipated Future Energy Facility Siting Council Meetings:

- June 13-14, 2024
  - July 18-19, 2024
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