



January 16, 2025

Kent Howe, Chair
Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council
Oregon Department of Energy
550 Capitol Street NE, First Floor
Salem, OR 97301

**Re: Extension Request, Notice of Intent to Apply for a Site Certificate
Cascade Renewable Transmission Project**

Dear Chair Howe:

On March 7, 2023, Cascade Renewable Transmission, LLC (the “Applicant”) submitted a Notice of Intent to Apply for a Site Certificate (NOI”) for the Cascade Renewable Transmission Project (the “Project”), a high-voltage direct current (“HVDC”) transmission line to be installed under water in the Columbia River as well as underground in portions of Oregon and Washington between The Dalles and Portland, Oregon. As part of the NOI, the Applicant provided a schedule stating that it expected to submit a preliminary site certificate application in April 2024.

However, because the Project is subject to the jurisdiction not only of the Council but also of the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”), the Applicant has undertaken or plans to undertake extensive studies, including field surveys, to minimize and/or avoid adverse impacts and meet permitting requirements of all jurisdictions. More specifically, the Applicant is required to meet federal requirements related to formal consultation with Native American Tribes under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. In June 2024, the Applicant filed its Section 404 permit application with the USACE, which in turn initiated the USACE-led consultation process with affected Tribes and the delineation of the Area of Potential Effect (“APE”). As a result, cultural resource investigations based on the agreed-upon APE are scheduled to take place in the spring of 2025.

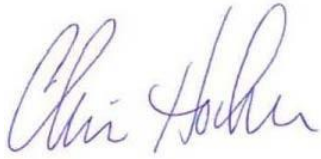
Consequently, the Applicant decided to delay submitting the site certificate application until after 2024, while remaining confident in and committed to the Project and continuing to collect all needed data to move the Project forward. Therefore, we request that the Energy Facility Siting Council grant the Applicant a one-year extension of the NOI such that it would expire on March 7, 2026. This would allow the Applicant sufficient time to complete resource studies and to prepare and submit a site certificate application.

Thank you for your assistance with this request for an extension. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at the address below, by email at chocker@powerbridge.us, or by telephone at (203) 417-9684.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Hocker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and last name "Hocker" clearly distinguishable.

Christopher Hocker
Senior Vice President

From: [Chris Hocker](#)
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Subject: RE: CRT check in meeting follow up - NOI Extension
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Please consider the attached request to extend the NOI for the Cascade Renewable Transmission Project for one year.

Thanks,

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Hi Suzy,

Thanks for reaching out, I had a reminder on my calendar about this as well. I believe we just need a letter showing that there is good cause for the extension. Submittal by email to Todd, Sarah, and I is fine, but I would address the letter itself to the Council or Chair Howe.

This doesn't come up very frequently, but I've attached NOI extension requests for the Blue Marmot Solar Facility and Nolin Hills Wind Project that were reviewed and approved by the Council in 2019.

Thank you,



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Hi Chris,
Happy New Year!

I am following up on this, as January 21st is sneaking up on us quickly. Is there a preferred method for ODOE to receive an NOI extension request? Perhaps you could provide an example?

Thank you,
Suzy

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Hi Suzy,

As a follow up to our meeting on Tuesday, I wanted to confirm that under OAR 345-020-0060, a petition for the Council to extend the expiration date of an NOI must be submitted not less than 45 days before the expiration date. For CRT, that means the last day a petition can be submitted is January 21, 2025.

Thank you,



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