

**BEFORE THE
ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL
OF THE STATE OF OREGON**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR SITE
CERTIFICATE FOR THE SUMMIT RIDGE RENEWABLE
ENERGY FACILITY

) ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF
) THE NOTICE OF INTENT
) EXPIRATION DATE
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1 On January 26, 2024, Summit Ridge Wind, LLC (applicant) submitted a Notice of Intent for the
2 Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility (proposed facility), a proposed wind and solar
3 photovoltaic energy generation facility including battery storage and related and supporting
4 facilities to be located within an approximately 4,061-acre (6.35 sq. mile) site boundary of private
5 land zoned for exclusive farm use in northeastern Wasco County. The proposed facility would have
6 an average generating capacity of 127 MW, a maximum generating capacity of 261 MW, and 201
7 MW nameplate capacity with up to 201 MW of battery storage.
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9 On June 10, 2024, the Department issued a Project Order establishing the statutes, administrative
10 rules, Council standards, local ordinances, and other requirements for the site certificate
11 application. Consistent with the requirements of OAR 345-020-0060, the Project Order establishes
12 January 25, 2026, as the expiration date of the Notice of Intent.
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14 Under OAR 345-020-0060, the Notice of Intent expires two years after its date of submission
15 unless, at least 45 days before the expiration date, the applicant submits a petition to extend the
16 expiration date. If the Council finds that the petition shows good cause, the Council may extend the
17 expiration date for a period of up to one year.
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19 On November 24, 2025, the applicant submitted a petition to extend the expiration date of the
20 Notice of Intent by one year. Because the applicant submitted the petition more than 45 days
21 before the NOI expiration date, the Council finds the petition was submitted timely. The applicant
22 subsequently provided additional information explaining why it was necessary to extend the
23 expiration date.
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25 The petition and supplemental information explain that the extension is needed because over the
26 course of the original Notice of Intent period, the applicant has found it necessary to negotiate with
27 participating landowners on the location of the proposed facility components and as a result of
28 those negotiations, needs additional time to finalize agreements and conduct additional field
29 surveys and analysis based on the planned facility design. In addition, the applicant identifies the
30 changes in Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) plans to construct the Boyd Ridge Substation
31 requiring the applicant to assume the responsibility of designing, constructing, owning and
32 operating the substation as part of facility design, and a change in BPA schedule on timelines to
33 construct the 230 kV intertie transmission line to connect the substation to the BPA transmission
34 grid.
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36 We find that the applicant's request represents good cause for an extension of the Notice of Intent
37 expiration date by one year.
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1 Because the applicant has timely submitted a petition to extend the Notice of Intent expiration date
2 that demonstrates good cause for the extension, the Council grants the applicant's request.
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4 THEREFORE, the Council orders the Project Order be amended to extend the NOI expiration date to
5 January 25, 2027.

Cindy Condon, Chair
Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council

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