

# ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

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## Meeting Notice and Agenda

Thursday March 19, 2026 5:30 PM

Friday March 20, 2026 9:00 AM

Sage Center  
101 Olson Road  
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.) Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility III Amendment 1 – Public Hearing on Proposed Order (Public Hearing)** – The Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility III is an operational 50 MW solar power generation facility on 357 acres (0.5 sq. miles) of private land within an approximately 2,294-acre site boundary. Request for Amendment 1 seeks to: 1) extend the construction deadline for the unbuilt portion of the approved facility; and 2) split the site certificate into two, one to cover the built, operational facility and the other to cover the remaining approved, unbuilt portions of the approved facility.

1. Background and Overview of Amendment Request: Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Siting Analyst, will provide an overview of the facility and changes proposed in Request for Amendment 1.
2. Public Hearing Overview: Todd Cornett, Assistant Director for Siting/Council Secretary, 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 Request for Amendment 1 and Proposed Order on Amendment 1. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department until April 3, 2026 at 5:00 PM. The duration of the time for

individual commenters will be 7 minutes, but that may be lengthened or shortened based on the number of people who comment.

**B. (6:15 P.M.) Well Springs Solar Facility Notice of Intent (Public Information Meeting)** – The proposed facility includes up to 750 MW of solar photovoltaic power generation components located within a 7,365-acre (11.5 sq. miles) site located on privately owned land zoned Exclusive Farm Use, approximately 5 miles northwest of Lone, in Morrow County.

1. Proposed Facility Overview: MN8 Energy Development Company (applicant) will provide an overview of the proposed facility.
2. Energy Facility Siting Program Overview: Christopher Clark, Senior Siting Analyst, will provide an overview of the Notice of Intent step and future steps in the state siting review.
3. Public Comments/Questions: Interested individuals will have the opportunity to ask questions of the applicant and the Department. Interested individuals will also have an opportunity to provide verbal comments on the Notice of Intent. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department until March 26, 2026, at 5:00 PM. The duration of the time for individual commenters will be 7 minutes, but that may be lengthened or shortened based on the number of people who comment.

**Anticipated Recess at 7:00 PM**

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**9:00 AM Roll Call, Opening Remarks, and Agenda Modifications**

- C. Consent Calendar (Action & Information Item)** – Approval of January 2026 Draft Meeting Minutes; Council Secretary Report; and other routine Council business.
- D. (9:15 A.M) Tribal Communications Rulemaking (Public Hearing)** – This rulemaking is intended to encourage and improve communication between applicants and all tribes who might be affected by the siting of an energy project.
1. Public Hearing Overview: Todd Cornett, Assistant Director for Siting/Council Secretary acting as the Presiding Officer, will explain the legal requirements for providing comments on the record and will facilitate the public hearing.
  2. Public Hearing: Interested individuals will have an opportunity to provide oral testimony on Contested Case rulemaking and the proposed rule language. The duration of the time for individual commenters will be 7 minutes, but that may be lengthened or shortened based on the number of people who comment. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department by 5:00 pm on March 31, 2026 to be considered.
- E. (9:30 A.M.) Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility Amendment 4 (Site Certificate Transfer Hearing and Action Item)** – The Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility is an operational, 111 MW wind power generation located within a 7,962 acre site boundary in Gilliam County. Request for Amendment 4 proposes to transfer ownership of the Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility Site Certificate from Leaning Juniper II, LLC to Leaning Juniper 2B, LLC.
1. Transfer Hearing: Todd Cornett, Assistant Director for Siting/Council Secretary acting as the Presiding Officer, will explain the legal requirements for providing comments on the record and will facilitate the transfer hearing. The purpose of the transfer hearing is to provide the public an opportunity to provide oral comments on the transfer request and applicable Council standards (Organizational Expertise and Retirement and Financial Assurance) to Council. The duration of the time for individual commenters will be 7 minutes, but that may be lengthened or shortened based on the number of people who comment.
  2. Council Review and Possible Decision on Request to Transfer Site Certificate: Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Siting Analyst will present the transfer request. If Council has enough information, they will take action to approve or deny the transfer request. If approved, Council will issue a fourth amended site certificate to reflect the new certificate holder.
- F. Public Comments (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 or where a public hearing has occurred and only a written comment period is still open.

Per OAR 345-011-0020 the Chair establishes the duration of the time for individual commenters at 7 minutes but may lengthen or shorten that timeframe as the length of the meeting and timing and duration of other Council business dictate.

- G. Biglow Canyon Wind Project Amendment 4 - Review/Possible Decision of Draft Final Order (Action Item)** – Chris Clark, Senior Siting Analyst. The facility is an operational 450-MW wind power generation facility within a 25,000-acre (39 sq. mile) site boundary. The amendment request includes construction and operation of up to 125 MW of solar photovoltaic power generation and battery energy storage system components, and other related or supporting facilities within a proposed 1,924-acre Solar Micrositing Area.
- H. Klamath Cogeneration Facility Amendment 6 – Request to waive in person Public Hearing (Action Item)** – Todd Cornett, Assistant Director for Siting/Council Secretary. The Klamath Cogeneration Project is an operational 535 MW natural gas fired, combined-cycle cogeneration facility. Request for Amendment 6 seeks to change a condition related cooling tower blowdown water.
- I. Appointment of Hearing Officers for Future Contested Case Proceedings for the proposed Umatilla Morrow County Connect Project, Heppner Wind Energy Project, Klamath Falls Energy Center, Sunrise Solar and Storage Project, Buckley Solar Facility, Cascade Renewable Transmission System, Muddy Creek Energy Park, and the Deschutes Solar and Battery Energy Storage System Facility (Action Items)** – Todd Cornett, Assistant Director for Siting/Council Secretary. Council will consider appointment of Oregon Office of Administrative Hearings Senior Administrative Law Judges, in accordance with ORS 469.470, as Hearing Officers for contested proceedings associated with the referenced proposed facilities.

#### **Anticipated Adjournment at 12:45 PM**

#### **Anticipated Future Energy Facility Siting Council Meetings:**

- **April 16-17, 2026**
- **May 15-16, 2026**

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