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**ACTIVE STATE ENERGY FACILITY PROJECTS**
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**Proposed Energy Facilities**

**Nolin Hills Wind Power Project**
**Facility Description:** A 600-megawatt (MW) wind and solar energy generation facility in Umatilla County. Wind facility components are approved to be located within a 13,767-acre micrositing area; the solar facility components are authorized to use or occupy up to 1,896 acres (2.9 sq. miles). The certificate holder is Nolin Hills Wind, LLC, a subsidiary of Capital Power Corporation.

**Phase:** Appeal

**What's New:** Prior to the deadline, Umatilla County appealed the Council’s Final Order approving the request for site certificate to the Oregon Supreme Court.

**Looking Forward:** Per ORS 469.403(6), the Oregon Supreme Court shall render a decision within six months of the filing of the petition for review.

**Wagon Trail Solar Project**
**Facility Description:** Solar energy generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of up to 500 MW to use or occupy up to 7,450 acres (11.64 sq. miles) in Morrow County. The facility is proposed by Wheatridge East Wind, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC.

**Phase:** Application for Site Certificate

**What's New:** The Department held a virtual Public Information Meeting on the Complete Application for a Site Certificate on January 17, 2024. Due to inclement winter weather, the Department and the applicant participated remotely.

**Looking Forward:** The Department is drafting the Draft Proposed Order, and based on reviewing agency coordination, expects to issue it in February 2024.

**Sunstone Solar Project (formerly Echo Solar Project)**
**Facility Description:** Solar energy facility with a nominal generating capacity of up to 1,200 MW to use or occupy up to 10,900 acres (17.03 sq. miles) of predominately cultivated land in Morrow...
County. The facility is proposed by Sunstone Solar, LLC, a subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC.

**Phase:** Preliminary Application for Site Certificate

**What’s New:** N/A

**Looking Forward:** The Department will complete its review of the preliminary application for site certificate following receipt of responses to all outstanding requests for additional information and will prepare the Draft Proposed Order in coordination with state agencies, local governments, and interested tribes.

**Archway Solar Energy Facility**

**Facility Description:** Solar energy generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of up to 400 MW to use or occupy up to 4,300 acres (6.7 sq. miles) in Lake County. The applicant is Archway Solar Energy, LLC, a subsidiary of Invenergy Solar Development North America, LLC.

**Phase:** Preliminary Application for Site Certificate – On Hold

**What’s New:** The applicant indicated that the facility layout was being redesigned resulting from additional survey work at the proposed site. The Department’s review is on hold until applicant provides revised information.

**Looking Forward:** N/A

**Cascade Renewable Transmission System**

**Facility Description:** 320-kV direct current transmission line sited mostly in the bed of the Columbia River between The Dalles and Portland on both the Oregon and Washington sides of the river. Other proposed components include two converter stations and overhead transmission lines to connect to the endpoint substations. The facility is proposed by Cascade Renewable Transmission, LLC. The project will also require federal and Washington State approval.

**Phase:** Notice of Intent

**What’s New:** N/A

**Looking Forward:** The applicant has indicated that it intends to submit the preliminary Application for Site Certificate in April 2024.

**Muddy Creek Energy Park**

**Facility Description:** Solar energy facility with a nominal generating capacity of up to 199 MWs to use or occupy up to 1,588 acres (2.5 sq. miles) of predominately cultivated land in Linn County, approximately 8 miles south of the city of Brownsville. The facility is proposed by Muddy Creek Energy Park LLC, a subsidiary of Hanwha Q Cells USA Corp.

**Phase:** Notice of Intent

**What’s New:** N/A

**Looking Forward:** The applicant must submit its preliminary Application for Site Certificate by May 2025.

**Yellow Rosebush Energy Center**

**Facility Description:** Solar energy facility with a nominal generating capacity of up to 800 MWs to use or occupy up to 8,075 acres (12.6 sq. miles) of exclusive farm use zoned land in Wasco and Sherman counties. Related and supporting facilities include battery storage and a 500 kV gen-tie line. The facility is proposed by Yellow Rosebush Energy Center, LLC, a subsidiary of Savion, LLC.
Phase: Notice of Intent
What’s New: The Department issued the Project Order on Jan. 26, 2024.
Looking Forward: The Department anticipates the applicant will submit a preliminary Application for Site Certificate in Q1 2024.

Umatilla-Morrow County Connect Project
Facility Description: 230 kV transmission line connecting Umatilla Electric Cooperative’s (UEC) existing Highway 730 Switchyard to UEC’s planned Ordnance Switchyard. There are four route alternatives ranging from approximately 13.1 to 14.4 miles. The facility is proposed by UEC.
Phase: Notice of Intent
What’s New: N/A
Looking Forward: The Department will issue the Project Order on or before February 15, 2024.

Lone Pine to Whetstone 230 kV Transmission Line
Facility Description: 230 kV transmission line connecting existing Whetstone and Lone Pine Substations. There are two proposed routes approximately 10 and 12.1 miles long near the city of Medford and White City in Jackson County. The facility is proposed by PacifiCorp.
Phase: Notice of Intent
What’s New: N/A
Looking Forward: The applicant has modified the proposed route based on comments received and assessments conducted and requested an EFSC jurisdictional determination based on revised route if under 10.0 miles and is no longer EFSC jurisdictional. However, the applicant notified the Department of its decision to leave the NOI active until it expires in April 2025.

Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility
Facility Description: 261 megawatt (MW) combined wind and solar photovoltaic energy generation facility with up to 201 MW battery storage and related and supporting facilities on 4,061 acres (6.25 sq miles) of privately-owned land in Wasco County.
Phase: Notice of Intent
What’s New: The Noticed of Intent (NOI) was submitted on January 26, 2024 and is currently under review.
Looking Forward: The Department will create a project webpage and post the NOI. A Public Notice of the NOI and Public Information Meeting on the NOI will be issued in Feb. 2024.

Approved Energy Facilities - Requests for Amendment

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Amendment #1
Facility Description: An approved but not yet constructed 500 kV single circuit electrical transmission line approximately 300 miles in length (273 miles in Oregon). The certificate holder is Idaho Power Company (IPC).
Amendment Description: 1) Add three 500-kV transmission line route alternatives (approximately 8.8 miles in total); and 2) add 45.9 miles of access road additions in each of the five affected counties. The site boundary additions cover 1,036 acres and changes to site certificate conditions.
Review Process: Type A
Phase: Appeal
What’s New: Ms. Irene Gilbert appealed the Council’s Final Order denying her request for contested case and approving Amendment 1 to the Circuit Court of Union County.
Looking Forward: The Oregon Department of Justice Appellate Division will respond to the appeal.

Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility East Amendment #1
Facility Description: An approved but not yet constructed 200-megawatt (MW) wind energy generation facility, to be located within an approximately 4,582-acre (7.2 sq. mile) site boundary in Umatilla County.
Amendment Description: 1) Expand the approved site boundary by 74,403 (116.3 sq. miles); 2) Expand the approved micrositing corridor by approximately 10,058 acres (15.7 sq. miles); 3) Construct up to 41 additional wind turbines (for a total of 107 turbines); 4) Increase facility capacity from 200 to 300 MWs; 5) Replace previously approved transmission corridor with a new route; and 6) Extend the deadline for construction completion by 3 years.
Review Process: Type A
Phase: Request for Amendment
What’s New: The Department issued its determination that the Request for Amendment is complete on January, 26, 2024.
Looking Forward: The Department will draft the Draft Proposed Order in coordination with state agencies, local governments, and interested tribes. The Department intends to issue the Draft Proposed Order in February to allow for a hearing at the March 21-22 Council meeting.

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Amendment #2
Facility Description: An approved but not yet constructed 500 kV single circuit electrical transmission line approximately 300 miles in length (273 miles in Oregon). The certificate holder is Idaho Power Company (IPC).
Amendment Description: 1) Add micrositing areas for 12 transmission line alternatives and approximately 37 miles of road segment alternatives; 2) Construction and operation of a midline series capacitor substation; 3) Separate definitions of micrositing area and site boundary and expand the site boundary for portions of the facility and 4) Changes to site certificate conditions.
Review Process: Type A
Phase: Preliminary Request for Amendment
What’s New: N/A
Looking Forward: The Department continues to review the preliminary Request for Amendment, issue requests for additional information, and coordinate with the certificate holder and reviewing agencies while drafting the Draft Proposed Order.

Leaning Juniper IIA Wind Power Facility #3
Facility Description: 90 MW operational wind energy facility in Gilliam County.
Amendment Description: 1) Replace the turbine rotors (nose cone, hub, and blades), the turbine nacelle and its interior elements (gearbox, oil cooler, drive shaft, pitch drive), and refurbish the turbine generators from 2.1 MW per turbine up to 2.5 MW on 36 of the 43 existing turbines; 2) Reinforce turbine foundations with upgraded collars and remove and replace the existing pad-
mounted transformers and pads within the existing turbine footprint; 3) Install a new 34.5-kilovolt (kV) collector line system within existing micrositing corridors; and 4) Decommission three turbines, reducing the number of operating turbines to 40 turbines. Of the 40 turbines, 36 will be repowered as part of RFA3; no changes are proposed to four of the original Suzlon turbines.

**Review Process:** Type A  
**Phase:** Preliminary Request for Amendment  
**What's New:** N/A  
**Looking Forward:** The Department will continue its review of the preliminary Request for Amendment, coordinate with the certificate holder and reviewing agencies while drafting the Draft Proposed Order.

**Summit Ridge Wind Farm Amendment #6**  
**Facility Description:** Approved, partially constructed wind energy facility in Wasco County.  
**Amendment Description:** 1) Decrease the size of the site boundary from 11,000 to 4,662 acres; 2) reduce the total number of wind turbines to be constructed from 72 to 32; 3) increase maximum specifications for hub, rotor and blade tip height; 4) construct and operate up to 47 MWs of solar energy generation equipment; 5) construct and operate up to 47 MWs of battery energy storage; 6) extend the construction completion deadline; and 7) amend existing site certificate conditions.  

**Review Process:** Type A  
**Phase:** Preliminary Request for Amendment – On Hold  
**What's New:** The certificate holder submitted a Notice of Intent to Apply for a Site Certificate for a new facility, Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility, for the same location and facility description as the changes proposed in pRFA6 and indicated they intend to Request to Terminate the Summit Ridge Wind Farm site certificate.  
**Looking Forward:** The Department anticipates receiving a Request to Terminate the Summit Ridge Wind Farm Site Certificate in Q1 2024.

**Eugene to Medford Transmission Line Amendment #4**  
**Facility Description:** Operational 137-mile, 500-kilovolt transmission line between the Meridian Substation near Medford, and the Spencer Switching Station south of Eugene. The facility was built in the early 1990s. The site certificate holder is PacifiCorp.  
**Amendment Description:** 1) Expand the site boundary from approximately 23,975 to 24,463 acres; 2) decommission an existing 115 kV transmission line; 3) construct and operate a new 17.6-mile 230 kV transmission line to be double circuited with the existing 115 kV transmission line; 4) add a new 500/230 kV substation (Sam’s Valley substation); 5) upgrade the existing Grants Pass substation to accommodate the termination of the new proposed 230 kV transmission line; 6) reconductor a 4.9-mile segment of existing 230 kV transmission line; and 7) substantially modify an existing access roads. The amendment components are collectively referred to by PacifiCorp as the Sams Valley Reinforcement Project.  

**Review Process:** Type A  
**Phase:** Preliminary Request for Amendment – On Hold  
**What's New:** N/A  
**Looking Forward:** Review of the amendment request and issuance of a Draft Proposed Order is on hold pending an update on the federal review process from the certificate holder.
Amendment Determination Requests (subject to requirements of OAR 345-027-0357)

None

Approved Facilities Under Construction

**Summit Ridge Wind Farm**
*Approved Facility:* Wind power generation facility with a nominal generation capacity of up to 194.4 MW.

*Construction Deadlines:* August 19, 2020 (commencement); August 19, 2023 (completion)*
* *pRFA6 was submitted on August 17, 2023. pRFA6 includes a request for approval to extend the completion deadline. Submission of pRFA6 prior to the August 19, 2023 deadline stays the deadline.

*Construction Status:* Construction of wind turbine string access road modifications commenced on August 6, 2020, and is complete. Currently, the construction phase of the project is paused. The certificate holder must fulfill all applicable pre-construction requirements prior to constructing additional phases of the facility.

**Bakeoven Solar Project**
*Approved Facility:* Solar photovoltaic energy generation facility with a generating capacity of 60 MW being constructed on 497 acres (.77 sq. miles).

*Construction Deadlines:* April 24, 2023 (commencement); April 24, 2026 (completion)

*Construction Status:* Construction of transmission line and 60 MWs of solar photovoltaic energy generation equipment commenced in July/August 2021; construction is anticipated to be complete by April 2024.

**Daybreak Solar Project**
*Approved Facility:* Solar photovoltaic energy generation facility with a generating capacity of 140 MW being constructed on 1,622 acres (2.5 sq. miles).

*Construction Deadlines:* April 24, 2023 (commencement); April 24, 2026 (completion)

*Construction Status:* Construction of the related or supporting facilities and 140 MWs of solar photovoltaic energy generation equipment commenced in July/August 2021; construction is anticipated to be complete by October 2024.

**ACTIVE FEDERAL ENERGY FACILITY PROJECTS**
*Click on the project name for more information.*

**Lower Klamath Project Surrender and Removal** *(no ODOE web page)*
*Facility Description:* FERC license surrender, decommissioning, and removal of four dams along the Klamath River with a total capacity of 163 MW. The J.C. Boyle dam is located in Klamath County, OR. The Copco No.1, Copco No. 2, and Iron Gate dams are located in Siskiyou County, CA.

*What's New:* On January 5, 2024 FERC sent a letter granting partial authorization for construction activities. On January 9, 2024 Klamath River Renewal Corporation filed their acknowledgement letter to FERC and stated that they will begin the reservoir drawdown on the approved schedule,

**Looking Forward:** The applicant will work on completing the preconstruction requirements of the order approving license surrender for the remaining developments prior to commencing additional dam removal activities.

**Swan Lake North Pumped Storage (no ODOE web page)**
**Facility Description:** A 393.3 MW pumped-hydro storage project located approximately 11 miles northeast of Klamath Falls, OR, including: an upper and lower reservoir with active storage capacities of 2,562 and 2,581 acre-feet, respectively; a high-pressure penstock; three low-pressure penstocks; a powerhouse; a substation; and a 32.8-mile-long, 230-kilovolt transmission line.

**What's New:** N/A

**Looking Forward:** The license holder is working to complete the pre-construction requirements of its FERC license.

**Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line (B2H)**
**Facility Description:** A new 500kV, single circuit electric transmission line from a proposed substation near Boardman, OR to the Hemingway substation near Melba, ID. BLM is the lead agency for this FAST-41 project.

**What's New:** N/A

**Looking Forward:** The final two of nine remaining federal environmental review and permitting processes are the Use Authorization (DOI-BOR) and Section 404 Clean Water Act permits (ACE).

**GTN Express Project (no ODOE web page)**
**Facility Description:** Compressor station upgrades to the existing 1377-mile Gas Transmission Northwest interstate natural gas pipeline, which crosses Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, adding approximately 150,000 dekatherms per day of additional capacity. Upgrades in Oregon consist of expanding the compressor station and installing 4 new gas cooling bays and associated piping at the Kent Compressor Station in Sherman County. The Kent Compressor Station would also be upgraded by means of a software upgrade only from 14,300 to 23,470 horsepower.

**What's New:** FERC Office of the Chairman responded to Oregon Legislature Environmental Caucus regarding their letter urging FERC to reconsider their October 23, 2023 decision to issue a certificate for the GTN Xpress Project. The certificate is contested and pending before the Commission. On January 5, 2024 Earth Justice, representing Columbia Riverkeepers and Rogue Climate filed a petition for review regarding FERCs’s issuance of a certificate with the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and with the US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

**Looking Forward:** The certificate issued on October 23, 2023 is in the contested case process.

**Goldendale Energy Storage Project (no ODOE web page)**
**Facility Description:** A 1200 MW closed loop pumped-hydro storage project located approximately 10 miles SE of Goldendale, Washington, at the John Day Dam on the Columbia River. About 12% of the 649.3 acres in the Project Boundary fall within the Bonneville Power Association - Oregon right-of-way. The project includes upper and lower reservoirs, each with active storage capacity of 7100 acre-feet; a water conveyance system; an underground powerhouse; and a transmission...
interconnection to BPA’s John Day Substation.

**What’s New:** On January 19, 2024 FERC issued an order approving the previously proposed amended use and occupancy plan for BLM Lands. On January 22, 2024 the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation submitted comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement asking that the Tribes be informed of the mitigation plans for the Golden Eagle and the Bald Eagle. They also voiced their concerns that the project will effectively result in the destruction of 5 archaeological sites associated with traditional use of the area by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), and that these areas have cultural and religious significance to CTUIR. Their overall recommendation is to not issue a license for the project.

**Looking Forward:** FERC intends to issue the final Environmental Impact Statement in the coming months.

**BLM Programmatic EIS for Utility-Scale Solar (no ODOE web page)**

**Project Description:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing to amend the resource management plan (RMP) and to prepare an associated programmatic environmental impact statement (EIS) for utility scale solar energy planning on lands that are managed by BLM. The purpose of the amendment is to expand solar energy planning to additional western states including Oregon; increase opportunities for responsible renewable energy development; and to develop appropriate criteria to exclude high-value resource areas from renewable energy development.

**What’s New:** N/A

**Looking Forward:** BLM will publish a draft programmatic EIS. BLM is aiming to publish this sometime in 2024.

**North Umpqua Hydro Pumped Storage Project (no ODOE web page)**

**Facility Description:** Amendment to the license for the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project which would allow the applicant to create up to 11 MW of pumped storage generation by connecting the existing Toketee reservoir and Fish Creek forebay. New infrastructure will include an approximately 969 foot long, 48-inch conduit connecting the Toketee and Fish Creek penstocks. A second project would create an additional 26 MW open-loop pumped storage system by connecting the existing Toketee Reservoir with an expanded Clearwater No. 2 forebay. This second project would include a new intake on Toketee Reservoir, pumphouse, reversible pump-turbine, and penstock extension, in addition to the expansion of the existing Clearwater No. 2 forebay.

**What’s New:** On January 9, 2024 FERC acknowledged PacifiCorp’s letter which transmitted the Inspection Report for the Soda Springs Development of the North Umpqua project. PacifiCorp has until February 3, 2024 to submit their plan and schedule for addressing the recommendations put forward in the Inspection report. On January 24, 2024 FERC sent PacifiCorp Authorization for Construction for a Debris Boom Anchor Replacement Construction Package, and Authorization for Construction for Penstock Rehabilitation, Fish Creek Development.

**Looking Forward:** PacifiCorp will begin construction for Penstock Rehabilitation and should be submitting their plan for addressing concerns highlighted in their Inspection Report.

**Owyhee Pumped Storage Project (no ODOE web page)**

**Facility Description:** A 600 MW pumped-hydro storage project located adjacent to the existing
Lake Owyhee, approximately 11 miles southwest of Adrian, OR and includes: an upper reservoir with active storage capacity of 3410 acre-feet, an underground powerhouse, a substation, and a 3.1-mile project transmission line which would intersect the Summer Lake - Hemingway 500 kV transmission line. The existing Lake Owyhee would serve as the facility's lower reservoir.

What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: The applicant will prepare their application to FERC using the Integrated Licensing Process.

**Crooked Creek Pumped Storage Project (no ODOE web page)**
**Facility Description:** A 500 MW closed loop pumped-hydro storage project located near Valley Falls in Lake County. The project includes an upper reservoir with a surface area of 52 acres and a storage volume of approximately 2,344 acre-feet; a lower reservoir with a surface area of 50 acres and a storage volume of approximately 2,052 acre-feet; a 19.7-mile, 500-kilovolt transmission line interconnecting to PacifiCorp’s existing Mile Hi substation in Lakeview, Oregon; plus, penstock, powerhouse/pump station, generating/pumping units, underground pipeline, and appurtenant facilities.

What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: The applicant will conduct a feasibility study and determine if they wish to file a license application with FERC.

**Winter Ridge Pumped Storage Project (no ODOE web page)**
**Facility Description:** A 500 MW closed loop pumped-hydro storage project located near Summer Lake and Paisley in Lake County. The project includes an upper reservoir approximately two miles west of Summer Lake with a surface area of 85 acres and a storage volume of approximately 4285 acre-feet; a lower reservoir with a surface area of 43.6 acres and a storage volume of approximately 2156 acre-feet; a 9.3-mile, 500-kilovolt transmission line interconnecting to PacifiCorp’s jointly owned Sycan substation; plus penstock, powerhouse/pump station, generating/pumping units, underground pipeline, and appurtenant facilities. Note: In an alternate version, the lower reservoir would have a surface area of 50 acres and a storage volume of approximately 2000 acre-feet, and the length of the transmission line would be 9.8 miles.

What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: The applicant will conduct a feasibility study and determine if they wish to file a license application with FERC.

**Elephant Rock Pumped Storage Project (no ODOE web page)**
**Facility Description:** A 318 MW closed loop pumped-hydro storage project located in Curry County, near the Sixes River, approximately 12.5 miles east-northeast of Port Orford. It would consist of an upper reservoir with a storage volume of 3,605 acre-feet; an 820-foot-long, 24-foot diameter vertical shaft that connects the upper reservoir to a 4,200-foot-long horizontal power tunnel, leading to the powerhouse; a 60-ft high, 40-foot-diameter steel surge tower connected to the power tunnel upstream of the powerhouse; a 100-foot-wide, 500-foot-long, 100-foot-high reinforced-concrete powerhouse with four pump-turbine units, that discharge into the lower reservoir; a lower reservoir, with a storage volume of 3,605 acre-feet; and a 15-mile-long, 230 kV overhead transmission line extending from the powerhouse to the existing substation on Elk River Road, approximately 3 miles northeast of Port Orford. Both the upper and lower reservoirs would
be created by zoned rockfill embankment dikes approximately 70 feet high and 7,200 feet in circumference. The project would have an annual generation capacity of 929,000 megawatt-hours.

**What’s New:** N/A

**Looking Forward:** FERC will evaluate the preliminary permit application.

**Soldier Camp Creek Pumped Storage Project (no ODOE web page)**

**Facility Description:** A 550 MW closed loop pumped-hydro storage project located on Lobster Creek in Curry County, approximately 4 miles north of the Rogue River. It would include an upper reservoir with a storage volume of approximately 3,000 acre-feet created by a 5,600-foot-long, 70-foot-high rockfill embankment ring dike; a lower reservoir with a storage volume of approximately 3,000 acre-feet created by a 5,700-foot-long, 70-foot-high rockfill embankment ring dike; a 1,825 foot-long steel and concrete penstock with a diameter of 22-feet; a 550-footlong, 120-foot-wide concrete powerhouse/pump station located on the lower reservoir shoreline containing 6 generating/pumping units; an approximate 13-mile, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line that would interconnect to the regional transmission grid; and appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would generate an estimated annual average of 1,606 gigawatt-hours.

**What’s New:** N/A

**Looking Forward:** FERC will evaluate the preliminary permit application.

**USDOE Categorical Exclusion for Solar and Transmission (no ODOE web page)**

**Description:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE or the Department) proposes to amend its implementing procedures (regulations) governing compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The proposed changes would add a categorical exclusion for certain energy storage systems and revise categorical exclusions for upgrading and rebuilding transmission lines and for solar photovoltaic systems, as well as make conforming changes to related sections of DOE's NEPA regulations. The proposed changes are based on the experience of DOE and other Federal agencies, current technologies, regulatory requirements, and accepted industry practice. DOE invites public comments on the proposed changes.

**What’s New:** N/A

**Looking Forward:** The USDOE will review all comments submitted by the January 2, 2024 deadline.

ODOE Siting division tracks other federal facility projects for informational purposes. Those federal facility updates are available on ODOE’s website.

**ACTIVE COUNTY HB 2329 SOLAR PV AND WIND PROJECTS**

House Bill 2329 was passed during the 2019 legislative session. The bill increased the jurisdictional threshold for solar PV energy facilities that can be permitted by local governments to:
1) 160 acres on high value farmland;
2) 1,280 acres (2 square miles) on land that is predominantly cultivated or soils classes I-IV; and
3) 1,920 acres (3 square miles) on other land.
Included in the legislation are additional permitting standards beyond those that are otherwise required for smaller solar PV facilities under LCDC land use rules, as well as a notification requirement to the Oregon Department of Energy, and other agencies. Additionally, the bill also increased the megawatt (MW) threshold for wind energy facilities subject to permitting by local governments from 105 MW peak capacity to 150 MW peak capacity. The full text of the bill is available online:


The Siting Division provides current HB 2329 projects as it receives notices of them. Please note that the Siting Division and EFSC have no jurisdiction over these projects and are including these projects for informational purposes only.

**Webster Road Solar Farm**

**Facility Description:** A new solar energy facility on a maximum of 320 acres proposed by Webster Road Solar Farm II, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of New Sun Energy. The project would be located northeast of the intersection of Fort Rock Road and Webster Road in northwestern Lake County.

**What’s New:** The Lake County Planning Commission approved the application on October 17, 2023.

**Looking Forward:** The Lake County Board of Commissioners will hold a hearing on the Goal Exception portion of the request at an upcoming meeting.

More information on this project is available at:

https://www.lakecountyor.org/government/land_use_planning.php

**RULEMAKING**

*Click on the project name for more information. Please submit any rulemaking questions, issues, or topics you would like to be considered to EFSC.Rulemaking@energy.oregon.gov. You can sign up for updates on the Council’s rulemaking activities here.*

**Standby Generator Rulemaking**

**Description:** This rulemaking project implements HB 2063 (2021) by removing requirements for persons proposing to construct a standby generator to request an exemption from Council.

**What’s New:** The Department presented final proposed rules to Council at its January meeting and subsequently filed the amended rules with the Secretary of State on January 30, 2024.

**Looking Forward:** N/A

**Contested Case Rulemaking**

**Description:** This rulemaking project will identify proposed revisions to the contested case rules found in OAR chapter 345, division 015. One key reason for engaging in this rulemaking now is to implement lessons learned from recent contested case proceedings. The rulemaking is intended to: 1) improve the efficiency of the contested case process; 2) adopt Office of Administrative
Hearings rules where it makes sense to do so; and 3) identify and remedy areas where existing rules do not provide sufficient clarity.

**What's New:** N/A

**Looking Forward:** The Department will hold the third Rulemaking Advisory Committee meeting on February 1, 2024 at 10 a.m. to discuss the latest draft of the rules. Depending on the outcome of that meeting, the Department may present a draft notice of proposed rulemaking for consideration by Council at its February meeting.

**Research Reactor Rulemaking**
**Description:** This rulemaking project will update OAR 345-030 to ensure consistency with federal reporting requirements and deadlines.

**What's New:** N/A

**Looking Forward:** Once draft rules are finalized, the Department will present them to Council for consideration to be filed in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

**Site Certificate Amendment Rulemaking**
**Description:** This rulemaking project will evaluate options to address outstanding issues on the rules governing the amendment of site certificates under OAR chapter 345, division 027, including issues related to when an amendment is required, when opportunities for public notice and participation in the different review processes should be provided, and what types of amendments should be considered in contested case proceedings. The objectives of this rulemaking are to make the amendment review process more efficient and effective while ensuring adequate opportunities for public participation.

**What's New:** N/A

**Looking Forward:** Once the Department finishes an internal review of the amendment rules, it will present the results and any preliminary recommendations for rulemaking, including the scope of the rulemaking and also recommendations for Rulemaking Advisory Council membership to Council.

**COMPLIANCE**

**Operational Activities:** In the next 3 months, both on-site and virtual inspections will be conducted in conjunction with the review of annual reports for: South Mist Feeder Pipeline and the South Mist Feeder Pipeline Extension.

**Pre-Construction Activities:** Pre-construction compliance review has been initiated for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line and Madras Solar Energy Facility.

**Construction Activities:** N/A

**Incident Activities:** None currently.

**Facility Decommissioning Financial Assurance:** The requirement for certificate holders to restore their facility to a useful, non-hazardous condition once operations have ceased is partially fulfilled by maintaining a bond or letter of credit in that amount should that obligation fall to the state. The
total amount of site certificate bonds and letters of credit managed by the Department is $230,085,931. These assurances are updated annually to keep pace with inflation.

COUNCIL MEETINGS
Council agendas, meeting materials, and minutes can be found at:
State of Oregon: Facilities - Council Meetings

Next Council Meeting: February 23rd (Salem ODOE Office-Meitner Room) - In addition to the regular consent and public comment agenda items, the following agenda items are anticipated: 1) Contested Case Rulemaking-Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; 2) Trojan Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation Security Plan Update; 3) Initiation of 2024 Site Certificate Amendment Rulemaking; 4) 2024 Annual Election of Officers; 5) Two requests to add Financial Institutions to the Council’s approved list and a request to edit language for the Council’s approved letter or credit template language for a specific facility; and 6) the Operations and Policy Analyst Proposed Work Plan

2024 Meeting Dates: The following dates may be changed to ensure a quorum and will be released if not needed:

March 21-22; April 18-19; May 16-17; June 13-14; July 18-19; August 22-23; September 19-20; October 24-25; November 14-15; December 12-13

These dates do not preclude the need for special meetings that may be conducted via teleconference and webinar or in person at the discretion of the chair. Locations and agendas to be determined.

HELPFUL LINKS
- About energy facility siting in Oregon
- Latest facility siting project updates
- Oregonians’ Guide to Siting and Oversight of Energy Facilities
- Energy Facility Siting Council
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