

PUBLIC NOTICE

Nolin Hills Wind Power Project

Notice of Intent



Summary

Date Issued: October 5, 2017

Proposal: Wind energy generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of 350 megawatts (MW) on approximately 44,900 acres.

Location: Umatilla County

Public Comment Deadline: November 6, 2017

Estimated Application Submittal Date: February 2018

Introduction

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE or Department), staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) received a Notice of Intent (NOI) from Nolin Hills Wind, LLC (a subsidiary of Capital Power Corporation) that it intends to submit an application for site certificate to construct and operate the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project, a proposed wind energy generation facility. Under Oregon law, the applicant must obtain a site certificate from EFSC before constructing and operating the proposed facility.

Description of the Proposed Facility

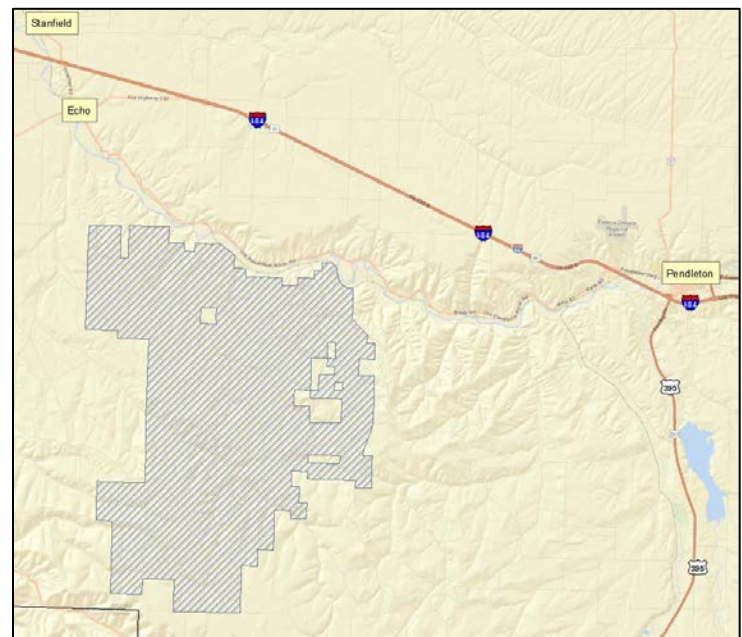
The Nolin Hills Wind Power Project would consist of a 350 MW wind energy generation facility with an approximately 18-mile, 230-kilovolt transmission line as a related and supporting facility. The precise number, size, and actual layout of the proposed wind turbines has not yet been determined.

The proposed energy facility includes additional related and supporting facilities, including 34.5-kV electrical collector lines, one or more on-site collector substations, a communication and SCADA system, an operations and maintenance building, meteorological (met) towers, access roads, and additional construction areas such as temporary staging areas.

Location of Proposed Facility

The proposed facility would be located on private land in Umatilla County, south of I-84, approximately 4

miles south of Echo and 10 miles west of Pendleton. The following figure represents the approximate 44,900-acre facility site boundary. Wind turbines would be located within designated micrositing corridors within the site boundary. The micrositing corridors will be fully described in the upcoming site certificate application.



EFSC Review Process

The site certificate process is a consolidated, comprehensive siting process. The applicant must demonstrate that the proposed facility meets EFSC standards established under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 469.501 and set forth in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapters 345, divisions 22 and 24, as well as all other applicable Oregon statutes, rules and standards. The Department serves as staff to EFSC and conducts the application review process.

Pursuant to ORS 469.504(4), a site certificate applicant must elect to demonstrate compliance with the statewide planning goals by either obtaining local land use approval from the affected local government(s) or through EFSC's determination of compliance. At this time, Nolin Hills Wind, LLC intends to satisfy the Council's Land Use standard (OAR 345-022-0030) by

seeking an EFSC determination under ORS 469.504(1)(b).

There are several opportunities for public participation and comment during the EFSC process. The first is the public comment period on the NOI, which is currently open.

In addition, at a later stage in the application process, the Department and applicant will host a public informational meeting. Informational meetings provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions about the project and review process. After the release of the Department's draft proposed order, a public hearing will be held that will provide an opportunity for the public to provide oral testimony on the proposed facility. The Department will provide notice of all future public informational meetings and hearings. Per OAR 345-015-0110(2)(f), the public may also request an informational meeting on the NOI. Please submit such a request to Katie Clifford (contact information below).

Notice of Intent

The Notice of Intent provides notice to the Department and the public that the applicant intends to submit an application for a site certificate in the future. The NOI contains preliminary information about the facility and provides an opportunity for the public, local governments, Tribal governments, and other reviewing agencies to identify issues of concern and applicable regulations. The NOI is not the application for site certificate.

Comment Period

Public comments on the NOI are encouraged to help the applicant identify issues and concerns early in the process. Comments or requests for a public informational meeting are due by **November 6, 2017**, and must be submitted in writing by mail, e-mail, hand-delivery or fax. Please send comments to:

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More Information

More information about the proposed facility and the review process are available using any of the following options. If you need more information, please contact Katie Clifford.

1) ODOE's webpage

More details on the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project, including the NOI, are available online at: <http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/NHW.aspx>

2) Updates by Email/Mail

Subscribe to GovDelivery for email updates on the Nolin Hills Wind Power Project or other energy facilities under Council jurisdiction. GovDelivery is an automated email system that allows interested members of the public to manage subscriptions to information received about ODOE projects and events. For more information, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/EFSC-email>.

To receive notices by U.S. Mail, please contact Sean Mole (503-934-4005 or sean.mole@oregon.gov) and request to be added to the paper notice list.

3) In hardcopy

Copies of the NOI are available for public review at:

Oregon Department of Energy
550 Capitol Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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