

PUBLIC NOTICE

Blue Marmot Solar Energy Facility

Notice of Intent



Summary

Date Issued: February 14, 2018

Proposal: Photovoltaic (PV) solar power generation facility with a site boundary of up to 5,170 acres providing up to 60 megawatts (MW) of nominal generating capacity.

Location: Lake County, near the Town of Lakeview. Some facility components are within Lakeview.

Public Comment Deadline: March 16, 2018

Estimated Application Submittal Date: April, 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 Blue Marmot Solar Park, LLC (a wholly owned subsidiary of EDP Renewables North America, LLC) that it intends to submit an application for site certificate to construct and operate the Blue Marmot Solar Energy Facility, a proposed photovoltaic (PV) solar power 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 Blue Marmot Solar Energy Facility would generate electricity using multiple arrays of photovoltaic (PV) solar panels connected to electrical infrastructure. The site boundary of the proposed facility is estimated at approximately 5,170 acres of land, and provide up to 60 megawatts (MW) of nominal or peak generating capacity. The applicant expects the actual permanent impact acreage of the proposed facility will be significantly less than the acreage within the site boundary.

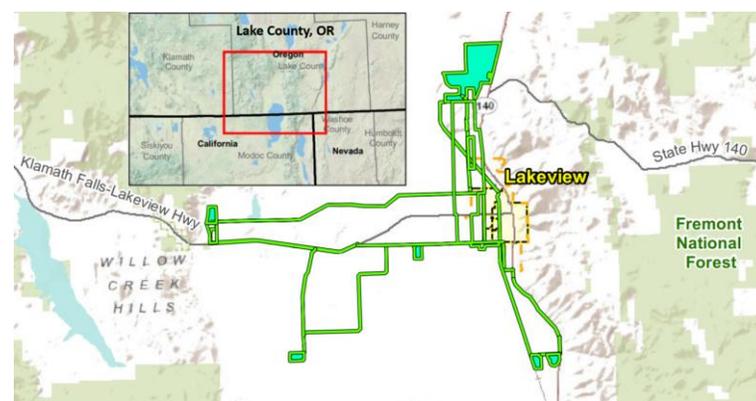
Related or supporting facilities include the 34.5-kv collector lines, proposed north and central substations, point of interconnection, 115-kv overhead generation-tie transmission lines, operations

and maintenance building, access roads, service road and gates, and temporary construction areas.

The precise layout of the proposed 34.5-kv collector lines and 115-kv generation-tie transmission lines are still being determined. All of the proposed facility components and related or supporting facilities are proposed within the site boundary.

Location of Proposed Facility

The proposed facility and its related or supporting facilities would be located in Lake County, near the Town of Lakeview. Some facility components would be within the Lakeview town boundary. The proposed facility encompasses up to five separate solar array sites that will generate electricity — Duvaroo (west of U.S. Hwy 395 north of the intersection with Warner Highway OR 140), Deniz East (five miles north of Goose Lake, at the intersection of County Hwy 2-16 and County Hwy 1-10), Reish (west of US 395, approximately two miles northeast of Goose Lake), Parmelee (north of OR 140, approximately ten miles west of the Town of Lakeview), and Deniz West (four miles northwest of Goose Lake, west of County Hwy 1-11).



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, Blue Marmot Solar Park, 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.

A public informational meeting will be held after the preliminary application is determined to be complete. Then, 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 Kellen Tardaewether (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 proposed 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 **March 16, 2018**, and must be submitted in writing by mail, e-mail, hand-delivery or fax. Please send comments to:

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Please Note: The submission of comments does not automatically register your contact information to receive notices. If you would like to receive notices for this proposed facility or any other EFSC project, and have not already done so, please follow the instructions in the next section.

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 Kellen Tardaewether.

1) ODOE's webpage

More details on the Blue Marmot Solar Energy Facility, including the NOI, are available online at: <http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/BMS.aspx>

2) Updates by Email/Mail

Subscribe to GovDelivery for email updates on the Blue Marmot Solar Energy Facility 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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