

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Regarding Statutes, Administrative Rules, and
Other Requirements Applicable to the
Port Westward Generating Project

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PROJECT ORDER

**ISSUED BY
OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
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Port Westward Generating Project

Second Amended Project Order

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The Oregon Department of Energy (Department) issues this Second Amended Project Order for the Port Westward Generating Project (PWGP). The Second Amended Project Order only applies to the issue described here and only applies to Request for Amendment 11 of the site certificate. Otherwise, the First Amended Project Order, issued by the Department on November 5, 2001, governs the facility site.¹

The facility is owned by Portland General Electric (PGE). The Project Order was first issued on April 28, 2001, and was amended by the Department on November 5, 2001. The Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or the Council) issued a site certificate for the proposed facility in November 2002. The site certificate has since been amended 10 times. The facility is a natural gas power plant consisting of two units. Unit 1 is a 411 MW base-load power plant consisting of a combustion turbine generator, one heat recovery steam generator, and one steam turbine. Unit 1 began commercial operation in June 2007. Unit 2 is a 220 MW non-base-load power plant consisting of 12 reciprocating internal combustion engines. Unit 2 went into commercial operation in December 2014.

On April 23, 2019, the certificate holder, PGE, submitted to the Department a preliminary Request for Amendment 11 to the facility site certificate. Request for Amendment 11 seeks Council approval to construct and operate a battery energy storage system at the Port Westward Generating Project site. On July 12, 2019 PGE submitted responses to Department information requests. On July 17, 2019, the Department determined Request for Amendment 11 to be complete.

In accordance with OAR 345-015-0160(3), the Council or the Department may amend the Project Order at any time. Furthermore, OAR 345-015-0160(2) directs the Department “in determining the application and study requirements to be included in the project order, the Department shall consider the size and type of proposed facility and significant potential impacts of the proposed facility.”

For materials submitted as part of Request for Amendment 11 only, the language related to Exhibit F on page 11, lines 14-16 of the First Amended Project Order, issued by the Department on November 5, 2001, is replaced with the following:

¹ OAR 345-027-0360(3) allows that the Department may approve in writing a specific analysis area for a request for site certificate amendment. On March 29, 2019 and April 4, 2019, the Department approved in writing an analysis area for Request for Amendment 11 that is based on the sites of potential impact associated with the amendment request components, and an analysis area for scenic resources standard that is five miles from amendment request components.

Exhibit F must list property owners within 250 feet of the proposed facility, which is the site boundary for the energy facility (the generating plant), but excluding the transmission line that is considered a related or supporting facility component. Request for Amendment 11 proposed facility components include the battery energy storage components and the spoils disposal area.

The Port Westward Generating Project facility includes, as a related or supporting facility, an approximately 10 mile long 230-kV transmission line, which connects the energy facility to the regional electric grid. The original EFSC site certificate authorized construction of the 230-kV transmission line, and as such, rightfully included analysis of the proposed transmission line in the final order and site certificate, and included public notice to property owners along the transmission line route. Request for Amendment 11 does not include any changes related to the transmission line. As such, the change included in this Second Amended Project Order is to require that the property owner notification distances be related to the proposed amendment components, which include the battery storage system and the spoils disposal pile. As described above, OAR 345-015-0160(2) directs the Department “in determining the application and study requirements to be included in the project order, the Department shall consider the size and type of proposed facility and significant potential impacts of the proposed facility.” As such, the Department amends the Project Order in consideration of the proposed facility components included in Request for Amendment 11, and the potential impacts of those proposed facility components.

The November 5, 2001 First Amended Project Order, with the changes described here, constitute the Second Amended Project Order for the Port Westward Generating Project.

The Department issues this Second Amended Project Order for the Port Westward Generating Project on August 29, 2019.

The Oregon Department of Energy

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