

PUBLIC NOTICE



Obsidian Solar Center

Complete Application for Site Certificate and Public Informational Meeting

Summary:

Date Notice Issued: October 30, 2019

Proposal: Photovoltaic (PV) solar power generation facility providing a nominal generating capacity of approximately 400 megawatts. The facility may also include potential battery energy storage.

Location: North Lake County, approximately eight miles northwest of Christmas Valley and seven miles southeast of Fort Rock.

Introduction:

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC), received an Application for Site Certificate from Obsidian Solar Center LLC, a subsidiary of Obsidian Renewables LLC, to construct and operate the Obsidian Solar Center. The proposed solar facility would be a photovoltaic (PV) solar power generation facility on approximately 3,921 acres, providing a nominal generating capacity of approximately 400 megawatts plus potential addition of battery energy storage. Under Oregon law, the applicant must obtain a site certificate from EFSC before constructing and operating the proposed facility. The applicant submitted a complete application on October 17, 2019.

A vicinity map of the proposed facility is included at the end of this notice. Specific locational maps can be found in Exhibit C of the application at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/OSC.aspx>

and on ODOE's online mapping tool at:

<https://tinyurl.com/EFSCmap>

Public Informational Meeting:

Date: Thursday, November 14, 2019

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: North Lake School Gymnasium
57566 Fort Rock Road
Silver Lake, OR 97638

ODOE will hold a public informational meeting with the applicant to provide information about the proposed facility and the Energy Facility Siting Council review process. The informational meeting will include a presentation starting at 6 p.m. ODOE and applicant representatives will be available before and after the presentation to answer specific questions.

The public informational meeting is *not* a public hearing and will not include public testimony or on-the-record public comments. Opportunity for written or oral testimony will be provided at a later date – during the draft proposed order (DPO) public comment period and public hearing – following issuance of the DPO, as described below.

Description of Proposed Facility:

The proposed solar photovoltaic energy facility would occupy up to 3,921 acres and provide a nominal generating capacity of approximately 400 megawatts. The facility may also include battery energy storage capabilities.

The applicant is also seeking EFSC review and approval of related or supporting facilities associated with the energy facility, including: 34.5-kilovolt (kV) collection system, up to four collector substations approximately one acre each, approximately two miles of 115-kV gen-tie transmission line, one 115/500-kV step-up substation and transformer, up to two operations and maintenance buildings, access and service roads and gates, temporary staging areas, and an approximately 18-mile perimeter fence. Related or supporting facilities associated with the proposed battery storage facilities would include steel-frame enclosures for batteries, cell stacks (where battery charge and discharge occurs), and Balance of Plant, which includes large polymer tanks, contained within the storage containers.

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, Division 22 and 24, as well as all other applicable Oregon statutes, rules and standards. ODOE serves as staff to EFSC and conducts the application review process.

The proposed Obsidian Solar Center is an energy facility subject to EFSC jurisdiction under the definition in ORS 469.300(11)(a)(D)(iii). As such, the proposed facility must receive a site certificate from EFSC before construction can begin.

Upcoming Review Phases:

ODOE is currently preparing the draft proposed order (DPO), which will include staff's analysis of the application, based on ODOE's review of the application as well as comments received from state agencies, Tribal governments, and the Lake County government. If the DPO recommends approval of the facility, the DPO would include recommended conditions of approval for EFSC's consideration.

Following issuance of the DPO, ODOE will open a public comment period and EFSC will conduct a public hearing in the vicinity of the proposed facility. At that time, to preserve your right to participate in the contested case proceeding and any subsequently appeal of EFSC's decision, you must comment during the public comment period on the DPO, either orally at the public hearing or in writing during the comment period. ODOE anticipates issuing the DPO in late 2019. The Department will issue notice of the public hearing and comment period when it issues the DPO. As described above, the November 2019 public informational meeting is *not* a public hearing.

For more information on EFSC standards, please visit: <http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/Siting-Standards.aspx>

Receipt of this Notice:

Please note that you may be receiving this notice for multiple reasons:

1. You own property within or adjacent to (within 500 feet) the site boundary. You will automatically receive all future EFSC notices for this facility.
2. You have previously signed up via GovDelivery to receive email notices related to the Obsidian Solar Center or all EFSC

project-related notices. You will automatically receive all future email notices per your GovDelivery choices, unless you unsubscribe via GovDelivery.

3. If you are the owner of real property normally used for sleeping, or normally used as schools, churches, hospitals, or public libraries within one half mile from the site boundary (noise sensitive property), you will receive this notice as a courtesy, however not required by rule.

More Information:

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More information about the facility and updates on the review process is available using any of the following options.

1) Oregon Department of Energy's webpage:

The application for site certificate and additional details regarding the proposed Obsidian Solar Center facility is available online at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/OSC.aspx>

Additional resources to help you participate in the state siting process can be found at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/pages/default.aspx>

2) Updates by email/mail:

Subscribe to GovDelivery, a self-managed, automated email system that sends notices and updates on the Obsidian Solar Center as well as any or all other energy facilities and events under EFSC jurisdiction. For more information, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/EFSC-email>.

To receive notices by U.S. Mail, please contact Kellen Tardaewether.

3) In hardcopy:

Hard copies of the proposed Obsidian Solar Center Application for Site Certificate are available for public inspection at:

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

Accessibility information:

The Oregon Department of Energy is committed to accommodating people with disabilities. For the review of the application or attendance at any of the information meetings, if you require any special physical or language accommodations, or need information in an alternate format, please contact Michiko Mata at 503-378-3895, toll-free in Oregon at 800-221-8035, or email to michiko.mata@oregon.gov. For any other accommodation needed to attend an informational meeting, please contact ODOE as soon as possible so we may provide the accommodation.

Figure 1: Proposed Facility Location

