

PUBLIC NOTICE



Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility

Request for Comments on the Complete Request for Amendment 5 and Draft Proposed Order

Date Notice Issued: April 17, 2020

Request: Wheatridge Wind Energy, LLC (certificate holder) seeks Energy Facility Siting Council (Council) approval of a fifth amendment to the Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility site certificate to split, and share some, facility components into two site certificates, with new facility names and one new certificate holder. Both site certificate holders would be owned by NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (NEER).

Facility Location: Morrow and Umatilla counties

Type B Amendment Review: This amendment request is being processed under Type B review which, in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 345, Division 27, does not include a public hearing or opportunity for contested case proceeding.

A written public comment period is now open on the complete Request for Amendment 5 (RFA5) and the Draft Proposed Order on RFA5.

Comment Deadline: May 8, 2020 (5:00 PST)

Description of Facility (Approved/Under Construction): Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility is an approved 650 megawatt (MW) wind and solar energy generation facility. Approved wind facility components include up to 292 wind turbines and approximately 900 acres in solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generation equipment, to be located within a site boundary containing approximately 14,624 acres. Facility components currently (2020/21) under construction include 120 wind turbines (300 MW) within Morrow County.

Facility Location: The approved Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility site is located in both Morrow and Umatilla counties, south of Interstate 84 and northeast of Lexington. A map of the facility site boundary is included in this notice. For detailed maps, please see Figures 1 and 2 in RFA5 on the

[Department's website](#), or visit our online mapping tool at <https://tinyurl.com/EFSCmap>.

Proposed Changes in Request for Amendment 5: RFA5 requests to split, and share some, facility components into two site certificates, inclusive of all previously imposed site certificate conditions with some requested condition amendments. One site certificate would include 100 MW of previously approved wind energy generation equipment (40 wind turbines), named Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility I (WREFI); the other site certificate would include the remaining previously approved 400 MW of wind energy generation equipment (252 wind turbines) and 150 MW solar PV energy generation equipment, named Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility II (WREFII).

The certificate holder owner, NEER, would be maintained for both site certificates; the current certificate holder, Wheatridge Wind Energy, LLC would remain the certificate holder for WREFI. The certificate holder for WREFII would be Wheatridge Wind II, LLC, a new limited liability company created as an indirect subsidiary of NEER.

Comment Period:

Written comments on RFA5 and the Draft Proposed Order must be received by the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) **by 5 p.m. PST on May 8, 2020**, and must be submitted in writing by mail, email, hand-delivered or faxed per below:

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To raise an issue on the record of the Draft Proposed Order on RFA5, a person must raise the issue in a written comment received by ODOE before the comment deadline.

The Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) will not accept or consider public comments on the RFA5 or on the Draft Proposed Order after the written comment deadline that closes the record on the Draft Proposed Order.

Please note: All comments submitted to ODOE may be disclosed to the public, subject to Oregon Public Records Laws (ORS Chapter 192). Public comments may be available on the ODOE webpage for the Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility as an attachment to the Proposed Order.

Comment submission does not register your contact information to receive future notices. If you would like to receive notices for this facility or any other EFSC facility, and have not already done so, please follow the information in this notice to subscribe to the ClickDimensions email notification list.

EFSC Review Process:

The amendment request is being processed as a "Type B" amendment, per OAR 345-027-0368 and -0372. After ODOE has considered all comments received before the comment deadline for the Draft Proposed Order, as described in this notice, ODOE will issue a Proposed Order. The Proposed Order shall recommend approval, modification, or denial of the fifth amended site certificate. ODOE will issue, concurrently, a notice of the Proposed Order and the Proposed Order.

EFSC, may adopt, modify or reject the proposed order based on the considerations described in OAR 345-027-0375. In a written final order, EFSC shall either grant or deny issuance of an amended site certificate.

For more information relating to EFSC standards, please visit:

<http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/Siting-Standards.aspx>

Receipt of this Notice:

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1. You own property within or adjacent to (within 500 feet) the property on which the facility is located. You will automatically receive all future notices on this facility.
2. You have requested to receive paper notices on the Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility. If you wish to be removed from this mailing lists, please contact Sarah Esterson.
3. You have previously signed up via GovDelivery/ClickDimensions or by contacting ODOE to receive notices related to Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility or all EFSC project-related notices. You will automatically receive all future notices per your request, unless you unsubscribe via ClickDimensions or by contacting ODOE.

More Information:

Please contact Sarah Esterson, Senior Siting Analyst, at the phone, email address or mailing address listed in this notice.

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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:

More details on Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility including the certificate holder's RFA5 are available online at:

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

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 ClickDimensions, a self-managed, automated email system that sends notices and updates on Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility as well as any or all other energy facilities and events under EFSC jurisdiction. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ODOE-EFSC>.

To receive notices by U.S. Mail, please contact Sarah Esterson.

3) In hardcopy:

Hard copies of Request for Amendment 5 and the Draft Proposed Order on RFA5 are available for public inspection at:

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Figure 1: Proposed Site Boundaries of New Split Site Certificates

