

PUBLIC NOTICE



Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility

Notice of Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 5

Summary:

Date Notice Issued: May 11, 2020

Issuance of Proposed Order: The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC), issued a Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 5 (RFA5) (proposed order) of the Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility Site Certificate on May 11, 2020. The proposed order recommends EFSC approve RFA5 and grant two new site certificates, subject to existing site certificate conditions and recommended new conditions in the proposed order.

This notice informs the public of the availability of the proposed order; however, under Type B amendment review, there is not an opportunity to request a contested case proceeding on the proposed order.

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.

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, NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (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.

EFSC Review and Decision Process:

The amendment request is being processed under "Type B" review, per OAR 345-027-0368 and -0372. The proposed order considers all comments received on the record of the draft proposed order within EFSC jurisdiction. The proposed order recommends approval of the changes proposed in RFA5, which would result in EFSC issuance of two new site certificates if approved.

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 approve or reject the amendment request, and grant or deny issuance of two new site certificates. EFSC will review the proposed order at

its May 22, 2020 meeting to be held via phone and a web-based virtual meeting. Judicial review of Council's final order granting or denying an amendment request is as described in OAR 345-027-0372(5) and Oregon Revised Statute 469.403.

For more information relating to EFSC standards, please visit:

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

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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:

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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 the Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility including the certificate holder's RFA5 and the Department's Draft Proposed Order and Proposed Order are available online at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/WRW.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 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: <http://web.oregon.gov/cn/a6n53/subscribe>

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

3) In hardcopy:

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

Oregon Department of Energy
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Figure 1: Proposed Site Boundaries of New Split Site Certificates

