

PUBLIC NOTICE



Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility I

Request for Comments on Request to Transfer Site Certificate and Notice of Transfer Hearing

Summary:

Date Notice Issued: June 15, 2020

Request: Amend site certificate to authorize transfer of site certificate ownership

Facility Location: Morrow County

Anticipated Transfer Hearing:*

Date: August 20, 2020

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Energy Facility Siting Council Meeting

*Transfer hearing details will be determined at least 20 days prior to the hearing date. Please visit the Department's project webpage or signup to receive electronic notification of Council meeting agendas (see More Information section below) before July 30, 2020 to ensure you receive the transfer hearing date, time and location information

Anticipated Deadline for Comments: August 20, 2020 (5 p.m. or close of Transfer Hearing)

Introduction: The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council, received a Request for Amendment to Transfer (RFA1) the Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility I (WREFI) site certificate from certificate holder, Wheatridge Wind Energy, LLC, to a new certificate holder, Portland General Electric.

Description of the Facility: WREFI is a 100 megawatt (MW) wind energy generation facility, currently under construction, originally approved as part of the 650 MW Wheatridge Wind Energy Facility. Once operational, the facility will include 40 wind turbines; and, related or supporting facilities including two meteorological towers, one substation, up to 20 MW of battery storage, electrical collection system, access roads, Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System, and temporary laydown areas.

Facility Location: The WREFI site boundary is located within Morrow County, south of Interstate 84 and northeast of Lexington. A map of the facility site boundary is included in this notice. For detailed maps, please visit our online mapping tool at <https://tinyurl.com/EFSCmap>.

Site Certificate Transfer Process: To approve a Request for Amendment to Transfer, EFSC must find that the proposed new certificate holder, Portland General Electric, complies with the Council's Organizational Expertise (OAR 345-022-0010) and Retirement and Financial Assurance (OAR 345-022-0050) standards. EFSC must also find that Portland General Electric is or will be lawfully entitled to possession or control of the site or facility prior to approval of the transfer.

ODOE will provide recommended findings of facts regarding compliance with the above standards, including an evaluation of any comments received prior to the transfer hearing, in a staff report to Council at least 20 days prior to the transfer hearing. The staff report, to include a draft Final Order, will be available on the Council's webpage and the Department's project webpage.

Prior to Council's review of the draft Final Order, Council will hold a transfer hearing. The transfer hearing is not a contested case hearing. At the conclusion of the transfer hearing, the Council will review the draft Final Order and take action to either approve or deny the final order; and, will either issue or deny issuance of an amended site certificate.

Transfer Hearing and Comment Period: A Transfer Hearing is anticipated to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2020 during the Council's regularly scheduled meeting but could occur at a later date; WebEx details and physical address, if in-person option is available, will be provided via the Department's project webpage at least 20 days prior to the transfer hearing and will also be noticed via Council agenda.

Written comments are due no later than the close of the Transfer Hearing. Department staff will be available to answer questions related to the EFSC transfer process and the facility.

Written or oral comments may be submitted prior to the transfer hearing (anticipated to be August 20, 2020, 5:30 p.m.) by mail, e-mail, hand-delivery or fax. Please send comments to:

Sarah Esterson, Senior Siting Analyst
Oregon Department of Energy
550 Capitol Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
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Phone: 503-385-6128

Written or oral comments may also be provided at the transfer hearing. The Council will not accept comments on Request for Amendment to Transfer after the close of the record of the transfer hearing.

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 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 or Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility I. If you wish to be removed from these 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, Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility I 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 listed e-mail address, phone number, or mailing address. More information about the facility and updates on the review process is available using any of the options below.

1) ODOE's webpage

More details on Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility I, including the Request for Amendment to Transfer are available online on at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/WREF-I.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 e-mail

Subscribe to ClickDimensions for e-mail updates on WREFI, other energy facilities under EFSC jurisdiction, or Council meetings. ClickDimensions is an automated e-mail system that allows interested members of the public to manage subscriptions to information received about ODOE projects and events. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ODOE-EFSC>.

3) In hardcopy

Copies of Request for Amendment to Transfer are available for public inspection at:

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

Please contact Sarah Esterson if you wish to arrange a time to inspect the request to transfer.

Accessibility information: The Oregon Department of Energy is committed to accommodating people with disabilities. 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

Figure 1: Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility 1

