

PUBLIC NOTICE



Montague Wind Power Facility

Notice of Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 5

Summary

Date Notice Issued: July 30, 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) of the Montague Wind Power Facility Site Certificate (proposed order) on July 30, 2020. The proposed order recommends that EFSC approve RFA5 and grant an amended and two original site certificates, subject to the existing and, as presented in the proposed order, recommended new and amended site certificate conditions.

Facility Location: Northeastern Gilliam County

Deadline for Requests for a Contested Case: August 31, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (must be received by ODOE by the deadline)

Description of Facility (Operational/Approved):

The Montague Wind Power Facility is an approved 404 megawatt (MW) wind and solar energy generation facility, to be developed in phases (Phase 1 and Phase 2). Phase 1 includes 56 wind turbines (201 MW) and related or supporting facilities, and commenced commercial operation in October 2019. Phase 2 is approved to include up to 81 wind turbines or up to 1,189 acres of solar photovoltaic energy generation equipment, or a combination of wind and solar equipment, totaling 203 MW, and related or supporting facilities. Construction of Phase 2 must commence on or before August 30, 2022.

Facility Location: Montague Wind Power Facility is located within a site boundary containing 47,056 acres on private land in northeast Gilliam County, within 5 miles south of the City of Arlington, within

1 mile north of the community of Olex and located on both sides of Highway 19.

For detailed maps, please see Figures 1-5 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:

The certificate holder seeks Council approval for the following site certificate changes: split existing site certificate into one amended site certificate for Montague Wind Facility (201 MW; 56 wind turbines) and two original site certificates for facilities named Montague Solar Facility (162 MW; up to 1,496 acres of solar photovoltaic energy generation equipment) and Oregon Trail Solar Facility (41 MW; up to 16 wind turbines or 1,228 acres of solar photovoltaic energy generation equipment, or any combination not to exceed 41 MW), to be owned by limited liability companies created by Avangrid Renewables, LLC, the existing certificate holder owner.

The amendment request also seeks approval to reduce site boundary area from 47,056 to 42,946 acres; expand solar micrositing area from 1,189 to 2,725 acres (includes a "reasons" exception request to the statewide policy embodied in Goal 3, *Agricultural Lands*); construction and operation of a new switching station (includes circuit breakers, switches, and other auxiliary equipment) on a 2-acre site to link Montague Solar Facility to the Phase 1 collector substation (Montague Wind substation); approval to use an alternative route for a segment of previously approved 230 kV transmission line; and, administrative and substantive site certificate condition amendments.

Contested Case Process: On July 30, 2020, concurrent with the issuance of this Public Notice of the Proposed Order, ODOE issued a Notice of the Opportunity to Request a Contested Case to all persons who commented on the record of the public hearing of the draft proposed order and provided their contact information. Only those individuals or organizations that provided oral comment at the July 23, 2020 public hearing on the draft proposed order or submitted a written comment to ODOE during the comment period of the draft proposed order between June 26, 2020 and the close of the public comment period on July 23, 2020 are eligible to request a contested case proceeding on the proposed order. To properly raise an issue in a request for a contested case proceeding, the issue must be within EFSC jurisdiction and the individual or organization must have raised the issue on the record of the public hearing.

Individuals eligible to request a contested case will receive a Notice of the Opportunity to Request a Contested Case describing the requirements for requesting a contested case proceeding on the proposed order.

If you believe you are eligible to request a contested case and did not receive a Notice of the Opportunity to Request a Contested Case via U.S. mail please contact Sarah Esterson, Senior Siting Analyst, at: sarah.esterson@oregon.gov or at 503-373-6128. The deadline to request a contested case proceeding on the proposed order is **August 31, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., Pacific Standard Time**. ODOE staff must RECEIVE the request by the deadline.

EFSC Decision Process

If there is a request for a contested case proceeding on the proposed order, EFSC will first decide whether to grant the request, based on the analysis required under OAR 345-027-0371(7-9). If EFSC conducts a contested case proceeding, EFSC will issue its decision on the amendment request at the conclusion of the contested case proceeding. If the request is denied, or if there are no requests for a contested case proceeding, EFSC shall adopt,

modify, or reject the proposed order based on considerations described in OAR 345-027-0375.

EFSC will make all decisions at public meetings. ODOE will provide public notice of the dates, times, and locations of all EFSC meetings.

For more information related to the Proposed Order process and Requests for Contested Case under Type A Review – please reference [Oregon Administrative Rule 345-027-0371](#).

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 one or more of the following 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 previously signed up via GovDelivery/ClickDimensions or by contacting ODOE to receive notices related to the Montague Wind Power 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.
3. You provided public comment on the record of the DPO between June 26, 2020 and the close of the record on July 23, 2020.

More Information:

Please contact Sarah Esterson, Senior Siting Analyst, at the email address, phone, or mailing address listed in this notice. 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 Montague Wind Power Facility including the certificate holder's pRFA5, Type B Review Amendment Determination Request, ODOE's Type A Review Determination, complete RFA5, ODOE's Draft Proposed Order and Proposed Order are available online at:<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/MWP.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 the Montague Wind Power Facility and 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 Sarah Esterson.

3) In hardcopy:

Hard copies of RFA5, ODOE's draft proposed order, and ODOE's proposed order are available for public inspection at:

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

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Figure 1: Proposed Site Boundaries of New Split Site Certificates

