

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Golden Hills Wind Project

### Receipt of Preliminary Request for Amendment 6 of Site Certificate

**Summary:**

Date Notice Issued: October 16, 2020

Site Certificate Amendment Request: Golden Hills Wind Farm, LLC (certificate holder) seeks approval from the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) to amend the Golden Hills Wind Project site certificate to authorize a construction completion deadline extension; increase micro-siting corridor area; and amend previously imposed site certificate conditions.

Facility Location: Sherman County

*Information Only: Please note, this notice is to provide early notification of this amendment request. There is no comment period associated with this phase of review.*

Review Process: Certificate holder requests review under the Type B amendment review process, which is currently under review by Oregon Department of Energy (Department) staff.

**Introduction:** On October 1, 2020, the Department, staff to Council, received preliminary Request for Amendment 6 (pRFA6) for the Golden Hills Wind Project site certificate. In pRFA6, the certificate holder includes a request that the amendment be processed under Type B review per OAR 345-027-0357(8).

**Description of Facility**

**(Under Construction/Approved):** The Golden Hills Wind Project is approved to include up to 400 megawatts (MW) of wind energy facility components (up to 125 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 650 feet) within a 29,500 acre site boundary in Sherman County. The facility is approved to be developed in phases. The first phase, currently under construction, includes an Operations and Maintenance building; the remaining approved facility components must be constructed by June 18, 2021, unless extension of the construction completion deadline is approved by Council through review of the amendment request.

**Description of Amendment Request:** Preliminary Request for Amendment 6 (pRFA6) seeks Council approval to extend the construction completion deadline by 18 months from June 18, 2021 to December 31, 2022; add approximately 534 acres to the facility micro-siting corridor to adjust the final location of access roads and collector lines; and, amend 7 previously imposed site certificate conditions related to the Council's Historic, Cultural and Archeological standard.

**Facility Location:** The Golden Hills Wind Project is approved to be located in Sherman County, between the cities of Wasco and Moro, both east and west of U.S. Highway 97. A map of the facility site boundary is included in this notice. For a detailed map, please see Figure 1 in pRFA6 on the <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/GHW.aspx> or visit our online mapping tool at <https://tinyurl.com/EFSCmap>.

**Current and Next Review Phase:** The current preliminary request for amendment phase consists of staff reviewing the request to ensure there is information adequate for Council to make findings or impose conditions on all applicable Council standards. Once the amendment request is determined complete by staff, staff will issue a Public Notice and Draft Proposed Order (initial staff recommendation), notifying members of the public of a comment period.

**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 project is located. You will automatically receive all future notices on this facility.
2. You have requested to receive paper notices on the Golden Hills Wind Project. 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 the Golden Hills Wind Project 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 the Golden Hills Wind Project including the certificate holder's Type B Review Amendment Determination Request (ADR) and pRFA6 are available online at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/GHW.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 related to the Golden Hills Wind Project 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 the Type B Review ADR and pRFA6 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 review hard copies. Hard copies will be provided at reasonable cost upon request to the Department.

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Figure 1: Golden Hills Wind Project – Site Boundary and Proposed Expanded Micrositing Corridor Areas

