

# PUBLIC NOTICE



## Notice of Intent (Revised) for Blue Marmot Solar Energy Facility

### Summary:

Date Issued: November 10, 2020

Proposal: Up to 50 megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar energy generation facility within an approximately 2,332 acre site boundary on privately-owned land zoned for farm and agricultural use, with areas within the Town of Lakeview's Urban Growth Boundary.

Location: Lake County, within and around the Town of Lakeview

Public Comment Deadline: December 18, 2020

Public Informational Meeting: December 8, 2020  
See page 2 for details.

### Introduction:

The Oregon Department of Energy (Department), staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC), previously received a Notice of Intent (NOI) in January 2018, however, due to modifications of the proposed facility, the applicant submitted a revised NOI on October 27, 2020 from Blue Marmot Solar Park LLC (applicant), a wholly owned subsidiary of EDP Renewables North America LLC, that it intends to submit a preliminary application for site certificate (pASC) to construct and operate the Blue Marmot Solar Energy Facility, a proposed PV solar energy generation facility. The applicant expects to submit the pASC around February 2021. The proposed facility would occupy more than 160 acres of high-value farmland and more than 1,280 acres of soils in capability class I to IV, which constitute a State jurisdictional energy facility under ORS 469.300(11)(D)(i) and (ii), requiring that the applicant obtain a site certificate from EFSC prior to construction and operation. The Department is accepting public comments on the NOI from November 10, 2020 through December 18, 2020.

### Proposed Facility Description:

The Blue Marmot Solar Energy Facility (proposed facility) would have a generating capacity of up to 50 MW using solar PV technology. The proposed facility site boundary includes five solar array sites and related or supporting facilities within a site boundary of approximately 2,332 acres.

The proposed facility consists of PV solar panels/modules, steel tracker tables and posts, cabling, power conversion stations, and related or supporting facilities. Proposed related or supporting facilities include 34.5-kilovolt (kV) collector lines (underground or overhead) interconnecting the five solar array sites, including two route options for a short segment. Other related or supporting facilities include a 3-acre 115 kV step-up substation; a 0.4-mile-long 115-kV overhead generation-tie transmission line that would connect the proposed 115 kV step-up substation to the existing PacifiCorp 115-kV Bullard Substation; Operations and Maintenance Building; approximately 1 mile access road to the Parmelee site (see Figure on the last page); service roads including graveled interior roads to each solar array site and may also include perimeter roads for each solar array site; security gates and perimeter fencing around each solar array site; and temporary construction laydown areas within the solar array sites and 115 kV step-up substation area.

Additional detailed information is available in the NOI Exhibit B (see hyperlink to Department's project webpage in More Information below).

### Proposed Facility Location:

The proposed facility would be located in the southern area of Lake County, Oregon. The five solar array site locations would be located north, west and south of the Town of Lakeview. Portions of the site boundary including the proposed substation and collector line routes would be located near and within the Town of Lakeview's Urban Growth Boundary. A map of the proposed facility site boundary is attached to this notice. More maps are available in NOI Attachment G,

and the Department maintains an online mapping program where the proposed facility site and regional location can be viewed via hyperlink:

<https://arcg.is/1Gf8CK>.

**EFSC Review Process:**

The review of an application for site certificate (ASC) is a consolidated, comprehensive process where the Department requests comments from state and local agencies, tribal governments and the general public throughout the process, and concurrently reviews other permits necessary for the proposed facility. The applicant must demonstrate that the proposed facility meets EFSC standards established under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 469.501 and set forth in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapters 345, divisions 22 and 24, as well as all other applicable Oregon statutes, rules, and standards. The Department serves as staff to EFSC and conducts the ASC review process.

Pursuant to ORS 469.504(4), an applicant must elect to demonstrate compliance with the statewide planning goals by either obtaining local land use approval from the affected local government(s) or through EFSC’s determination of compliance. At this time, Blue Marmot Solar Park LLC intends to satisfy the Council’s Land Use standard (OAR 345-022-0030) which includes compliance with Lake County and Town of Lakeview land use standards, by seeking an EFSC determination under ORS 469.504(1)(b). Lake County and the Town of Lakeview are Special Advisory Groups for the EFSC review.

**Public Participation:**

There are several opportunities for public participation and comment during the EFSC process. The first is the public comment period on the NOI, which is currently open. The Department and applicant will host a teleconference public informational meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Informational meetings provide an opportunity for the public to provide comments and ask questions about the proposed facility and review process.

After the application is determined to be complete the Department will issue notice of another public informational meeting. Then at the issuance the Department’s draft proposed order, notice will be provided about a public hearing and comment period that will provide an opportunity for the public to provide in-person and remote oral and written

testimony on the application and draft proposed order for the proposed facility.

The purpose of NOI and ASC informational meetings is for the Department and applicant to provide information about the proposed facility and EFSC review process to the general public, which differs from a public hearing, where the purpose is to provide the general public an opportunity to provide oral comments to EFSC and a Hearing Officer on the ASC and DPO. The Department will provide notice of all future public informational meetings and hearings.

**Notice of Intent:**

The NOI provides notice to the Department and the public that the applicant intends to submit an ASC in the future. The NOI contains preliminary information about the proposed facility and provides an opportunity for the public, state and local governments and Tribal governments to comment on the NOI.

This Public Notice initiates the first public comment period in the EFSC process, extending from November 10, 2020 through December 18, 2020.

**Comment Period and Informational Meeting:**

Public comments on the NOI are encouraged to help the applicant identify issues and concerns early in the process.

Comments on the NOI are due by December 18, 2020, and must be submitted in writing by U.S. mail, e-mail, or by fax. Please send comments to:

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Phone: (503) 373-0214  
Email: [Kellen.Tardaewether@oregon.gov](mailto:Kellen.Tardaewether@oregon.gov)

Oral comments on the NOI may also be given via remote participation at the informational meeting. The informational meeting will be held on December 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm via WebEx. To participate, you may use one of the options below (on next page):

WebEx Link:

<https://odoe.webex.com/odoe/onstage/g.php?MTID=ee263ce50814b4179f77dc21e9128816f>

**Dial in: 1-408-418-9388, Access Code: 173 009 4078**

**Please Note:** The submission of comments does not automatically register your contact information to receive notices. If you would like to receive notices for this proposed facility or any other EFSC project, and have not already done so, please follow the instructions in the next section.

**Receipt of this Notice:**

You are receiving this notice because:

1. You own property within or adjacent to (within 500 feet) the property on which the proposed facility would be located. You will automatically receive all future EFSC notices for this facility if the site boundary remains the same.
2. You own property within 100 feet of the property on which the proposed facility would be located, where the subject property is wholly or in part within an urban growth boundary.
3. You have previously signed up via ClickDimensions to receive notices on this facility, or all EFSC facilities. You will automatically receive all future email notices per your request, unless you unsubscribe via ClickDimensions or by contacting the Department.

**More Information:**

More information about the proposed facility and the review process are available using any of the following options. If you need more information, please contact Kellen Tardaewether.

**1) Oregon Department of Energy's webpage:**

More details on the Blue Marmot Solar Energy Facility, including the NOI, are available online at:

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

Resources describing the State Siting Process, including "Oregonians Guide to Siting and Oversight of Energy Facilities" are available at:

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

**2) Updates by Email/Mail:**

Subscribe to ClickDimensions for email updates on the proposed facility or other energy facilities under EFSC jurisdiction. ClickDimensions is an automated email system that allows interested members of the public to manage subscriptions to information received about Department projects and events. For more information, please visit: [www.tinyurl.com/ODOE-EFSC](http://www.tinyurl.com/ODOE-EFSC).

To receive notices by U.S. Mail, please contact Kellen Tardaewether and request to be added to the paper notice list.

**3) In Hardcopy:**

Hard copies of the NOI are available for public inspection at the following location at no cost. Hard copies will be provided at reasonable cost upon request to the Department.

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

Please contact the Department to arrange viewing of hard copies of the NOI.

**Accessibility information:**

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Figure 1: Proposed Facility Site Boundary

