

PUBLIC NOTICE

Golden Hills Wind Project

Request for Comments on Request for Amendment 6 of Site Certificate and Draft Proposed Order

Summary:

Date Notice Issued: December 18, 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; modify micrositing corridor area; and amend previously imposed site certificate conditions.

Facility Location: Sherman County

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.

A written public comment period is now open on the complete Request for Amendment 6 (RFA6) and the Draft Proposed Order on RFA6.

Comment Deadline: January 15, 2021 (5:00 PST)

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.

Facility Location: The Golden Hills Wind Project is 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 RFA6 on the facility page: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/GHW.aspx> or visit our online mapping tool at <https://tinyurl.com/EFSCmap>.

Proposed Changes in Amendment Request: RFA6 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 micrositing corridor to adjust the final location of access roads and collector lines; and amend preconstruction conditions to align with phased construction schedule, modify language of 9 previously imposed site certificate conditions related to the Council's Historic, Cultural, and Archeological standard and 1 previously imposed site certificate condition related to the Council's Fish and Wildlife Habitat standard.

Comment Period: Written comments on RFA6 and the Draft Proposed Order must be received by the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) **by 5 p.m. PST on January 15, 2021**, and must be submitted in writing by mail, email or faxed per below:

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To raise an issue on the record of the Draft Proposed Order on RFA6, a person must raise the issue in a written comment received by ODOE before the comment deadline.

The Council will not accept or consider public comments on RFA6 or on the Draft Proposed Order after the written comment deadline that closes the record on the Draft Proposed Order.

Please note: All comments submitted to ODOE may be disclosed to the public, subject to Oregon Public Records Laws (ORS Chapter 192). Public comments

may be available on the ODOE webpage for the Golden Hills Wind Project as an attachment to the Proposed Order.

Comment submission does not register your contact information to receive future notices. If you would like to receive notices for this facility or any other EFSC facility, and have not already done so, please follow the information in this notice to subscribe to the ClickDimensions email notification list.

EFSC Review Process: The amendment request is being processed as a “Type B” amendment, per OAR 345-027-0368 and -0372. After ODOE has considered all comments received before the comment deadline for the Draft Proposed Order, as described in this notice, ODOE will issue a Proposed Order. The Proposed Order shall recommend approval, modification, or denial of the sixth amended site certificate. ODOE will issue, concurrently, a notice of the Proposed Order and the Proposed Order.

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 grant or deny issuance of an amended site certificate.

For more information relating to 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 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 Policy Advisor, at the phone number, email address, or mailing address listed in this notice.

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More information about the facility and updates on the review process are 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 (Type B Review ADR), Department’s Type B Review ADR Determination, RFA6, and Draft Proposed Order 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, RFA6, and Draft Proposed Order 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.

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

