

# PUBLIC NOTICE



## Stateline Wind Project

### Receipt of Preliminary Request for Amendment 6

#### Summary:

Date Notice Issued: August 5, 2021

Site Certificate Amendment Request: Add 50 megawatts (MW) of battery storage, and increase the height and MW output of the wind turbines associated with the Vansycle II unit.

Facility Location: The facility is located in northern Umatilla County, north and east of Helix, Oregon.

***Information Only: Please note, this notice is to provide early notification of preliminary Request for Amendment 6 (pRFA6). There is no comment period associated with this phase of the review.***

Review Process: Request for "Type B" amendment process is under review.

**Introduction:** On July 23, 2021, the Oregon Department of Energy (Department), staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council), received pRFA6 for the Stateline 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(3).

#### **Description of Facility (Approved/In Operation):**

The Stateline Wind Project consists of two operational units, with a combined peak generating capacity of 222 MW. Stateline 1 & 2 (Unit 1) is composed of 186 wind turbines and has a peak generating capacity of up to 123 MW. Vansycle II (Unit 2) consists of 43 wind turbines with a peak generating capacity of 99 MW.

**Description of Amendment Request:** The amendment requests two primary changes. The first is to add 50 MW of battery storage on 11 acres. The second is to amend the approved turbine specifications, MW output, number of turbines and associated development improvements of the Vansycle II Unit, in consideration of the approved repowering from Amendment #5, with the following three requested options:

Option 1: Repower all existing turbines from 2.3 to 2.66 MW which will increase total height from 440 to 489 feet and reduce the minimum ground clearance from 85 to 59 feet.

Option 2: Replace three turbines changing them from 2.3 to 2.32 MW which will increase total height from 440 to 452 feet and reduce the minimum ground clearance from 85 feet to 72 feet; remaining 40 turbines will be repowered consistent with Option 1.

Option 3: Add two new turbines consistent with Option 1. Convert one turbine changing it from 2.3 to 2.32 MW which will increase total height from 440 to 452 feet and reduce the minimum ground clearance from 85 to 72 feet. Remaining 42 turbines will be repowered consistent with Option 1.

An amendment is required because the total blade tip height will be increased from 440 to 489 feet and the hub height will be increased from 263 to 295 feet, which will require a change to Condition 37(c) of the current site certificate. Additionally, the permitted number of turbines is proposed to be increased from 43 to up to 45 under option 3.

**Facility Location:** The approved facility is located in northern Umatilla County, north and east of Helix, Oregon, as presented in Figure 1, *Facility Regional Location*. The communities closest to the facility include City of Helix, Oregon, and Touchet, Washington.

The site boundary is located within northern Umatilla County, approximately 20 miles north of the city of Pendleton and Interstate I-84 and east of the Town of Milton-Freewater and State Highway 11. A map of the facility and site boundary are included at the end of this notice. Specific locational maps can be found at:

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

and on ODOE's online mapping tool:

<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.

If staff determines that the Type A review process should be maintained, there will be a public hearing in front of Council in the vicinity of the facility and the comment period will conclude at the close of the hearing. If staff determines Type B review process is justified, the comment period will be a written comment period only and will conclude on the date indicated in the Draft Proposed Order Public Notice.

**Receipt of this Notice:**

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1. You own property within or adjacent to (within 500 feet) the property which is the subject of this amendment request. You will automatically receive all future notices on this facility.
2. You have requested to receive paper notices on the Stateline Wind Project. If you wish to be removed from this mailing list, please contact Chase McVeigh-Walker.
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**More Information:**

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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 Stateline Wind Project including the certificate holder's pRFA6 are available online at:

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

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**3) In hardcopy:**

Hard copies of pRFA6 and the Type B Review Amendment Determination Request 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 Chase McVeigh-Walker 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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