

# PUBLIC NOTICE



## Carty Generating Station

### Receipt of Preliminary Request for Amendment 3 of Site Certificate

#### **Summary:**

Date Notice Issued: February 16, 2022

Site Certificate Amendment Request: Portland General Electric Company (certificate holder) seeks approval from the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) to extend the construction commencement and completion deadlines for 50 megawatts (MW) of solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generation equipment.

Facility Location (portion of facility subject to the amendment): Morrow 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 process, which is being evaluated by Oregon Department of Energy (Department) staff.

**Introduction:** On February 3, 2022, the Department, staff to Council, received preliminary Request for Amendment 3 (pRFA3) for the Carty Generating Station Site Certificate. In pRFA3, the certificate holder includes a request that the amendment be processed under Type B review per OAR 345-027-0357(8).

**Description of Facility (Approved):** The Carty Generating Station includes two major components within an overall site boundary of approximately 4,997 acres. The first component is an operational 450 MW, combined-cycle natural gas-fueled electric generating power plant and relating and supporting facilities including but not limited to: Grassland Switchyard; Carty substation; 17 mile, 500 kilovolt (kV) Slatt Transmission Line; 16 mile, 230 kV Dalreed Transmission Line; and the Carty Reservoir. These components are located in both Morrow and Gilliam counties.

The second component, which is the subject of pRFA3, is a yet to be constructed 50 MW solar PV electric power generating unit with electrical collections system and a 2.25 to 3 mile 34.5 kV transmission line on 315 acres (0.49 sq. miles) (Carty Solar Farm), located entirely within Morrow County.

**Description of Amendment Request:** pRFA3 seeks Council approval for a three year extension to both the construction commencement and completion deadlines of the Carty Solar Farm. This change would make the new construction commencement deadline February 4, 2025, and the new construction completion deadline February 4, 2028. No other changes are proposed in pRFA3.

**Facility Location:** The portion of the facility site boundary subject to pRFA3 is located approximately 13 miles southwest of the City of Boardman, immediately north and south of the Carty Reservoir.

A map of the facility site boundary is included in this notice. For detailed maps, please see pRFA3 Figures 1 and 2 at <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/CGS.aspx> or visit our online mapping tool at <https://tinyurl.com/EFSCmap>.

#### **EFSC Review Process:**

##### Overview

The site certificate amendment process is a consolidated, comprehensive siting process. The certificate holder must demonstrate that the facility, with proposed deadline extension, meets all EFSC standards established under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 469.501 and set forth in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapters 345, Division 22, 24 and 27 as well as all other applicable Oregon statutes, rules and standards. ODOE serves as staff to EFSC and conducts the amendment review process.

##### Preliminary Request for Amendment

The current phase consists of staff reviewing the amendment request, along with applicable state agencies, local government and tribal governments to ensure there is information adequate for Council

to make findings or impose conditions on all applicable Council standards.

#### Complete Request for Amendment

Under OAR 345-027-0363(5), an amendment is complete when the Department finds that the certificate holder has submitted information adequate for the Council to make findings or impose conditions on all applicable Council standards.

The Department's determination of whether the request justifies a Type A or B review under OAR 345-027-0357 may occur before or at the same as the completeness determination. The differences between the Type A and Type B amendment review are described in the specific phases below.

#### Draft Proposed Order

This document is staff's initial recommendation to EFSC, who are the final decision makers, on whether or not each applicable standard is met. The DPO will include staff's analysis of the amendment request as well as comments received from state agencies, local governments and tribal governments. The DPO will include recommended findings of facts, conclusions or law and conditions.

Issuance of the DPO will initiate a public comment period.

Under Type A review, in addition to the written public comment period there will be a public hearing which includes an opportunity for oral comments. At that time, to preserve your right to request a contested case proceeding and any subsequent appeal of EFSC's decision, you must comment during the public comment period on the DPO, either orally at the public hearing or in writing during the comment period.

Following the conclusion of the comment period on the DPO, EFSC will review the DPO and all submitted comments and provide their comments to the Department.

Under Type B review there will be a written comment period but no public hearing.

#### Proposed Order

Following the conclusion of the DPO comment period, the Department must issue a Proposed

Order, staff's second recommendation to EFSC. Changes made from the DPO to the Proposed Order are based on the comments of the Council (Type A Review only) and any other comments made before the close of the public comment period.

#### Contested Case (Type A Review Only)

To determine that a request justifies a contested case, the Council must find that the request raises a significant issue of fact or law that may affect the Council's determination that the facility, with changes proposed by the amendment, meets the applicable laws and Council standards.

#### Final Order

Following a contested case proceeding, or the Proposed Order if there is no contested case proceeding the Council shall issue a Final Order either approving or denying the proposed facility.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/Siting-Standards.aspx>

#### **Receipt of this Notice:**

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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 Carty Generating Station. If you wish to be removed from this mailing list, please contact Kathleen Sloan.
3. You have previously signed up via GovDelivery/ClickDimensions or by contacting ODOE to receive notices related to the Carty Generating Station 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 Kathleen Sloan, 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 Carty Generating Station including the certificate holder's pRFA3 and Type B Review ADR are available online at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/CGS.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 Carty Generating Station 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 Kathleen Sloan.

**3) In hardcopy:** Hard copies of pRFA3 and Type B Review ADR are available for public inspection at:

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

Please contact Kathleen Sloan 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: Carty Generating Station – Facility Location and Site Boundary**

