

PUBLIC NOTICE



Stateline Wind Project

Request for Comments on the Complete Request for Amendment 7 and Draft Proposed Order

Notice Summary:

Notice Date: May 13, 2022

Site Certificate Amendment Request: Amend the approved turbine specifications (specifically the minimum above-ground blade tip height and the hub height) for Vansycle II wind turbines, if repowered as previously approved.

Facility Location: Northern Umatilla County, north and east of Helix, Oregon.

Amendment Review Type: Type B review, which does not include a public hearing or opportunity for contested case proceeding.

Recommendation: The Oregon Department of Energy Staff (Department) recommends that Request for Amendment 7 (RFA7) meets all required standards and should be approved by the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council).

Written Comment Deadline: June 6, 2022 (5:00 PDT)

Description of Facility (Approved/In Operation):

The Stateline Wind Project consists of two geographic units. Stateline 1 & 2 (Unit 1) is composed of 186 wind turbines and has a peak generating capacity of up to 123 megawatts (MW). Vansycle II (Unit 2) consists of 45 wind turbines with a peak generating capacity of up to 119 MW. There are two certificate holders for the Stateline Wind Project site certificate, based on the two geographic units of the facility. The certificate holder for Stateline 1 and 2 is FPL Energy Vansycle, LLC (FPL Vansycle); the certificate holder for Vansycle II is FPL Energy Stateline II, Inc. (FPL Stateline), both of which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (NEER) (certificate holder owner).

Description of Amendment Request: RFA7 seeks EFSC approval to amend the approved turbine dimensional specifications for the Vansycle II wind turbines, if repowered as approved in the Final Order on RFA6. The certificate holder indicates in RFA7 that

further refinement of design and associated engineering resulted in a proposed repowered configuration that would require a decrease in minimum above-ground blade tip height (from 59 to 50 feet), and an increase in hub height (from 295 to 315 feet). The certificate holder proposes changes to the turbine specifications in site certificate Condition 137, and the Department recommends revisions to Condition 137 in the Draft Proposed Order.

Facility Location: The approved facility is located in northern Umatilla County, north and east of Helix, Oregon, as presented in Figure 1, *Stateline Wind Project: Vansycle II Unit 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>.

EFSC Review Process

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

Request for Amendment: On April 19, 2022, the Department received pRFA7. In pRFA7, the certificate holder included a request that the amendment be processed under Type B review per OAR 345-027-0357(8). On May 12, 2022, the Department determined the amendment request to be complete. Under OAR 345-027-0363(5), a request for 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 determined that Type B review was justified on May 13, 2022.

Draft Proposed Order: On May 13, 2022, the Department issued a Draft Proposed Order (DPO) on RFA7. The DPO, ODOE's first evaluation of the proposed facility which includes findings of facts, conclusions of law and conditions, recommends EFSC approve RFA7 and issue an amended site certificate. The DPO is not a Final Order. The purpose of this DPO notice is to inform the public of an open written comment period.

Comment Period Written comments on RFA7 and the DPO must be received by the Department **by 5 p.m. PDT on June 6, 2022**, and must be submitted in writing through the public comment portal described below, by mail, email or faxed per below:

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To raise an issue on the record of the DPO on RFA7, a person must raise the issue in a written comment received by the Department before the comment deadline.

NEW Online Comment Portal

The goal of the online comment portal is to provide a convenient option to submit input on projects. The portal can be accessed via the link below:
<https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/SitingPublicComment/>

To get started, choose the Stateline Wind Project from the drop-down menu. Click "Next" and follow the instructions on screen. You will receive an email confirmation after submitting your comment.

ODOE also has a new docket system available which displays comments that have been submitted. Comments for this project will be posted to the docket and will normally be available to view within

3 business days of receipt. The docket can be accessed via the following link:

<https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/en-US/sitingdocket/>

The Council will not accept or consider public comments on RFA7 or on the DPO after the written comment deadline that closes the record on the DPO.

Please note: All comments submitted to the Department may be disclosed to the public, subject to Oregon Public Records Laws (ORS Chapter 192). Public comments may be available on the Department's webpage for the Stateline Wind Project as an attachment to the later-issued 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.

Proposed Order: After the Department has considered all comments received before the comment deadline for the DPO, as described in this notice, the Department will issue a Proposed Order. The Proposed Order shall recommend approval, modification, or denial of the seventh amended site certificate. The Department will issue, concurrently, a notice of the Proposed Order and the Proposed Order.

Final 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:

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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.
3. You have previously signed up via GovDelivery/ClickDimensions or by contacting the Department to receive notices related to Stateline Wind Project or all Council project-related notices. You will automatically receive all future notices per your request, unless you unsubscribe via ClickDimensions or by contacting Department.

More Information:

Please contact Chase McVeigh-Walker, 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 Stateline Wind Project including the certificate holder’s Request for Amendment 7, Type B Review Determination Request (Type B Review ADR), Department Determination on Type B Review ADR, and the Draft Proposed Order 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>

2) Updates by email/mail:

Subscribe to ClickDimensions, a self-managed, automated email system that sends notices and updates on the Stateline Wind Project as well as any or all other energy facilities and events

under Council jurisdiction. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ODOE-EFSC>.

To receive notices by U.S. Mail, please contact Chase McVeigh-Walker.

3) In hardcopy:

Hard copies of Request for Amendment 7 and the Draft Proposed Order on RFA7 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.

Accessibility information:

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Figure 1: Stateline Wind Project: Vansycle II Unit Regional Location

