## **PUBLIC NOTICE**



## **Stateline Wind Project**

Notice of Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 7

**Notice Summary:** 

Notice Date: June 10, 2022

<u>Site Certificate Amendment Request</u>: 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.

<u>Facility Location</u>: Northern Umatilla County, north and east of Helix, Oregon.

<u>Amendment Review Type</u>: 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).

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

The Stateline Wind Project consists of two geographic units; Stateline 1 & 2 (Unit 1) is comprised of 186 wind turbines with a peak generating capacity of up to 123 megawatts (MW), and Vansycle II (Unit 2) is approved to include up to 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; the Department recommends revisions to Condition 137.

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

<u>Request for Amendment</u>: The amendment request is being processed under "Type B" review, per OAR 345-027-0368 and -0372.

<u>Proposed Order</u>: On June 10, 2022, the Department concurrently issued a Proposed Order on RFA7, and a notice of the Proposed Order. The Proposed Order recommends approval of the changes proposed in RFA7 and issuance of a seventh amended site certificate.

EFSC will review the Proposed Order on June 24, 2022. This agenda item should begin shortly after 8:30 a.m.

<u>In Person/WebEx Webinar/Teleconference Meeting</u> <u>Information</u>:

In Person: ODOE – Meitner Room

550 Capitol St. NE Salem, OR 97301

Webex Link:

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WebEx Event Number: 2348 290 3610

WebEx Event Password: EFSC Teleconference #: 408-418-9388

<u>Final Order</u>: At the June 2022 meeting, 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. Judicial review of Council's final order granting or denying an amendment request is as described in OAR 345-027-0372(5) and Oregon Revised Statute 469.403.

For more information relating to EFSC standards, please visit:

http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilitiessafety/facilities/Pages/Siting-Standards.aspx

**Receipt of this Notice:** Please note that you may be receiving this notice for multiple reasons:

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

**More Information:** Please contact ODOE's Senior Siting Analyst as listed below:

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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 Stateline Wind Project including the certificate holder's Request for Amendment 7, Type B Review Determination Request (Type B Review ADR). Department Determination on

Review ADR), Department Determination on Type B Review ADR, the Draft Proposed Order, and the Proposed Order are available online at: <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/SWP.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/SWP.aspx</a>

Additional resources to help you participate in the state siting process can be found at:

http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilitiessafety/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: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/ODOE-EFSC">https://tinyurl.com/ODOE-EFSC</a>.

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

3) In Hardcopy: Hard copies of Request for Amendment 7 and the Proposed Order on RFA7 are available for public inspection at the following location at no cost.

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

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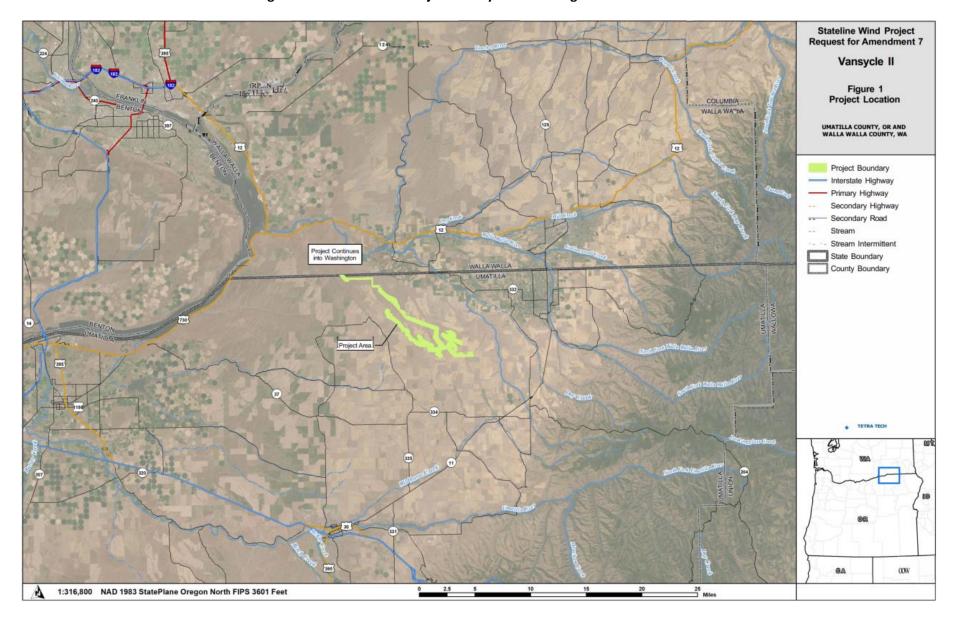


Figure 1: Stateline Wind Project: Vansycle II Unit Regional Location