

# PUBLIC NOTICE



## Carty Generating Station

### Request for Comments on the Complete Request for Amendment 3 and Draft Proposed Order

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**Notice Summary:**

Notice Date: June 17, 2022

Site Certificate Amendment Request: 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

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 3 (RFA3) meets all required standards and should be approved by the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council).

Written Comment Deadline: July 12, 2022 (5:00 PDT)

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

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:** RFA3 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 RFA3.

**Facility Location:** The portion of the facility site boundary subject to RFA3 is located approximately 13 miles southwest of the City of Boardman.

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 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 February 3, 2022, the Department received preliminary Request for Amendment 3 (pRFA3). In pRFA3, the certificate holder included a request that the amendment be processed under Type B review per OAR 345-027-0357(8). The applicant submitted a revised pRFA3 on April 29, 2022. On June 7, 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 June 17, 2022.

**Draft Proposed Order:** On June 17, 2022, the Department issued a Draft Proposed Order (DPO) on

RFA3. The DPO, ODOE's first evaluation of the proposed facility which includes findings of facts, conclusions of law and conditions, recommends EFSC approve RFA3 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 RFA3 and the DPO must be received by the Department **by 5:00 p.m. PDT on July 12, 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 RFA3, 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 Carty Generating Station 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 RFA3 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 Carty Generating Station 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, ODOE's second evaluation of the proposed facility. The Proposed Order shall recommend approval, modification, or denial of the third 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:**

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 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 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 the Department to receive notices related to Carty Generating Station 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 Kathleen Sloan, Senior Siting Analyst, at the phone, email address or mailing address listed on the prior page of this notice.

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 Carty Generating Station Project including the certificate holder's Request for Amendment 3, 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/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 on the Carty Generating Station 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 Kathleen Sloan.

**3) In hardcopy:**

Hard copies of Request for Amendment 3 and the Draft Proposed Order on RFA3 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 Kathleen Sloan if you wish to arrange a time to review hard copies.

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Figure 1: Carty Generating Station – Facility Location and Site Boundary

