

# PUBLIC NOTICE



## Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line

### Receipt of Preliminary Request for Amendment 1 of Site Certificate

#### Summary:

Date Notice Issued: December 15, 2022

Site Certificate Amendment Request: Amend the site boundary to accommodate: (a) re-location of the transmission line on three properties; and (b) refinement of the location of certain roads, as summarized in Table 1 below.

Facility Location: The approved facility is located in five counties in Oregon: Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker and Malheur. The proposed changes in the amendment would be located within all five counties.

Review Process: Type A

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.

**Introduction:** On December 7, 2022, the Oregon Department of Energy (Department or staff), staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council (Council or EFSC), received preliminary Request for Amendment 1 (pRFA1) to the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line (facility) from the certificate holder, Idaho Power Company (IPC).

**Description of Facility (Approved):** The approved but not constructed facility is an approximately 300 mile (275 miles in Oregon), single circuit, 500 kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line which includes transmission towers, a substation, and access roads as well as removal of approximately 12 miles of existing 69-kV transmission line, rebuilding of approximately 1 mile of a 230-kV transmission line, rebuilding of approximately 1 mile of an existing 138-kV transmission line.

**Description of Amendment Request:** pRFA1 seeks Council approval for the following:  
(a) re-location of the transmission line on three properties based on IPC's coordination and agreement with the underlying landowners; and

(b) refinement of the location of certain roads resulting from additional design and engineering review. This includes approximately 7.2 miles of 500-kV transmission line alternatives, and 33.8 miles of access road changes associated with the approved route. The proposed site boundary additions cover 952.5 acres. More detail of these proposed changes are included in pRFA1 Table 4.1-1, page 5.

**Facility Location:** The facility site boundary is located in Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker and Malheur counties. For detailed maps associated with the proposed amendment, please see pRFA1 Figures 4-1 and 4-2 at <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/B2H.aspx>

You may also view the facility location by visiting 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 the changes proposed in the amendment request, meets all applicable 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.

##### 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.

### 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 an in person public hearing in the vicinity of the facility which includes an opportunity for oral comments. 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.

### 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 and any other comments made before the close of the public comment period.

### Contested Case

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 amendment to the site certificate.

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

Please note that you may be receiving this notice for multiple reasons:

1. You own property in farm or forest zone located within or adjacent to (within 500 feet) the property on which the proposed changes would be located. You will automatically receive all future notices on this facility.
2. You own property outside an urban growth boundary and not within a farm or forest zone within or adjacent to (within 250 feet) the property on which the proposed changes would be located. You will automatically receive all future notices on this facility.
3. You have requested to receive paper notices on the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line. If you wish to be removed from this mailing list, please contact Kellen Tardaewether.
4. You have previously signed up via GovDelivery/ClickDimensions or by contacting ODOE to receive notices related to the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line 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 Kellen Tardaewether, 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) Announcement on Department's Website:**  
More details on the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line and a copy of pRFA1 are available on the project page at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/B2H.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 Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line 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 Kellen Tardaewether.

**3) In hardcopy:** Hard copies of pRFA1 are available for public inspection at:

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

Please contact Kellen Tardaewether 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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**Table 1: Proposed Site Boundary and Access Road Changes**

<b>Proposed Site Boundary Additions</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Length of Change – Transmission Line (miles)</b>	<b>Length of Change – Access Road (miles)</b>	<b>Area of Change (acres)</b>	<b>Description of Site Boundary Change</b>
Little Juniper Canyon Transmission Line Alternative	Morrow	1.0	1.4	78.7	Shifted transmission line to the west to minimize impacts to proposed solar facility
Access Road Changes in Morrow County	Morrow	NA	4.2	61.9	Road design changes
Access Road Changes in Umatilla County	Umatilla	NA	3.4	71.3	Road design changes
Access Road Changes in Union County	Union	NA	1.8	36.7	Road design changes
True Blue Gulch Transmission Line Alternative	Baker	4.3	8.6	422.8	Adjusted transmission line to the west and south to minimize noise and visual impacts
Durbin Quarry Transmission Line Alternative	Baker	1.9	2.1	130.0	Shifted transmission line to avoid crossing ODOT quarry
Access Road Changes in Baker County	Baker	NA	17.0	95.5	Road design changes
Access Road Changes in Malheur County	Malheur	NA	7.4	139.1	Road design changes
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>1,036.0</b>	<b>NA</b>