# Oregon Department of ENERGY

Lone Pine to Whetstone 230 kV Transmission Line Notice of Intent Informational Meeting

June 7, 2023 Rogue Regency Inn Medford,OR







5:00 PM - Meet and Greet and 1:1 conversations with ODOE and Applicant

6:00 PM - Presentation



## AGENDA

- Public Meeting Overview
- Siting Process Overview (ODOE)
- Proposed Facility Overview (PacifiCorp)
- Q&A Session Comment

Notice of Intent to Apply for a Site Certificate for the Lone Pine to Whetstone Transmission Line

April 2023

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# Meeting Overview

### This informational meeting:

- Is intended to give members of the public an opportunity to learn about the proposal and provide comment on the NOI.
- Is **not** a contested case hearing, and participation in the meeting is not required to preserve issues or standing for the contested case.

Please hold all questions and comments until the Q&A session at end of the presentations.

Any person engaging disruptive behavior may be asked or required to leave the meeting.

# Oregon's Energy Facility Siting Program

Oversees the review, decision-making, and compliance for most large-scale energy-generating facilities and infrastructure in Oregon.

- Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) is final decision-making authority.
- Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Siting Division serves as staff to EFSC.

Consolidated process between state agencies and local government:

- Eliminates duplication, consolidates timelines, decisions, and judicial review
- Reviews proposal for compliance with applicable standards, laws, and rules.
- Provides opportunities for public participation and comment.
- Coordinates review and solicits input from reviewing agencies, local governments, and tribal governments.



# State Jurisdictional "Energy Facilities" ORS 469.300(11)

- High Voltage Transmission Lines
- Electrical Power Generating Plants (Thermal, Solar, Wind, Geothermal, etc.)
- Biomass and Synthetic Fuel Production Facilities
- Fuel Pipelines
- Natural Gas Reservoir Surface Facilities
- Nuclear Installations
- LNG Storage Facilities
- Uranium Mills or Mill Tailings Disposal Facilities





# State Jurisdictional "Energy Facilities" ORS 469.300(11)

The definition of "Energy Facility" located within this Oregon Revised Statute is what establishes that jurisdiction.

For electrical transmission lines the project has to be:

- Greater than 10 miles in length; and
- Greater or equal to 230 kilovolts (kV); and
- Crossing more than one jurisdiction





## Energy Facility Siting Process

### **EFSC Siting Standards:**

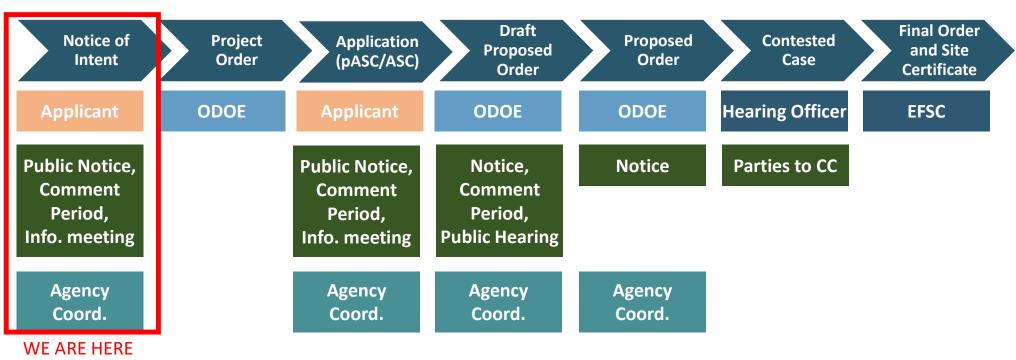
- General Standard of Review
- Organizational Expertise
- Structural Standard
- Soil Protection
- Land Use
- Protected Areas
- Retirement and Financial Assurance
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Scenic Resources

- Historic, Cultural and Archaeological Resources
- Recreation
- Public Services
- Waste Minimization
- Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation
- Noise
- Siting Standards for Transmission Lines
- Need Standard



## **ENERGY FACILITY SITING PROCESS**

### **Application for Site Certificate Process**





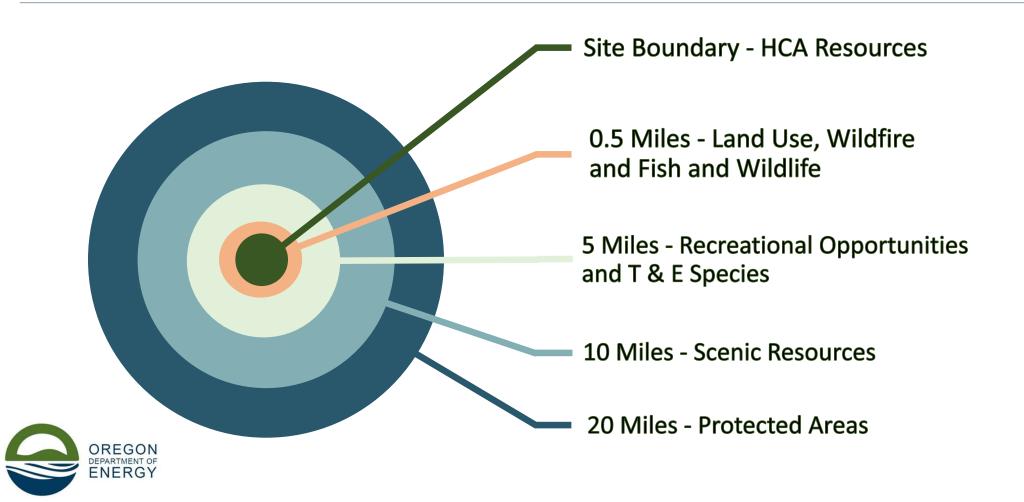
# Reviewing Agency Coordination

### **Reviewing Agencies and Special Advisory Groups:**

- Provide comments on the proposed facility within the jurisdiction or expertise of the agency
- Make recommendations regarding the size and location of analysis area(s)
- Identify:
  - Studies that should be conducted to identify potential impacts
  - Statutes, administrative rules, applicable substantive criteria, and local government ordinances administered by the agency
  - Permits administered by the agency that might apply to construction or operation of the proposed facility



# NOI Study Area Distances



## Land Use

- The applicant may choose to obtain land use approval from EFSC or from the affected local governments.
- NOI indicates applicant intends to seek land use determination from EFSC
- If election changes, interested persons should participate in the local land use process.



## Lone Pine to Whetstone 230 kV Transmission Line

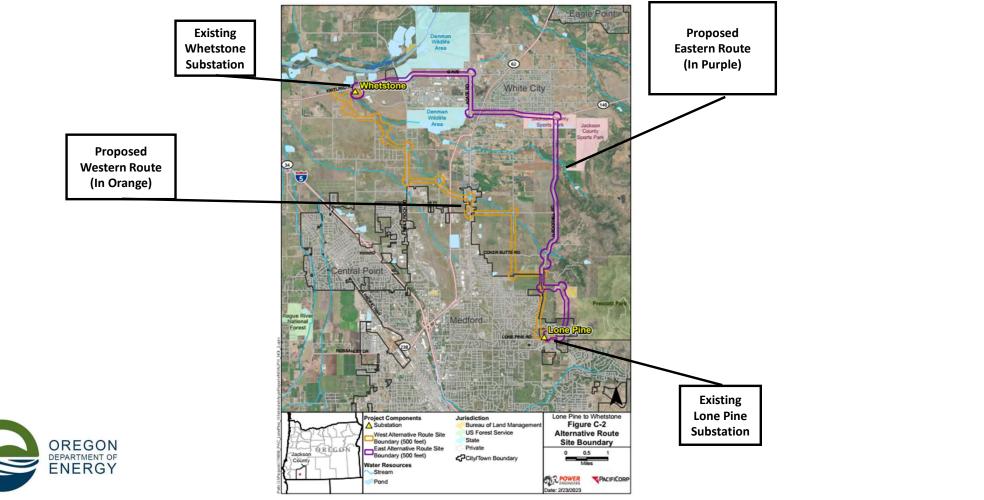
Notice of Intent to Apply for a Site Certificate (NOI) received April 27, 2023:

PacifiCorp (Applicant) proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from their existing Lone Pine Substation north and west to their existing Whetstone Substation near Medford in central Jackson County, Oregon.

The Applicant is evaluating two routes in the NOI—
West Alternative Route, approximately 10.0 miles long, and
East Alternative Route, approximately 12.1 miles long.



## Lone Pine to Whetstone 230 kV Transmission Line



# Route Alternatives and Adjustments

- NOI identifies 2 potential route alternatives (West and East Alternative)
- The proposed corridors are subject to change. Both alternatives are under EFSC review. One alternative will be selected for construction by the Applicant.
- The Applicant may propose adjustments in the application or at these informational meetings.
- The applicant must consider public comments in selecting corridors for analysis in the Application for Site Certificate.







# **Project Need**

- Pacific Power's 2017 North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC)
   Planning Assessment
- Reinforce 230-kV supply to Lone Pine and Whetstone substations
- Continue to provide reliable service to customers in southern Oregon
- Compliance with transmission system reliability standards
  - NERC (Reliability Standard TPL-3.1)
  - Western Electricity Coordinating Council (Criterion TPL-001-WECC-CRT-3.1

# **Project Location**

#### **Project Components**

∧ Substation

#### Water Resources

Stream

Pond

#### Jurisdiction

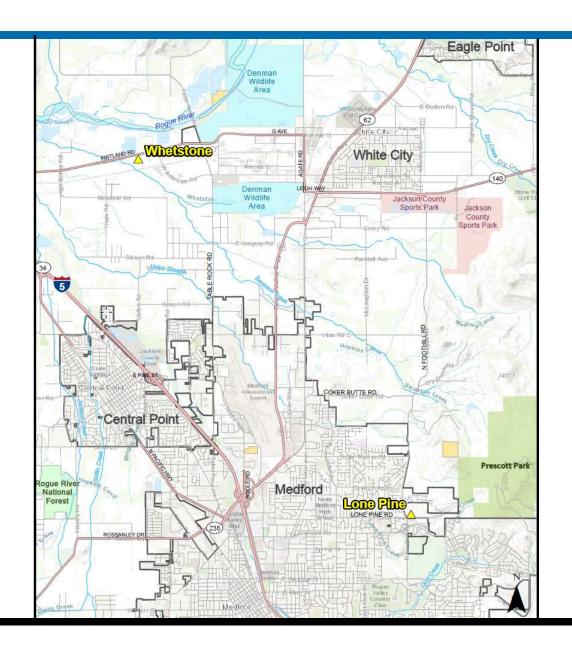
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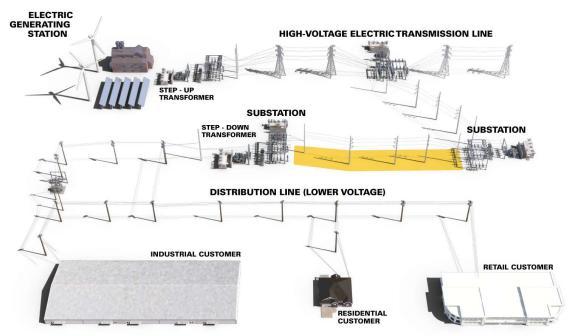




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# **Electricity: From the Generating Source to the Customer**





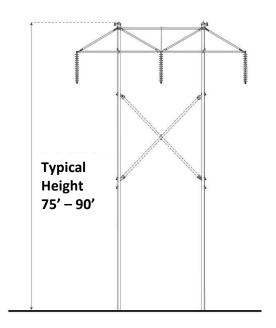
# **Proposed Structures**

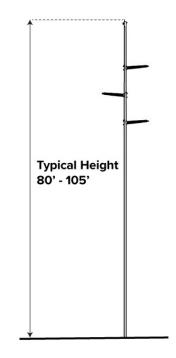
Voltage: 230-kV single-circuit transmission line

• Length: 10 to 12 miles

• **Structure types:** H-frame pole, single pole

- Structure height: H-frame 75 to 90 feet, Single
   pole 80 to 105 feet
- Span between structures: approximately 600 feet
- Right-of-way width: not to exceed 125 feet







# **Routing Study**

### Opportunities to optimize routing

- · Parallel existing linear facilities (transmission lines, roads/highways, railroad)
- Route in areas of compatible land use (e.g., industrial, commercial), areas previously disturbed
- Parallel section or property lines
- · Minimize effects on private property
- · Maximize use of existing adjacent/nearby access and areas compatible with overland travel
- · Areas that facilitate efficient and cost-effective transmission line design and construction

#### Other considerations

- · Jurisdiction and land ownership
- Land use
- Parcels crossed
- Zoning and Resource Districts
- · Scenic and aesthetic resources
- · Presence of protected species of plants and widlife, critical habitat, conservation areas
- Floodplains, wetlands, water crossings
- · Known cultural resources
- Engineering factors (e.g., topography, accessibility, constructability, potential geologic hazards, road and utility crossings)



## **Route Evaluation Factors**

In addition to the routing criteria, Pacific Power must evaluate several other factors in selecting a route for the transmission line.



# **Alternative Routes**

#### **Project Components**

Substation

West Alternative Route Corridor (500 feet)

East Alternative Route Corridor (500 feet)

#### Water Resources

Stream

Pond

#### Jurisdiction

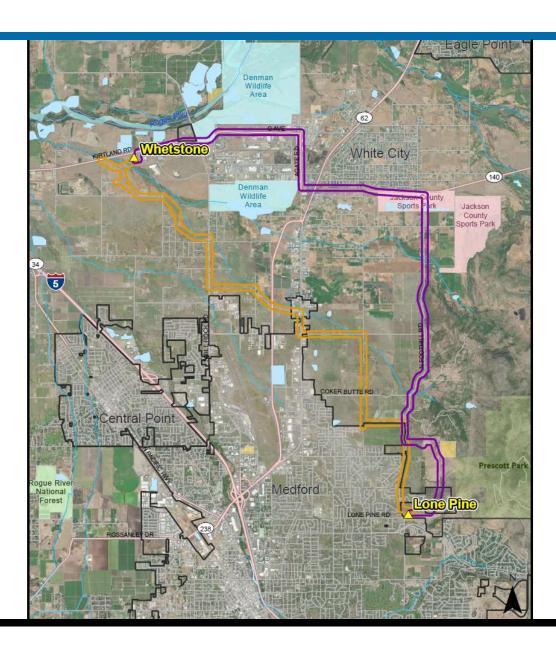
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# Permits/Authorizations/Approvals

- Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) Oregon Department of Energy
- Certificate of Public Need and Necessity (CPCN) Oregon Public Utilities
   Commission
- Other required federal and state permits not required by EFSC



# **Anticipated Milestones**

•	PacifiCorp files Notice of Intent for EFSC process	April 27,	2023
•	ODOE/PacifiCorp Public Information Meeting	. June 7,	2023
•	ODOE Final Order and Site Certificate (EFSC)	Summer	2024
•	Land acquisitionSummer 2024	<ul><li>Spring</li></ul>	2025
•	Construction		.2025





## **Public Comments**

- Opportunity for the public to comment on the Notice of Intent is Open. All
  written comments submitted to ODOE are included in the public record
  and provided to the applicant.
- Comment period closes on July 7, 2023.
- Oral Comments may be provided during the Q&A Session at this meeting.
- This meeting is not a public hearing, and participation is not required to establish standing to participate in the contested case during the review of the Application for Site Certificate.



## **Q&A Session/Comments**

#### We will call on you

<u>In Person</u>: Please complete a comment card with your name and contact information and hand it to Erica.

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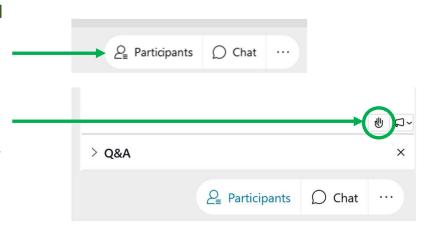
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# Helpful Resources



https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/en-US/SitingPublicComment/

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