

PUBLIC NOTICE



Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line

Receipt of Preliminary Request for Amendment 2 of Site Certificate

Summary:

Date Notice Issued: July 13, 2023

Site Certificate Amendment Request: Amend the site boundary to accommodate: (a) transmission line alternative routes in each of the five affected counties; (b) additional work areas such as multi-use areas (MUAs) and pulling and tensioning sites; and (c) refinement of the location of access roads. Proposed changes also include (d) construction and operation of a capacitor station.

Facility Location: The approved facility is located in five counties in Oregon: Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker and Malheur. The changes proposed in the amendment request 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 June 30, 2023, the Oregon Department of Energy (Department or staff), staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council (Council or EFSC), received preliminary Request for Amendment 2 (pRFA2) 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 switching station, 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, and rebuilding of approximately 1 mile of an existing 138-kV transmission line.

Description of Amendment Request: pRFA2 seeks Council approval to add approximately 4,142 acres of new area to the site boundary to allow adjustments

of approximately 40.2 miles of alternative transmission line corridors (alternatives proposed in each affected county); 135.5 miles of access road changes (roads proposed in each affected county); and approximately 1,558.5 acres of construction work areas (collectively referred to as "proposed RFA2 site boundary additions"). The proposed RFA2 site boundary additions are summarized in Table 1 below. pRFA2 also proposes a midline series capacitor substation, located on approximately 5.5 acres within the previously approved site boundary in Union County, which would facilitate connecting the facility to the existing transmission system. See pRFA2 Section 4.0 for further details.

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 pRFA2 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

The Draft Proposed Order (DPO) 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 pRFA2 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 pRFA2 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: RFA2 Proposed Additional Routes and Access Roads

Summary	Transmission Line (miles)	Access Roads (miles)	Work Areas (acres)	Site Boundary (acres)	Description of Site Boundary Addition
Morrow County					
Ayers Canyon Alternative	8.7	26.6	103.1	926.5	Alignment shifted to southeast per landowner request
Boardman Junction Alternative	0.6	0.2	8.7	5.1	Slight design modification to west to span I-84
Bombing Range SE Alternative	1.0	2.7	3.6	5.7	Slight design modification to east to avoid impacts to pivot irrigation
Other Access Road and Work Area Changes	--	1.7	34.6	19.8	Road and pulling-tensioning site adjustments
Morrow County – Total	10.3	31.2	150.0	957.1	
Umatilla County					
Rugg Canyon Alternative	2.5	3.1	32.2	159.0	Alignment shifted to southern parcel boundary per landowner request
Sevenmile Creek Alternative	9.9	15.0	115.6	695.1	Alignment shifted northwest to adjacent ridge per landowner request
Other Access Road and Work Area Changes	--	10.5	165.2	287.4	Road, pulling-tensioning site, and MUA adjustments
Umatilla County – Total	12.4	28.6	313.0	1,141.5	
Union County					
Baldy Alternative	7.5	18.6	120.1	597.3	Alignment shifted to southwest per landowner requests
Rock Creek 1 Alternative	1.4	2.1	34.6	52.1	Revised transition to Morgan Lake Alternative to avoid isolated BLM parcel
Rock Creek 2 Alternative	1.5	0.7	26.9	36.2	Alternate transition to Morgan Lake Alternative to avoid landowner
Other Access Road and Work Area Changes	--	1.7	228.7	237.9	Road, pulling-tensioning site, and MUA adjustments
Union County – Total	10.5	23.1	427.1	920.7	
Baker County					
Hwy 203 Crossing Alternative	1.9	2.4	22.2	70.6	Alignment shifted east to avoid impacts to proposed pivot irrigation
Proposed Route (230-kV Rebuild) Revised Alternative	0.6	0.5	1.2	10.2	Revised tie into existing 230-kV line

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Other Access Road and Work Area Changes	--	17.5	274.3	333.0	Road, pulling-tensioning site, and MUA adjustments
Baker County – Total	2.5	20.4	297.7	413.9	
Malheur County					
Cottonwood Creek Alternative	3.2	9.7	39.1	239.7	Alignment shifted to southeast to avoid potential noise impacts
Willow Creek Alternative	1.4	1.1	20.0	32.8	Alignment shifted south to avoid impacts to pivot irrigation
Other Access Road and Work Area Changes	--	21.4	311.6	436.7	Road, pulling-tensioning site, and MUA adjustments
Malheur County – Total	4.6	32.2	370.7	709.1	
Grand Total	40.2	135.5	1,558.5	4,142.3	