# **PUBLIC NOTICE**



## **Summit Ridge Wind Farm**

Request for Comments on Application to Terminate Site Certificate

**Notice Summary:** 

Notice Date: March 13, 2024

<u>Proposal</u>: Request for approval of retirement plan and site certificate termination.

Facility Location: Wasco County

Application to Terminate Site Certificate: On March 8, 2024 the Oregon Department of Energy (Department or ODOE) received an Application to Terminate the site certificate for the Summit Ridge Wind Farm, an approved 194.4 megawatt (MW) wind generating facility, with partial construction (road improvement).

Written Comment Deadline: April 1, 2024 by 5:00 PM Pacific Time.

**Description of the Facility:** The Summit Ridge Wind Farm is an approved wind energy generation facility that would consist of up to 72 wind turbines with a peak generating capacity of 194.4 MWs, located within a site boundary of approximately 11,000 acres.

Construction of the facility, to date, has consisted of improvements to 0.79 miles of an access road on the property of a third party. That work permanently affected approximately 1.5 acres.

More detailed information about the approved energy facility and the related or supporting facilities is available in Application for Site Certificate (ASC) Exhibit B at

https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilitiessafety/facilities/Pages/SRW.aspx

**Location of Proposed Facility:** The approved facility location is in Wasco County, approximately 17 miles southeast of The Dalles and eight miles east of Dufur.

A map of the approved facility location and site boundary is included at the end of this notice.

Specific locational maps can be found in ASC Exhibit C and on ODOE's online mapping tool at: <a href="https://tools.oregonexplorer.info/OE">https://tools.oregonexplorer.info/OE</a> HtmlViewer/in dex.html?viewer=renewable&efsc=Summit%20Ridge %20Wind%20Farm

**Application to Terminate Site Certificate Process Overview:** The requirements for the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) to terminate a site certificate are established in OAR 345-027-0110.

Request: Aypa Power LLC, on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiary Summit Ridge Wind, LLC (certificate holder), submitted an Application to Terminate the Site Certificate on March 8, 2024.

The Application to Terminate is available at <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/SRW.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/SRW.aspx</a>

Please note: the certificate holder has not provided a separate draft of a Retirement Plan and cost estimate because it proposes to leave in place the only work done to date - improvements made to an existing, private access road.

<u>Written Comment Period</u>: Written comments on the application to terminate the site certificate must be received by **April 1, 2024 at 5:00 PM** (Pacific Time) in order to be considered by EFSC. Comments may be submitted by mail, email, or fax to:

Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor Oregon Department of Energy 550 Capital Street NE, Salem, OR 97301 Phone: 971-239-7087 Fax: 503-373-7806 Email: sarah.esterson@energy.oregon.gov

EFSC will not accept or consider any further public comments on the application to terminate the site certificate after April 1, 2024 at 5:00 PM (Pacific Time).

ODOE Review and Recommendation: The Department will review the application to terminate the site certificate, all written comments received before the deadline and will make its recommendation to EFSC regarding whether the certificate holder has met all the applicable requirements.

Council Review of Retirement Plan: Council will first review the proposed final retirement plan, consider written comments received from the public and the reviewing agencies and may approve, modify or reject the plan. If the retirement plan is approved, the Council must issue an order authorizing retirement according to the approved or modified final retirement plan and subject to any conditions the Council finds appropriate.

Council Termination of Site Certificate: When the Council finds that the certificate holder has completed the retirement of the facility according to the Council's order authorizing retirement, the Council must issue an order terminating the site certificate.

#### **Additional Information:**

Additional information about the facility is available using any of the following options.

#### 1) Oregon Department of Energy's webpage:

The application t to terminate the site certificate and additional details regarding the facility may be found at: <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/SRW.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/SRW.aspx</a> to review and access free of charge.

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

https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilitiessafety/facilities/Pages/Fact-Sheets.aspx

### 2) Updates by email/mail:

Subscribe to ClickDimensions, a self-managed, automated email system that sends notices and updates on the Summit Ridge Wind Farm 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 Sarah Esterson (see contact information provided above).

#### 3) In hardcopy:

Hard copies of the application to terminate the site certificate are available for public inspection at the following locations at no cost:

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

Please contact Sarah Esterson to arrange viewing of hard copies of the application to terminate the site certificate; hard copies will be provided at reasonable cost upon request to ODOE.

#### **Accessibility information:**

ODOE is committed to accommodating people with disabilities. For the review of the application to terminate the site certificate, if you require any special physical or language accommodations, or need information in an alternate format, please contact Nancy Hatch at 503-428-7905, toll-free in Oregon at 800-221-8035, or email to <a href="mailto:nancy.hatch@energy.oregon.gov">nancy.hatch@energy.oregon.gov</a>.

Figure 1: Summit Ridge Wind Farm Facility Location

