Oregon Department of ENERGY

Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility

Notice of Intent Informational Meeting

April 3, 2024 Dufur Public K-12 School Dufur, Oregon



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 (Applicant)
- Q&A Session Comment

Notice of Intent to Apply for a Site Certificate

> Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility January 2024

Submitted to Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council

> Prepared for Summit Ridge Wind, LLC

> > Prepared by





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 <u>not</u> 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.



Purpose of this Public Information Meeting

- This is a Public Information Meeting on a Notice of Intent to Apply for an EFSC Site Certificate for a proposed energy facility: Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility
- The applicant is Summit Ridge Wind LLC/Aypa Power LLC.
- The *Notice of Intent* is the first step in a new EFSC site certificate application process.



Summit Ridge Wind Farm

- This meeting is **not** about the Summit Ridge Wind Farm.
 - 03/08/2024 Application to terminate site certificate
 - 03/13/2024 Public notice of comment period on Application to terminate
 - 04/01/2024 Deadline to submit comments on application to terminate
 - 04/19/2024 Possible decision by Energy Facility Siting Council to terminate



Oregon's Energy Facility Siting Program

Oversees the review, decision-making, and compliance for most large-scale energygenerating 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)(a)(J)

(J) An electric power generating plant with an <u>average electric generating</u> <u>capacity of 50 megawatts or more if</u> the power is produced from geothermal or <u>wind energy</u> at a single energy facility or within a single energy generation area.

Applicant is proposing an estimated peak generating capacity of 201 MW or an <u>average generating capacity of 67</u> MW from wind energy.



Proposed Facility

- The proposed facility qualifies as an "energy facility" under ORS 469.300(11)(a)(J), and the applicant must obtain a Site Certificate from the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) before it may construct or operate of the proposed facility.
- To obtain a site certificate the applicant must demonstrate that the proposed facility meets the standards established by the Council in OAR chapter 345, other applicable Oregon statutes, rules and standards, and Oregon's land use planning goals.
- ODOE serves as staff to the Council and conducts much of the application review process. Submitting the NOI is the first step in the process of obtaining a site certificate.



ENERGY FACILITY SITING PROCESS

Application for Site Certificate Process



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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



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



- Recreation
- Public Services
- Waste Minimization
- Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation
- Noise
- Siting Standards for Transmission Lines
- Need Standard

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.



Proposed Facility

<u>Main facility components</u> – Combined Wind and Solar with a Nominal Generating Capacity of 261 MW and a 201 MW nameplate capacity at the Point of Interconnection within a site boundary of 4,061 acres.

- Wind Generating Component
 - Estimated 201 MW generating capacity
 - 32 Wind turbines
 - Maximum blade-tip height of 648 feet
- Photovoltaic Solar Generating Component
 - Estimated 60 MW generating capacity
 - Solar Array: Up to 178,507 solar modules on racking systems and posts on up to 274 acres
 - Solar Area: 8-foot-high perimeter fence on up to 474 acres

Proposed Facility

Related or supporting facilities

- Battery energy storage system (BESS) on up to 10 acres equaling up 201 MW
- Solar switching station and alternating current station
- 230 kV collector/step up substation on 3.6 acres
- Point of interconnect substation at a new Boyd Ridge switchyard owned by Bonneville Power Administration
- 28 miles of 34.5 kilovolt (kV) above and below-ground collection system
- 10,000 square foot Operation and Maintenance building on 3.6 acres
- 8-miles of 230-kV overhead transmission line, on 140-foot H-frame or monopole structures
- Three permanent meteorological towers 383 feet in height
- Approximately 10.2 miles of new access roads; 13 miles of road improvements
- Staging area on 8.3 acres
- Temporary batch plant on 2 acres

Public Comment Period

- 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 on the NOI closes on May 3, 2024 at 5 PM Pacific Time
- Oral Comments may be provided during the comment period at this meeting.
- This meeting is <u>not</u> 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.
- Comments during tonight's public informational meeting will occur after the applicant's presentation



Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility

Notice of Intent Public Meeting Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council April 3rd, 2024 (5:00 p.m.) Dufur, OR





Oregon Department of Energy Energy Facility Siting 550 Capitol St. NE, 1st Floor Salem, OR 97301

Aypa Overview

Aypa has a proven track record of developing, financing, constructing, owning, and operating utility-scale renewable energy and battery storage projects

About Aypa Power

Aypa Power is a Blackstone portfolio company that develops, owns, and operates utility-scale energy storage and hybrid renewable energy projects

As an independent power producer, Aypa was founded in 2018 with the purpose of reducing reliance on fossil fuels and making a positive impact in the fight against climate change, while improving grid reliability and resiliency



Developments

Aypa currently has more than 22 gigawatts in development across North America, four utility scale renewable projects operating and under construction in the US.



Aypa Power Secured \$550 Million Portfolio Financing For Borden County, TX and Cald, CA Battery Storage Projects, Oct 2023

Project Overview

Proposing a 201MW Wind Project 15 miles southwest of The Dalles

Resource

- Up to 201 MW of wind/solar to be developed and constructed
- May include up to 201 MW of AC coupled Battery Storage.

Interconnection

- BPA Big Edy to Maupin 230kV line
- Project will connect to BPA via an 8mile 230 kV transmission line.
- BPA to permit design and construct the proposed Boyd Ridge substation.

Project Studies

- The proposed Site Boundary has and will be studied extensively for biological resources, cultural resources, and wetlands & streams.
- Prior and updated survey results will be presented in the Application for Site Certificate addressing all applicable Oregon Administrative Rules

Site Control

- The project has 4,601-acre under lease.
- The project land use is mainly comprised of dryland wheat



PROPRIETARY

Facility - Design Overview

Preliminary design of the 201MW Wind/Solar Project



Best Management Practices integrated to protect biological, wildlife, hydrological features, and respect cultural and archaeological sites, ensuring sustainable development with minimal environmental impact.

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Project Schedule

Project Milestones & Statistics





Closing Remarks

EFSC approval paves the way for the commencement of major development milestones

The Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility Project will be designed to align with Wasco County's vision, ensuring environmental care, community safety, and economic viability

We are committed to doing this right, respecting our neighbors, and contributing positively to Wasco County's future

With the submittal of the NOI the Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility Project, multiple permitdependent process steps can begin, ensuring a timely progression towards renewable energy generation

Next Steps



Thank you

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Q&A Session/Comments

We will call on you

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Helpful Resources



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N https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/SRREF.aspx
Y https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/en-US/SitingPublicComment/

Helpful Resources

Click Dimensions Email System – sign up for email notifications:

- Specific Projects
- All projects
- Council meetings
- Rulemakings
- Any combination of the above

http://web.energy.oregon.gov/cn/a6n53/subscribe



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