

PUBLIC NOTICE



Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility

Request for Comments on Request for Amendment 13 and Draft Proposed Order

Summary:

Notice Date: August 15, 2024

Amendment Request: Construct and operate: gas transmission pipelines; 3 new natural-gas fired compressors; 2 replacement natural-gas fired compressors; underground collector line; control and operations building; up to 4 temporary laydown areas; and development of a permanent storage area.

Facility Location: The facility is located within an approximately 5,472-acre site boundary North Columbia County, 5 miles northwest of Mist.

Amendment Review Type: Type A

Recommendation: The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE or Department) recommends that the changes proposed in Request for Amendment 13 (RFA13 or amendment request) comply with all required standards and should be approved by the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council).

Public Comment Period: August 15 through September 19, 2024. The public may provide written or oral comments regarding RFA13, the Draft Proposed Order (DPO), and the DPO Attachments including but not limited to the recommended new and amended site certificate conditions.

In Person & Remote Public Hearing Information:

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024
Start Time: 5:30 PM (Pacific Time)
Location: Clatskanie People's Utility District
Community Room
495 E Columbia River Hwy
Clatskanie, OR 97016

Webinar link:

<https://oregondepartmentofenergy.webex.com/oregondepartmentofenergy/j.php?MTID=m6d45df5913ace5ac9993af67b8dbf9f4>

Webinar Number: 2662 392 2307

Webinar Password: EFSC (3372 from phones and video systems)

Teleconference: +1-650-479-3208 United States Toll
Teleconference Access code: 2662 392 2307

If using Webex, please use your full name to sign in to help staff manage public comments. Additional information will be provided at the hearing about how to provide an oral comment using Webex features.

Description of Facility (approved): Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility (facility) is an operational natural gas storage facility consisting of underground natural gas storage reservoirs, compressor stations, gathering pipelines, operations and maintenance facilities, and a gas transmission pipeline sited within a 5,472-acre site boundary owned Northwest Natural Gas Company (certificate holder).

Description of Changes Proposed in Request for Amendment 13 (RFA13): RFA13 seeks Council approval for the following changes to the site certificate within the existing approved site boundary:

Miller Station

- Upgrade and replace two existing end-of-life turbine-driven natural gas compressors with modern turbine-driven natural gas compressors.
- Upgrade and replace the existing underground electric power supply line (and associated appurtenances) from its origin at Highway 202 to Miller Station.
- Add and develop an approximately 7.5-acre area for use as a construction laydown area and permanent storage area.

North Mist Compressor Station (NMCS)

- Install gas transmission pipelines to connect the newly developed storage reservoirs to the existing NMCS.
- Install three reciprocating engine-driven natural gas compressors, two natural gas dehydration

equipment systems, and all associated engineered facilities.

- Construct and operate a new control and operations building, potable water tank and septic system.
- Temporary use of up to four temporary laydown areas during construction.

Facility Location (approved): The facility site is in North Columbia County approximately 9 miles southwest of Clatskanie and 5 miles northwest of Mist.

A map of the approved site boundary and proposed RFA13 changes is included in this notice below. For more detailed maps, including of proposed changes, please see RFA13, Exhibit A-F: Project Description, Figures 1 - 9 via the project webpage at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/MST.aspx> or visit our online mapping tool at <https://tinyurl.com/EFSCmap>.

EFSC Review Process:

EFSC review is a consolidated, comprehensive permitting process. The certificate holder must demonstrate that the proposed amendment meets all applicable EFSC standards established under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 469.501 and set forth in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR).

Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility RFA13 Process Overview:

Request for Site Certificate Amendment

Certificate holder filed preliminary Request for Amendment 13 (pRFA13) on March 15, 2024. Based on the Department's review of pRFA13 and responses to its requests for additional information received, the Department notified the certificate holder that the amendment request was complete on August 1, 2024. A complete Request for Amendment 13 (RFA13) was received on August 9, 2024. RFA13 is available on the project webpage for review, as described in the More Information section below.

Draft Proposed Order Issuance

On August 15, 2024, the Department issued a Draft Proposed Order (DPO) on RFA13. The DPO is ODOE's first evaluation of the amendment request; it includes recommended findings of fact, conclusions

of law and recommends new and amended site certificate conditions related to the amendment request, all of which are open for the public to comment on. The DPO recommends that Council approve the changes proposed in the amendment request. The DPO is not a final order. The purpose of this DPO notice is to inform the public of an open comment period and a public hearing, with opportunities for written, in-person and remote participation.

Public Hearing and Comment Period

EFSC will hold the public hearing on RFA13 and the DPO on **September 19, 2024** which will be both in person and remote. See in person meeting details and WebEx login information on page 1 of this notice for more details. The hearing will be conducted by EFSC.

During the hearing, there will first be a brief overview by ODOE on the siting process, approved facility and requested amendment, followed by an overview of the hearing format and finally an opportunity to provide oral comments on RFA13 and the DPO. The duration of the time for individual commenters to provide oral comments will be 7 minutes, but that may be lengthened or shortened based on the number of people who wish to comment.

Except for certain circumstances described in OAR 345-027-0371(5), only those persons who comment / raise an issue in person or in writing before the close of the record on the DPO on **September 19, 2024** may request a contested case proceeding on the Proposed Order addressing the requested amendment to the site certificate.

To raise an issue on the record, a person must raise an issue either in person at the public hearing, or in a written comment submitted after the date of this notice of the public hearing and received by ODOE before the record closes at the close of the Public Hearing on September 19, 2024, unless extended by Council.

If you do not raise an issue in person or in writing prior to the close of the record, with sufficient specificity to afford Council, the Department and the certificate holder an opportunity to respond to the

issue, you will not be allowed to present that issue in a contested case.

To raise an issue with sufficient specificity, a person must present facts that support the person's position on the issue.

As previously noted, people wishing to provide oral comments at the September 19, 2024 public hearing will be provided approximately 7 minutes each to do so, but that time period may be lessened depending on the number of persons wishing to comment. Persons that believe they may want to request a contested case should bear this in mind when deciding whether to provide written or oral comments.

Written or oral comments may be hand-delivered, submitted verbally via Webinar/teleconference or in-person at the public hearing, or via electronic methods previously described.

In order to be included on the record of the public hearing written comments **must be received by the close of the Public Hearing on September 19, 2024 (the comment deadline)**, unless otherwise extended by Council, submitted at the hearing, through the public comment portal described below or by mail, email or fax to the presiding officer/hearing officer, in care of:

Kathleen Sloan, Senior Siting Analyst
Oregon Department of Energy
550 Capitol Street NE, 1st Floor
Salem, OR 97301
Email: kathleen.sloan@energy.oregon.gov
Fax: 503-373-7806

EFSC will not accept or consider any further public comments on the ASC or on the DPO after the close of the Public Hearing on September 19, 2024, which represents the close of the record on the DPO for the proposed facility, unless the comment deadline is extended.

Online Comment Portal

ODOE has an online portal for submitting comments on projects. The goal of the online comment portal is to provide members of the public with another convenient option to submit input on projects, and to provide additional resources that will enable meaningful participation in the EFSC process.

The comment portal can be accessed via the link below:

<https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/SitingPublicComment/>

To get started, choose the project from the drop-down menu. Only projects that have a comment period which is currently active will be listed. Choose your project, click "Next", and follow the instructions on the screen. You will receive an email confirmation after submitting your comment.

ODOE also has a docket system which displays comments that have been submitted on EFSC Siting projects. Comments for this project will be posted to the docket and will normally be available to view within 3 business days of receipt. The docket can be accessed via the following link:

<https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/en-US/sitingdocket/>

Please note: All comments submitted to ODOE may be disclosed to the public, subject to Oregon Public Records Laws (ORS Chapter 192). Public comments may be available on the ODOE webpage for the facility as an attachment to the Proposed Order, to be issued at a later date.

Comment submission does not register your contact information to receive future notices. If you would like to receive notices for this facility or any other EFSC facility, and have not already done so, please follow the information in this notice to subscribe to the ClickDimensions email notification list as described below.

Council Review of the Draft Proposed Order

Following the close of the record of the public hearing on the DPO, and during a Council meeting, EFSC will review the DPO, comments received on the record of the DPO and provide any comments they have to ODOE.

Proposed Order

After EFSC has reviewed the DPO and considered all comments received on the record of the public hearing as described in this notice, ODOE will issue a Proposed Order. ODOE will evaluate the comments received on the record of the DPO, certificate holder responses, as well as comments from EFSC, and make any necessary changes to the Department's recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law and conditions. These will be reflected in the Proposed Order, ODOE's second evaluation of whether the changes proposed in RFA13 comply with the applicable requirements. The Proposed Order shall recommend approval, modification, or denial of the thirteenth amended site certificate.

Contested Case

Along with the issuance of the Proposed Order, ODOE will issue a notice of an opportunity to request a contested case to all persons who commented on the record of the DPO public hearing. To be eligible to participate in a Contested Case proceeding, a person must raise an issue either in person at the public hearing or in a written comment submitted between **August 15 and September 19, 2024**, the date the record closes, unless extended. Contested case requests must be submitted in writing to ODOE by a deadline that will be specified within that notice.

To properly raise an issue in a request for a contested case proceeding, the issue must be within the jurisdiction of EFSC and must be raised with sufficient specificity to afford EFSC, the Department and the certificate holder an opportunity to respond to the issue. The issue must raise a significant issue of fact or law that is reasonably likely to affect EFSC's determination that the facility, with the changes proposed in the amendment request, meets applicable laws and EFSC standards included in OAR Chapter 345 Divisions 22, 23, and 24. Under the Scope of Council's Review for RFA13, Council must determine whether the preponderance of evidence on the record supports the conclusion that the facility, with the proposed change, complies with the applicable laws or Council standards that protect a resource or interest that could be affected by the proposed change; and the amount of the bond or letter of credit required under OAR 345-022-0050 is adequate. OAR 345-027-0375.

A ten minute video describing the Type A Amendment Contested Case threshold is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBBGGhRXHu8>.

For more information related to the Proposed Order process and Requests for Contested Case under Type A Review, see <https://tinyurl.com/OAR-345-027-0371>.

The Siting Division Public Guide contains information on the EFSC process, including the contested case process and is accessible via:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Documents/Fact-Sheets/EFSC-Public-Guide.pdf>

Final Order

Following the contested case proceeding, or the Proposed Order phase if no requests for a contested case are received and granted by EFSC, EFSC will issue a Final Order either approving or rejecting RFA13. If approved, an Amended Site Certificate will be issued.

For more information relating to EFSC standards, please visit:

<http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/Siting-Standards.aspx>

Receipt of this Notice:

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

1. You own property within or adjacent to (within 500 feet) the property on which the proposed changes would be located. You will automatically receive all future notices related to this amendment request.
2. You have requested to receive paper notices on the Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility. If you wish to be removed from this mailing list, please contact Kathleen Sloan.
3. You have previously signed up via GovDelivery/ClickDimensions or by contacting ODOE to receive notices related to the: Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility 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 Kathleen Sloan, Senior Siting Analyst, at the email address or mailing address listed in this notice. More information about the facility and updates on the review process is available using any of the following options.

1) Oregon Department of Energy's webpage:

More details on Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility including RFA13 and ODOE's DPO are available online at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/MST.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 on Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility as well as any or all other energy facilities and events under EFSC jurisdiction. For more information, please visit:

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

To receive notices by U.S. Mail, please contact Kathleen Sloan.

3) In hardcopy:

Hard copies of RFA13 and the DPO are available for public inspection at:

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

Please contact Kathleen Sloan if you wish to arrange a time to inspect RFA13 or the DPO on RFA13. Hard copies will be provided at reasonable cost upon request to the Department.

Accessibility information:

The Oregon Department of Energy is committed to accommodating people with disabilities. For review of RFA13 or the DPO or attendance at the public hearing, 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 nancy.hatch@energy.oregon.gov. For any other accommodation needed to attend the public hearing, please contact ODOE as soon as possible so we may provide the accommodation.

Figure 1: Location of Approved Facility and RFA13 Proposed Changes

