

# PUBLIC NOTICE



## Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility

### Receipt of Preliminary Request for Amendment 3 of the Site Certificate

#### Summary:

Notice Date: February 6, 2025

Facility: A 111 megawatt (MW) wind energy facility located within a site boundary of 7,962 acres (12.4 square miles). The facility consists of 74 wind turbines, with a blade tip height of 389 feet. The facility has been in operation since 2011.

Amendment Request: Preliminary Request for Amendment 3 (pRFA3) seeks Energy Facility Siting Council (Council or EFSC) approval to repower up to 74 wind turbines; increase rotor diameter; temporarily disturb land within previously approved micro-siting corridor; abandon an existing 34.5 kilovolt (kV) collector line and install a new underground collector line system; proposed changes to site certificate conditions, and a balancing determination request to allow for unavoidable impacts to Category 1 habitat.

Facility Location: Gilliam County, south of the City of Arlington.

Amendment Review Process: Certificate holder requests review under the Type B amendment process, which is being evaluated by Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE or Department) staff.

*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.*

#### Description of Operational Facility:

##### Energy Facility

- 74 wind turbines (262 foot tower hub height, 389 foot blade tip height)
- Peak generating capacity of 111 MW

##### Related or Supporting Facilities

- 34.5 kV collection system
- 230 kV transmission line connected to facility substation
- 2 meteorological towers
- Operations and maintenance building
- Facility access roads

The Council approved the facility and issued a site certificate in September 2007; in 2009, Council amended the site certificate authorizing a site boundary expansion and an increase in number of turbines; in 2013, Council approved dividing the original facility into two facilities and issued second amended site certificates.

**Description of Changes Proposed in pRFA3:** pRFA3 seeks Council approval for the following changes to the site certificate:

1. Repower 74 wind turbines (replacement of rotors, nacelles and generator; and foundation reinforcement), and increase rotor diameter from 253 to 318 feet;
2. Temporarily disturb approximately 674 acres (roads, collector line, turbine pad, laydown and crane assembly areas) within a previously approved micro-siting corridor;
3. Abandon existing and install a new underground, 34.5 kV collector line system;
4. Proposed changes to site certificate conditions; and requests for Council to make a balancing determination as allowed under OAR 345-022-0000(2) to allow for unavoidable impacts to Category 1 habitat.

#### Facility Location:

Approximately 7 miles south of the City of Arlington, and north of Olex. A locational map of the approved site boundary is included in this Notice. The approved facility map is available on the project webpage provided in this Notice or visit our [Online Mapping Tool](#).

#### EFSC Review Process:

The EFSC review is a consolidated, comprehensive permitting process. The Department Siting Division serves as staff to EFSC and conducts the RFA review process. The certificate holder must demonstrate through a preponderance of evidence on the record that the facility, with the proposed changes, complies with all applicable Oregon Revised Statutes, other applicable laws and 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. For more information

relating to EFSC standards, please visit:  
<http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/Siting-Standards.aspx>

### **RFA Process Overview:**

#### Preliminary Request for Amendment

Leaning Juniper Wind Power II, LLC, (certificate holder), a wholly owned subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables, LLC filed preliminary Request for Amendment 3 on January 23, 2025. This is the current phase and consists of Department review of the amendment request, along with applicable state agencies, local governments and tribal governments. The Department may issue information requests to the certificate holder during the review of a pRFA.

#### Request for Site Certificate Amendment

Based on the Department's review of the pRFA and responses to information requests, at a later date, the Department will notify the certificate holder that the amendment request is complete. 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 Issuance

The DPO contains the Department's initial recommendation to Council, the final decision maker, on whether each applicable standard is met. The DPO will include staff's analysis of the RFA as well as comments received from state agencies, local governments, and tribal governments. The DPO will include recommended findings of facts, conclusions of law and site certificate conditions of approval.

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 opportunity for oral comments at one or more public hearings to be held in the vicinity of the proposed facility. In order to preserve your right to request a contested case proceeding and any subsequent appeal of the Council's decision, you must comment either orally at the public hearing or in writing during the comment period on the DPO.

Under Type B review, there is a public comment period on the Draft Proposed Order, but there is no public hearing. Comments on the Draft Proposed Order must be submitted in writing before the comment deadline. There is no contested case proceeding.

Following the conclusion of the comment period, Council will review the DPO, all submitted comments, and any certificate holder responses, and will provide their comments to the Department.

#### Proposed Order

After EFSC has reviewed the DPO, considered all comments received on the record of the DPO, certificate holder responses, and agency consultation, the Department will issue a Proposed Order. The Proposed Order is the Department's second evaluation and recommendation of whether the changes proposed in RFA3 comply with the applicable requirements. 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 site certificate conditions. Any changes made from the DPO to Proposed Order will be reflected in strikethrough.

#### Contested Case

For a Type A Amendment, along with the issuance of the Proposed Order, ODOE will issue a notice of an opportunity to request a Contested Case proceeding to all persons who commented on the record of the DPO public hearing and provided a physical or email address. There is no contested case in a Type B review process. Contested case requests must be submitted in writing to ODOE by a deadline that will be specified within that Notice.

To justify a Contested Case proceeding, the issue must be within EFSC jurisdiction and the issue 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 whether the facility, with the changes proposed in the amendment request, meets applicable laws and EFSC standards. EFSC will review any requests for Contested Case received at an EFSC Meeting.

### Final Order

Following a Contested Case proceeding, if granted, or the Proposed Order phase if no requests for a contested case proceeding are received or granted by EFSC, EFSC will issue a Final Order either approving or rejecting RFA3. If approved, an Amended Site Certificate will be issued.

### **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 previously signed up to receive email related to the Leaning Juniper Wind Energy Facility or either Leaning Juniper IIA or IIB facilities Energy Facility or all EFSC project-related notices. You will automatically receive all future notices per your request, unless you unsubscribe via ClickDimensions by following the link provided below or contacting ODOE.
3. You are the contact for a land management agency or organization with jurisdiction over a protected area identified in the application.

### **More Information:**

If you have any questions, please contact Kellen Tardaewether, Senior Siting Analyst, at the phone, email address or mailing address listed below:

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More information about the RFA, operational facility and updates on the review process are available using any of the following options:

1. Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility webpage: RFA3, facility maps are available at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/LJB.aspx>
2. Physical copy of the pRFA3 is available for public inspection at no cost at the address listed above.

Physical copies will also be provided at reasonable cost upon request. Please contact Kellen Tardaewether.

3. If you would like to receive email notices of the Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility, other projects, Council meetings or rulemakings, subscribe to ClickDimensions, a self-managed, automated email system.  
<http://web.energy.oregon.gov/cn/a6n53/subscribe>
4. 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>

### **Accessibility information:**

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Figure 1: Facility Location and Area Subject to RFA3

