

PUBLIC NOTICE

Obsidian Solar Center



Request for Comments on Request for Amendment 2 and Draft Proposed Order

Summary:

Notice Date: April 16, 2025

Approved Facility: A not-yet constructed 400 megawatt (MW) solar power generation facility with up to 50 MWs of battery storage, and related or supporting facilities located on 4,091 acres (6.4 sq.mi).

Amendment Request: Extension of construction commencement and completion deadlines by three years.

Facility Location: Lake County (OR), approximately eight miles northwest of Christmas Valley.

Amendment Review Type: Type B

Draft Proposed Order Recommendation:

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE or Department) recommends in the Draft Proposed Order (DPO) that, after considering any changes in facts or law since the date the current site certificate was executed, the facility complies with all laws and Council standards applicable to an original site certificate application and the requested deadline extension should be approved by the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council), subject to new and recommended amended site certificate conditions.

Written Comment Deadline:

Written comments on RFA2 and the DPO must be received by the Department before the written comment deadline of **5:00 p.m. Pacific Time (PT) on May 16, 2025.**

Both RFA2 and the DPO are available on the project webpage for review, as described in the More Information section below.

Description of Approved Facility:

Energy Facility

- Solar Modules
- Steel Posts
- Solar Inverter Units with integrated transformers
- Collection System

Related or Supporting Facilities

- 138 kV gen-tie Transmission Line
- Collector Substations and 115/500 kV Step-up Substations
- Operations and Maintenance Buildings
- Battery Energy Storage System
- Facility Roads
- Perimeter Fencing

Council approved the site certificate on February 25, 2022, and the first amended site certificate on November 17, 2023. The site certificate requires construction of the facility to begin by February 25, 2025, and to be completed within 3 years from the construction start date.

Description of Changes Proposed in RFA2:

The certificate holder seeks approval to extend the construction commencement and completion deadlines by 3 years, from February 25, 2025 to February 25, 2028. The request would also extend the completion deadline, which is established as three years from the commencement date.

Approved Facility Location:

The approved site boundary encompasses approximately 4,091 acres of privately owned land zoned for Exclusive Farm Use in Lake County. The site is located off of Oil Dri Road (County Road 5-14G) and County Road 5-12, approximately eight miles northwest of the unincorporated community of Christmas Valley.

A map of the approved site boundary is included as *Figure 1* of this Notice. Detailed maps of the approved facility are available at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/OSC.aspx>, or on the online mapping tool at: <https://tinyurl.com/ObsidianSolarMap>.

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. RFA2 is being processed as a "Type B" amendment under OAR 345-027-0368 and 345-027-

0372. For more information relating to EFSC standards, please visit:

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

RFA Process Overview:

Request for Site Certificate Amendment

Obsidian Solar Center, LLC (certificate holder), a project specific LLC owned by Obsidian Renewables, LLC, and Lindgren Development, Inc. (parent companies), filed the preliminary Request for Amendment 2 on November 20, 2024, which included an Amendment Determination Request (ADR).

Based on the Department's review of the preliminary request, and responses to requests for additional information received, on February 26, 2025, the Department determined that the Type B process is justified for the review of RFA2.

On April 1, 2025, the Department notified the certificate holder that the amendment request was complete. A complete amendment request was received on April 11, 2025.

Draft Proposed Order Issuance

On April 16, 2025, the Department issued its DPO on RFA2. The DPO, ODOE's first evaluation for the amendment request, includes recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommends new and amended site certificate conditions.

The DPO recommends that EFSC find that a preponderance of evidence on the record supports the conclusions that after considering changes in fact or law, and subject to compliance with new, amended, and existing conditions of approval the facility continues to comply with all laws and Council standards applicable to an original site certificate application and that the amount of the bond or letter of credit required under OAR 345-022-0050 is adequate. The DPO recommends that EFSC approve the deadline extension requested in RFA2, subject to existing and recommended new and amended conditions.

Public Comment Period:

To raise an issue on the record of the DPO, a person must raise the issue a written comment submitted after the date of the notice of the draft proposed order and written comment deadline (April 16, 2025)

and received by the Department before the written comment deadline of 5pm PT on May 16, 2025, unless extended by Council.

Please Note: The Council will not accept or consider any further public comment on the request for amendment or on the draft proposed order after the written comment deadline that closes the record on the draft proposed order

In order to be included on the record of the DPO, written comments **must be received by the written comment deadline of 5pm PT on May 16, 2025**, unless otherwise extended by Council, and may be submitted in the following ways:

1. By mail, email, or fax to the Department's Representative:
Christopher Clark, Senior Siting Analyst
Oregon Department of Energy
550 Capital Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
Phone: (503) 871-7254
Fax: 503-871-7254
Email: Christopher.clark@energy.oregon.gov
2. Hand Delivered at the address listed above.
3. Or the Department's Online Comment Portal:
<https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/SitingPublicComment/>
Choose Obsidian Solar Center from the drop-down menu. Click "Next" and follow the instructions on the screen. You will receive an email confirmation after submitting your comment.

ODOE also has an online docket system which displays comments that have been submitted on this and other projects. Comments 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: 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 ClickDimensions link included in the More Information section below.

All comments submitted to ODOE may be disclosed to the public, subject to Oregon Public Records Laws

(ORS Chapter 192). Public comments are made available via the systems described in this Notice and will be attached to the Proposed Order.

Council Review of the Draft Proposed Order

Following the close of the record of the DPO, and during an EFSC meeting, EFSC will review the DPO, comments received on the record of the DPO, any certificate holder responses, 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 DPO, ODOE will issue a Proposed Order, ODOE's second evaluation and recommendation of whether the changes proposed in RFA2 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 conditions. Any changes made from the DPO to Proposed Order will be reflected in strikethrough.

Final Order

EFSC may adopt, modify, or reject the Proposed Order based on the considerations described in OAR 345-027-0375. In a written final order, EFSC shall either grant or deny issuance of an amended site certificate. Judicial review of the Council's final order either granting or denying an amended site certificate shall be as provided in ORS 469.403.

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 Obsidian Solar Center, 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:

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

1. Obsidian Solar Center webpage:
More details on the facility (including maps), RFA2, ODOE's DPO are available online at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/OSC.aspx>
2. In Hardcopy:
Physical copies of RFA2 and the DPO are 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 Christopher Clark.
3. Updates by email:
If you would like to receive email notices of the Obsidian Solar Center, other projects, Council meetings or rulemakings, subscribe to ClickDimensions, a self-managed, automated email system here: <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>
5. If you have any questions about the approved facility, RFA2, or the DPO or how to provide public comments, please contact Christopher Clark.

Accessibility information:

The Oregon Department of Energy is committed to accommodating people with disabilities. If you require any special physical or language accommodations for review of RFA2 or the DPO, 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.

Figure 1: Obsidian Solar Center – Approved Facility Site Map

