

PUBLIC NOTICE



Sunset Solar Project

Receipt of Preliminary Request for Amendment 1 of the Site Certificate

Summary:

Notice Date: May 2, 2025

Approved Facility: A not-yet constructed 103 megawatt alternating current (MWac) solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation facility, authorized to use or occupy up to 2,196 acres (3.4 sq. miles).

Amendment Request: Preliminary Request for Amendment 1 (pRFA1) seeks Energy Facility Siting Council (Council or EFSC) approval to extend construction deadlines and reduce the area within the site boundary and micrositing area.

Facility Location: Wasco County, approximately 5 miles east of the City of Maupin.

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 Approved but Not Yet Constructed Facility:

Energy Facility

- 2,196 acres of solar PV power generating equipment

Related or Supporting Facilities

- 100 MWs of battery storage
- Site access, 10-miles of internal services roads, perimeter fencing and gates

The Site Certificate includes related or supporting facilities authorized to be shared between the Sunset Solar Project and adjacent Bakeoven Solar Project and Daybreak Solar Project. Shared facilities include an 11-mile 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line, operations and maintenance building and 34.5-230 kV step-up substation. These facilities were constructed as part of Bakeoven Solar Project and Daybreak Solar Project.

The Council approved the facility and issued a site certificate on November 19, 2021 with a requirement to commence construction by April 24, 2025 and complete construction by April 24, 2026.

Description of Changes Proposed in pRFA1: pRFA1 seeks Council approval for the following changes to the site certificate:

1. Extend the construction commencement deadline from April 24, 2025 to April 24, 2028; and amend the completion deadline from April 24, 2026 to a date extending three years from the actual commencement date.
2. Reduce both areas within the approved 10,640 acre site boundary and 2,196 acre micrositing area to 1,870 acres.

Approved Facility Location:

Approximately 5 miles east of the City of Maupin and U.S. Highway 97. The facility is approved on 2,196 acres of privately owned land zoned for Exclusive Farm Use. A locational map of the approved site boundary is included in this Notice. The approved facility map is available on the webpage as provided in this Notice or visit ODOE's [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

Sunset Solar, LLC (certificate holder), a wholly owned subsidiary of Avangrid Power, LLC filed preliminary Request for Amendment 1 on April 24, 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 RFA1 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 RFA1. 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 Sunset Solar Project 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 pRFA.

More Information:

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

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

1. Sunset Solar Project webpage: Preliminary RFA1 and facility maps are available at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/SSP.aspx>
2. Physical copy of pRFA1 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 Kathleen Sloan.
3. If you would like to receive email notices of the Sunset Solar Project, 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>

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Figure 1: Approved and Proposed Amended Site Boundary

