

PUBLIC NOTICE

Obsidian Solar Center

Notice of Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 2



Summary:

Notice Date: May 29, 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 to be 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 review, which does not include a public hearing or opportunity for contested case proceeding.

Proposed Order Recommendation: The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE or Department) recommends that the facility, with proposed deadline extension, complies with all laws and Council standards applicable to an original site certificate application and the request for the second amended site certificate should be approved by the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council), subject to new and recommended amended site certificate conditions.

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

The 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 Requested Amendment:

Request for Amendment 2 (RFA2) 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 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 attached to this Notice. Detailed maps of the approved facility are available using the Department's [Online Mapping Tool](https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/OSC.aspx) or at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/OSC.aspx>.

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 (pRFA2) on November 20, 2024, which included an Amendment Determination Request (ADR) requesting that the request be processed under the Type B amendment review process.

Based on the Department's review of pRFA2, and responses to requests for additional information received, on February 26, 2025, the Department determined that the Type B process was 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

On April 16, 2025, the Department issued a DPO on RFA2. The DPO, ODOE's first evaluation for the amendment request, included recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommended new and amended site certificate conditions, all of which were open for the public to comment on. The DPO recommended that EFSC approve the deadline extension requested in RFA2, subject to existing and recommended new and amended conditions.

Proposed Order

On May 29, 2025, the Department issued a Proposed Order on RFA2, and this Notice of Proposed Order. The Proposed Order contains the Department's final evaluation of the amendment request and continues to recommend that EFSC approve the deadline extension requested in RFA2, and the issuance of a second amended site certificate. The Proposed Order includes minor edits to findings and condition language that were recommended in the DPO.

EFSC will review the Proposed Order on June 13, 2025. An agenda and information about how to attend the meeting will be available at least seven days before the meeting date at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/Council-Meetings.aspx>

Final Order

After the Council reviews the Proposed Order and public comments submitted on the record, it may adopt, modify, or reject the Proposed Order based on the considerations described in OAR 345-027-0375. In a written final order, the Council 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 facility site boundary. 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:

Please contact ODOE's Senior Siting Analyst as listed below:

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A copy of the Proposed Order, 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 about the facility (including maps), RFA2, ODOE's Proposed Order are available online at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/OSC.aspx>

2. In Hardcopy:

Physical copies of RFA2, DPO and Proposed Order 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 regarding the Obsidian Solar Center, other projects, or of 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, DPO or Proposed Order 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 Proposed Order, 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 Boundary

