

PUBLIC NOTICE



Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility Notice of Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 3

Summary:

Notice Date: July 2, 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: Repower up to 74 wind turbines (replacement of rotors, nacelles and generator; and foundation reinforcement); increase blade tip height from 389 to 422 feet; temporarily disturb approximately 651 acres within a 1,135-acre RFA3 repower micrositing corridor within the previously approved site boundary; abandon existing and install a new underground, 34.5 kV collector line system; and make proposed changes to site certificate conditions (see RFA3 Attachment A).

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

Amendment Review Type: Type B

Proposed Order Recommendation: The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE or Department) recommends that the facility, with the changes proposed in RFA3, complies with all applicable laws and Council standards and the request for the third 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 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 RFA3: RFA3 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 blade tip height from 389 to 422 feet;
2. Temporarily disturb approximately 651 acres within a 1,135-acre RFA3 repower micrositing corridor (roads, collector line, turbine pad, laydown and crane assembly areas, and construction yards) within the previously approved site boundary;
3. Abandon existing and install a new underground, 34.5 kV collector line system; and
4. Proposed changes to site certificate conditions.

Facility Location:

Gilliam County, approximately 7 miles south of the City of Arlington. A map of the approved site boundary is included in this Notice. The approved facility map is also available on the project webpage or [Online Mapping Tool](https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/LJB.aspx) available at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/LJB.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. 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. RFA3 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

Leaning Juniper Wind Power II, LLC, (certificate holder), a wholly owned subsidiary of Avangrid Power, LLC., filed preliminary Request for Amendment 3 on January 23, 2025. pRFA3 also included an Amendment Determination Request for the RFA to be processed under the Type B amendment review process. On May 13, 2025, the Department notified the certificate holder of its determination that RFA3 justified review under the Type B process. On May 28, 2025, the Department posted the determination on its webpage.

Based on the Department's review of pRFA3 and responses to its requests for additional information received, the Department notified the certificate holder that the amendment request was complete on May 20, 2025. A complete amendment request was received on the same date. RFA3 is available on the project webpage for review, as described in the More Information section below.

Draft Proposed Order

On May 28, 2025, the Department issued a DPO on RFA3. 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 changes proposed in RFA3, subject to existing and recommended new and amended conditions.

Proposed Order

On July 2, 2025 the Department issued a Proposed Order on RFA3, 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 changes requested in RFA3, and the issuance of a third

amended site certificate. The Proposed Order includes edits to findings and condition language that were recommended in the DPO. Changes are shown in underline/strikethrough font.

EFSC will review the Proposed Order on July 18, 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, public comments submitted on the record, and certificate holder response, 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 Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power 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:

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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. Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility webpage:
More details about the facility (including maps), RFA3, ODOE's Proposed Order are available online at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/LJB.aspx>
2. In Hardcopy:
Physical copies of RFA3, 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 the Department Representative.
3. Updates by email:
If you would like to receive email notices regarding the Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility, 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, RFA3, 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 RFA3 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: Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility – Facility Location and RFA3 Repower Corridor

