

Oregon Department of **ENERGY**

Heppner Wind Project
Notice of Intent
Informational Meeting

August 12, 2025
Willow Street
Innovation Hub
Heppner, OR



**5:30 PM - Meet and Greet and
1:1 conversations with ODOE
and Applicant
6:00 PM – Presentations then
Q&A/Comment**

AGENDA

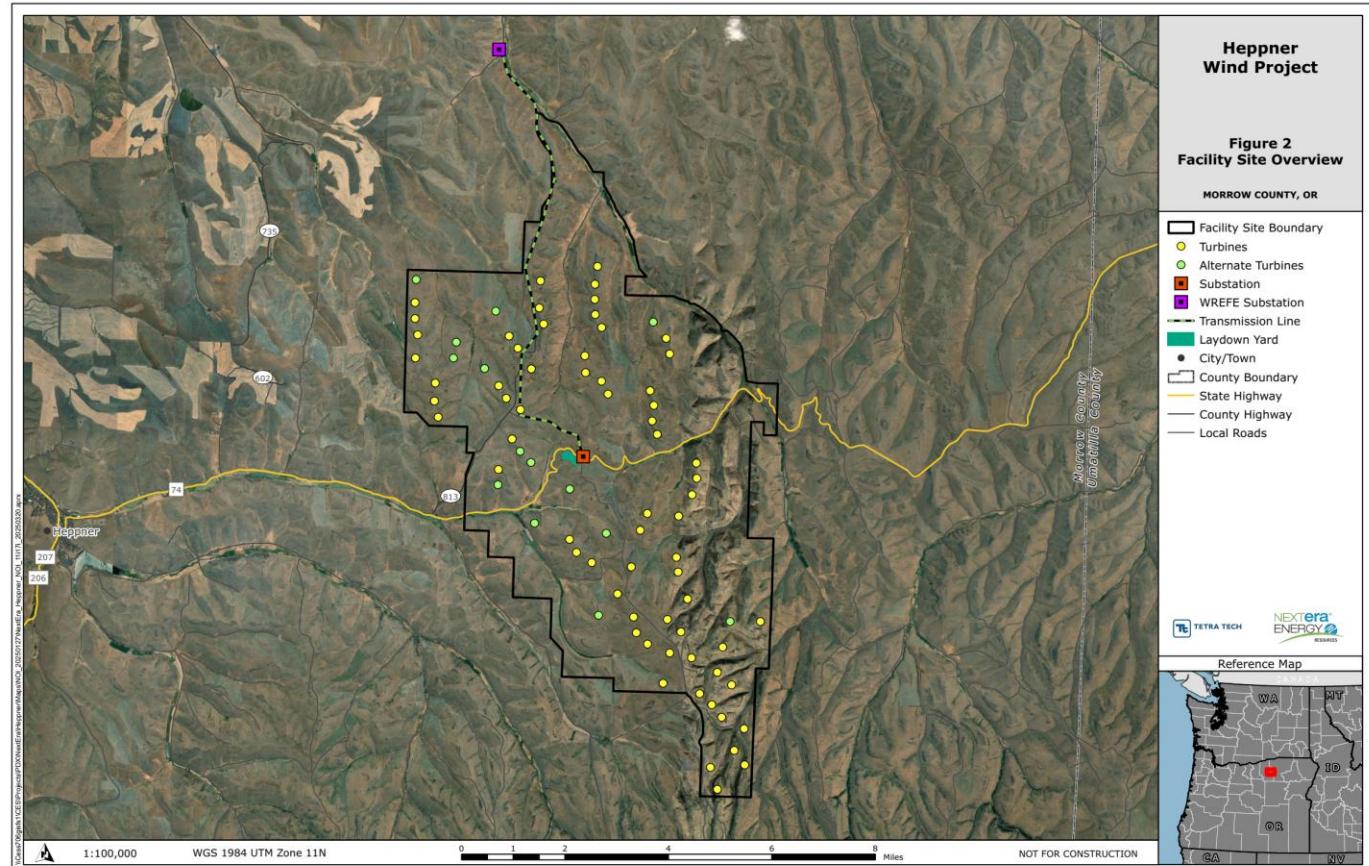
- Meeting Overview
- Siting Process Overview (ODOE)
- Proposed Facility Overview (Applicant)
- Questions and Comments

Meeting Overview

The Heppner Wind Project is a proposed 190 MW wind power generation facility that would include:

- Up to 67 wind turbines with a maximum blade-tip height of 640 feet
- 11 miles of overhead 230kV transmission line, and
- Other related or supporting facilities.

The proposed site includes approximately 31,477 acres of private land in Morrow County.



Meeting Overview

This informational meeting:

- Is intended to give members of the public an opportunity to learn about the proposal and provide comment on the NOI.
- Is **not** a contested case hearing, and participation in the meeting is not required to preserve issues or standing for the contested case.

Please hold all questions and comments until the Q&A session at end of the presentations. Commenters will be subject to time limits in order to allow all who may want to comment, to make comments tonight.

Any person engaging disruptive behavior may be asked or required to leave the meeting.

Oregon's Energy Facility Siting Program

Who We Are

Oversees review, decision-making, and compliance for most large-scale energy-generating facilities and infrastructure in Oregon.

- Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) is decision-making authority.
- Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Siting Division serves as staff to EFSC.

What We Do

Consolidated process between state agencies and local government:

- Eliminates duplication, consolidates timelines, decisions, and judicial review
- Reviews proposal for compliance with applicable standards, laws, and rules.
- Provides opportunities for public participation and comment.
- Coordinates review and solicits input from reviewing agencies, local governments, and tribal governments.

State Jurisdictional “Energy Facilities”

ORS 469.300(11)(a)

Under ORS 469.300(11)(a) and 469.320 a site certificate is generally required for:

- Electric power generating plants with a nominal generating capacity of:
 - 25 MW or more, for thermal or combustion turbine power plants
 - 55.5 MW or more for geothermal plants
 - **150 MW or more for wind power generating facilities***
- Solar photovoltaic power generation facilities using more than:
 - 240 acres of high-value farmland
 - 2,560 acres of cultivated or arable land; or
 - 3,840 acres of any other land.
- High voltage transmission lines more than 10 miles in length and located in more than one city or county
- Certain fuel and geothermal pipelines, LNG storage facilities, and surface facilities related to underground gas storage reservoirs
- High capacity synthetic and biofuel production plants

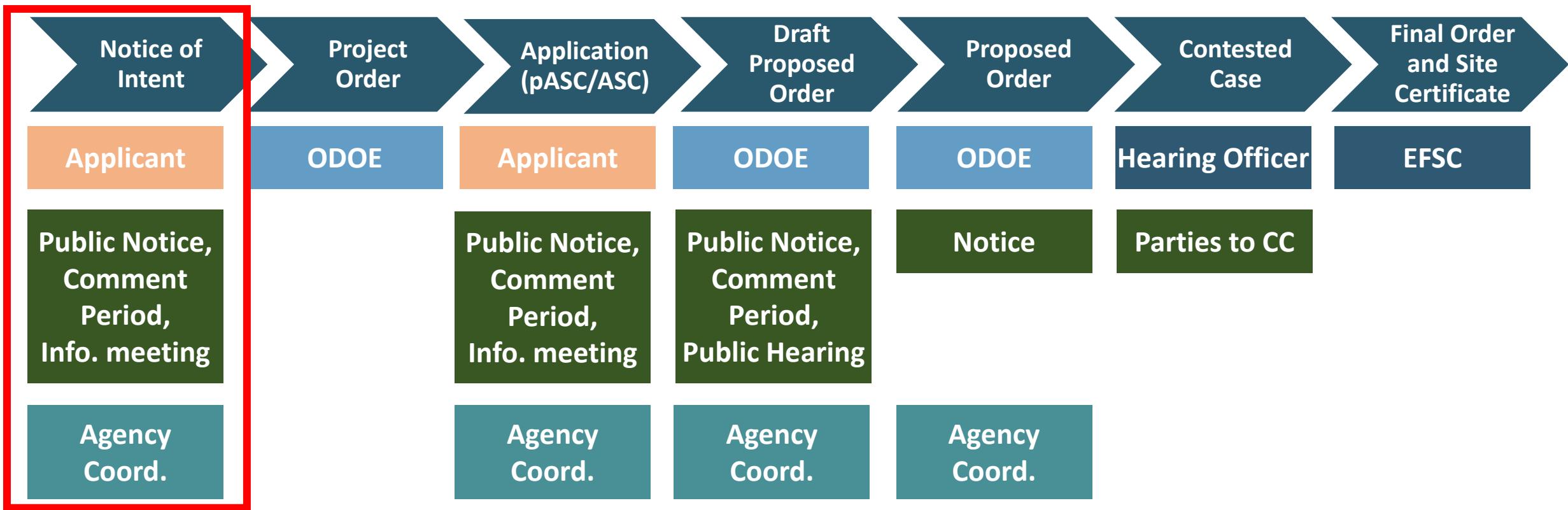


Proposed Facility

- The proposed 190 MW wind facility would be an “energy facility” under ORS 469.300. As such, the applicant must obtain a Site Certificate before it may construct or operate of the proposed facility.
- To obtain a site certificate the applicant must demonstrate that the proposed facility meets the standards established by the Council in OAR chapter 345, other applicable Oregon statutes, rules and standards, and Oregon’s land use planning goals.
- Submitting the NOI is the first step in the process of obtaining a site certificate.
- ODOE serves as staff to the Council and conducts much of the application review process.

ENERGY FACILITY SITING PROCESS

Application for Site Certificate Process



Reviewing Agency Coordination

Reviewing Agencies, Tribal Governments, and Special Advisory Groups:

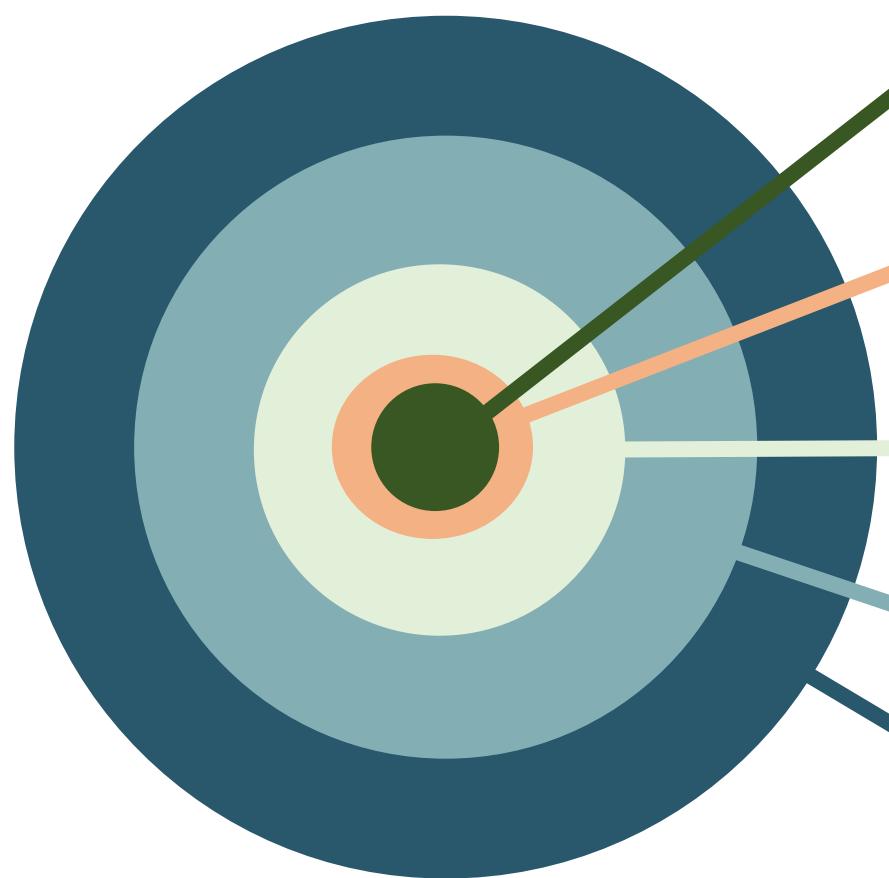
- Provide comments on the proposed facility within the jurisdiction or expertise of the agency
- Make recommendations regarding the size and location of analysis area(s)
- Identify:
 - Studies that should be conducted to identify potential impacts
 - Statutes, administrative rules, applicable substantive criteria, and local government ordinances administered by the agency
 - Permits administered by the agency that might apply to construction or operation of the proposed facility

Energy Facility Siting Process

EFSC Siting Standards:

- General Standard of Review
- Organizational Expertise
- Structural Standard
- Soil Protection
- Land Use
- Protected Areas
- Retirement and Financial Assurance
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Scenic Resources
- Historic, Cultural and Archaeological Resources
- Recreation
- Public Services
- Waste Minimization
- Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation
- Noise
- Siting Standards for Transmission Lines
- Need Standard

NOI Study Area Distances



Site Boundary – Historic, Cultural and Archaeological Resources

0.5 Miles - Land Use, Wildfire and Fish and Wildlife

5 Miles - Recreational Opportunities and T & E Species

10 Miles - Scenic Resources

20 Miles - Protected Areas

Land Use

- The applicant may choose to obtain land use approval from EFSC or from the affected local governments.
- NOI indicates applicant intends to seek land use determination from EFSC
- If election changes, interested persons should participate in the local land use process.

Public Comment Period

- Opportunity for the public to comment on the Notice of Intent is Open. All written comments submitted to ODOE are included in the public record and provided to the applicant.
- Comment period closes on **August 22, 2025, at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.**
- Comments can be submitted in writing at this meeting, via mail to christopher.clark@energy.oregon.gov, or through our comment portal available at:
<https://odoe.powerappspportals.us/en-US/SitingPublicComment/>
- Details on how to comment are in the Public Notice on the facility webpage:
<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/HWPP.aspx>
- **Note:** This meeting is not a public hearing, and participation is not required to establish standing to participate during the review of the Application for Site Certificate. in the contested case



Heppner Wind Project

Public Informational Meeting on the Notice of Intent to Apply
for a Site Certificate

August 12, 2025

Heppner Lena Wind, LLC

Local Investment. Jobs. Clean Energy.

NextEra Energy is powered by two industry-leading companies, strengthened by a common platform

~\$238 B Enterprise Value¹



~74 GW in Operations²



Largest electric utility
in the U.S.



A leading North American
energy company

Renewables and Storage

Fossil Generation

Supply Chain

Power Delivery & Transmission

Nuclear Operations

Engineering & Construction

Market Knowledge

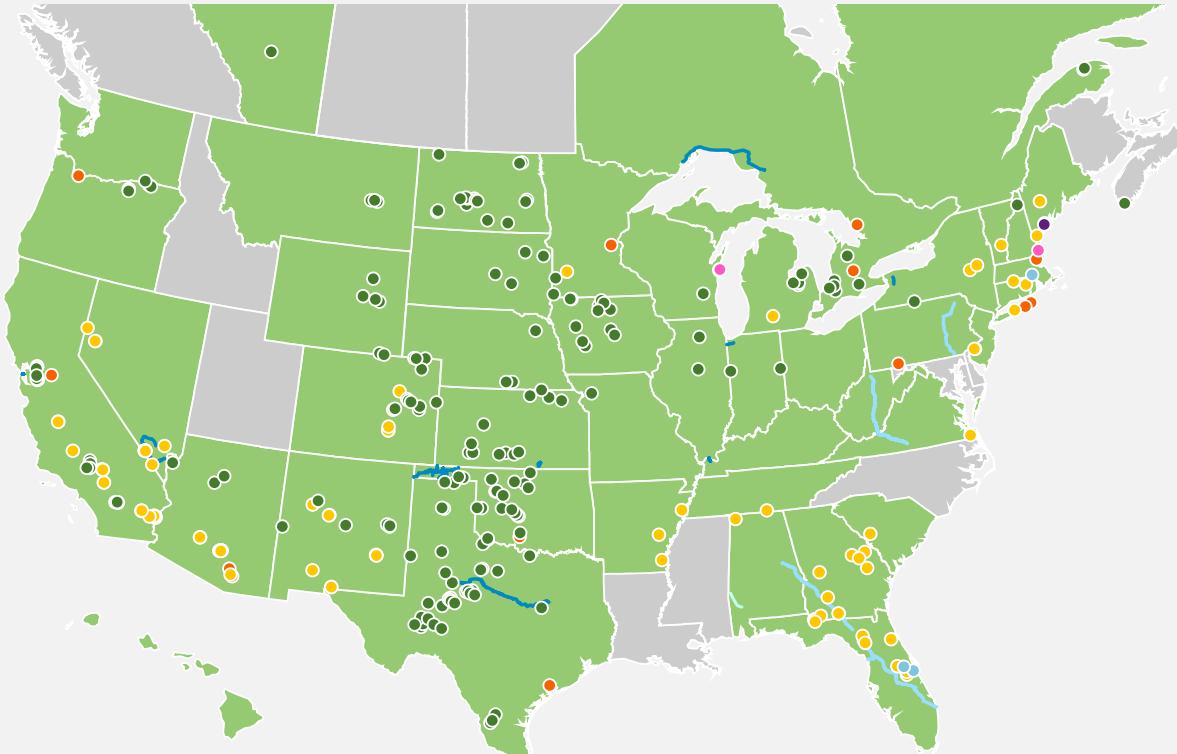
Data, Analytics & Innovation

Balance Sheet

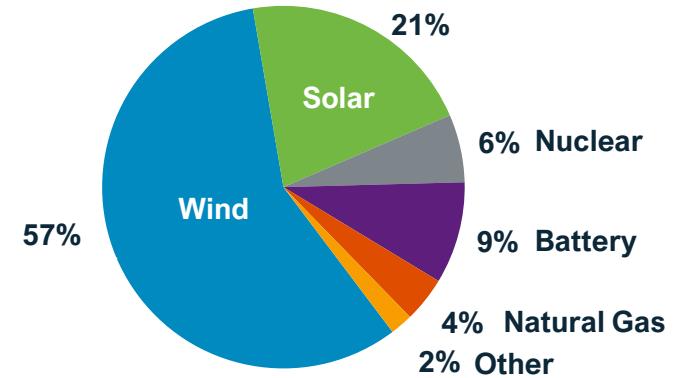
1. As of March 31, 2025

2. FPL and NextEra Energy Resources portfolio as of March 31, 2025; includes XPLR Infrastructure's portfolio reflected at NextEra Energy's ownership share

NextEra Energy Resources is the leading North American clean energy company



~38 GW¹ of generation and storage in operation



World leader in wind, solar and storage



~28 GW² backlog and ~300 GW² pipeline of renewables and storage



NextEra Energy Transmission is a leading competitive transmission company

Note: Totals may not foot due to rounding

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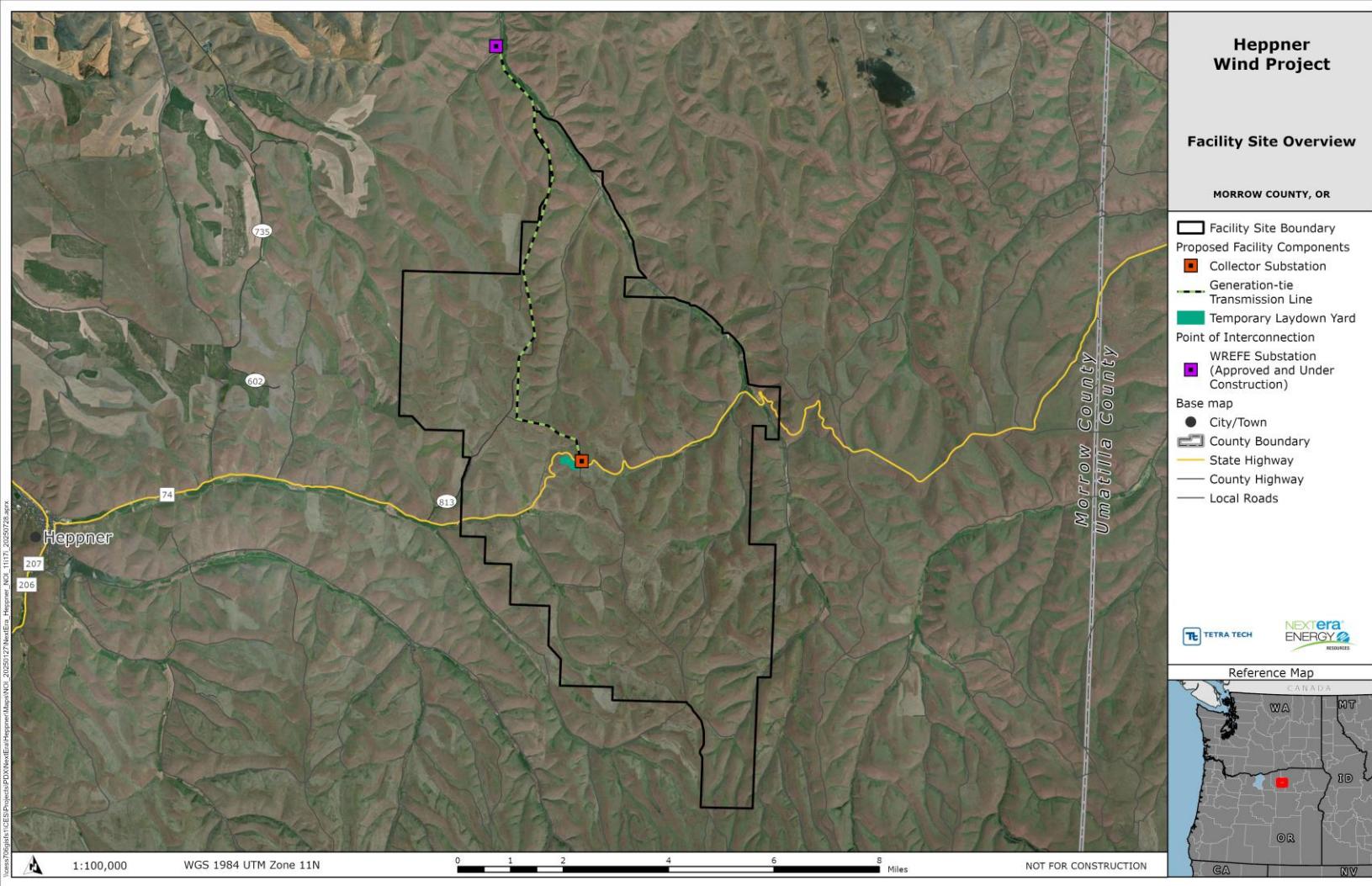
2. Backlog as of April 23, 2025, pipeline as of March 18, 2025

Project Team

► NextEra Team

- » Ryan Hill - Project Director, Development
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- » Sarah Jaber - Senior Project Manager, Development
- » Sara Twitchell - Environmental Services Permitting Manager
- » Cameron Curtis - Senior Environmental Specialist

Project Location



- ▶ The Facility will be owned and operated by a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC
- ▶ Located in Morrow County, 6 miles east of Heppner, Oregon
- ▶ Sited on private property to minimize impacts to cultivated land and sensitive environmental resources
- ▶ Point of interconnection with the Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility East Substation

Supporting Facilities

- ▶ Collection system
- ▶ Collector substation
- ▶ O&M building
- ▶ Generation-tie transmission line
- ▶ Meteorological towers
- ▶ Communication and SCADA system
- ▶ Site access and service roads
- ▶ Perimeter fencing and gates
- ▶ Temporary laydown yard

» **NOTE:** Project layout and design is under development

Project Development Timeline Overview

► Resource Studies

- » Raptor Nest Surveys
- » Wetlands and Waters Surveys
- » Habitat Categorization Surveys
- » WAGS and General Wildlife Surveys
- » Botanical Surveys
- » Bat Acoustic Monitoring
- » Avian Use Surveys
- » Eagle Use Surveys
- » Cultural Resources Surveys

► Permitting – 2026

- » Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC)

► Construction start – TBD

Agency and Stakeholder Outreach

- ▶ Community Feedback
- ▶ Tribal Outreach
- ▶ ODFW
- ▶ ODOE
- ▶ City of Heppner
- ▶ Morrow County Planning Department // Public Works
- ▶ Socioeconomic Impacts
- ▶ Economic Support and Development
- ▶ Fire and Emergency Response
- ▶ Weed Control and Erosion

► Questions

► Appendix







Q&A Session/Comments

We will call on you

In Person: Please complete a comment card with your name and contact information and hand it to Nancy.

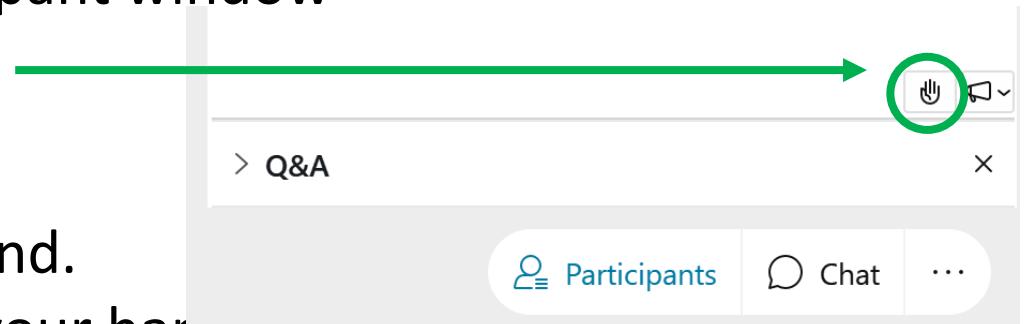
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Click on “Participants”



Click on the hand icon in bottom right of the participant window

Clicking on it again will lower your hand.



Phone Participants: We will call on you

Press *3 on your telephone keypad to raise your hand.

Press *3 again on your telephone keypad to lower your hand.

Helpful Resources

Oregon Department of Energy / Energy Facilities & Safety / Facilities

Energy Facility Siting

Home > Siting Public Comment

Siting Public Comment

* Required Field

Project Selection

Project *

Please select the project that you are interested in commenting on

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COUNCIL INFORMATION

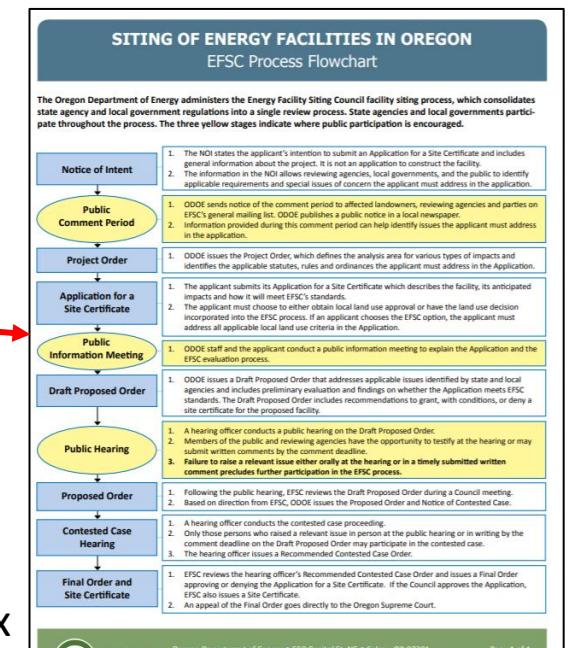
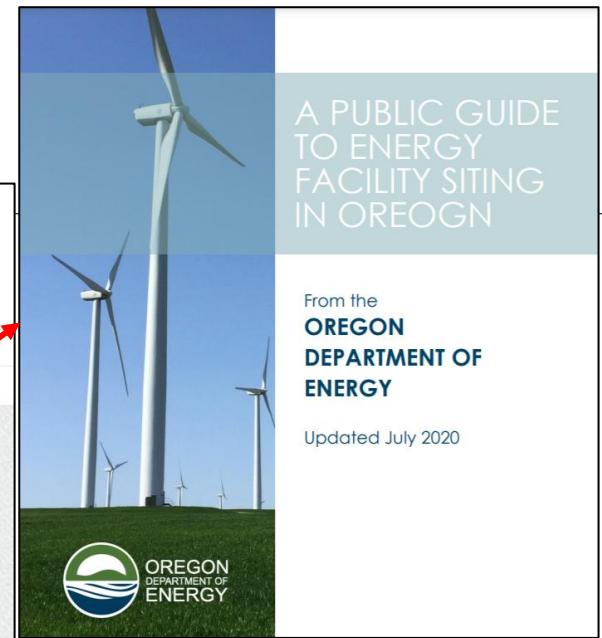
- About the Council
- Council Jurisdiction
- Council Meetings
- Council Rulemaking
- Compliance Program

ENERGY FACILITIES

- Public Guide
- Siting Project Updates
- Facilities Under EFSC
- Public Comment Portal**
- EFSC Facilities Map
- Federal Facilities in Oregon
- About the Siting Process**
- Siting Standards
- Siting Statutes & Rules
- Fact Sheets

FACILITIES UNDER REVIEW

- Archway Solar Energy Facility
- Cascade Renewable Transmission System
- Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line
- Echo Solar Project
- Eugene to Medford Transmission Line
- Nolin Hills Wind Power Project
- Wagon Trail Solar Project



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

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

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ODOE Comment Portal

Go to: <https://odoe.powerappspportals.us/en-US/SitingPublicComment/>

Select: “Heppner Wind Project NOI” from dropdown menu

Follow: Prompts to create a comment

Create: Enter your comments – 25 MB limit on attachments

Submit: Your comments

You will receive an email confirmation of your submittal

Reminder: Public Comment Closes on **August 22, 2025** at 5:00 PM Pacific Time

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Facility Webpage:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/HWPP.asp>