

PUBLIC NOTICE



Yellow Rosebush Energy Center

Public Hearing and Request for Comments on Application for Site Certificate and Draft Proposed Order

Summary:

Notice Date: October 1, 2025

Proposed Facility: 800 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic power generation facility on 8,075 acres (12.6 sq. miles) in Wasco and Sherman counties.

Proposed Facility Location: Wasco County, approximately 8 miles east of the City of Maupin.

Draft Proposed Order Recommendation: In the Draft Proposed Order (DPO), the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE or Department) recommends the Application for Site Certificate (ASC) meets all required standards and should be approved by the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council).

Public Comment Period and Hearing:

A Public Comment Period is open from October 1, 2025 through November 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time (PT). The public may provide written or verbal comments on the ASC, DPO, and DPO Attachments including the proposed site certificate conditions in the draft site certificate. A Public Hearing will be held on October 23, 2025. Details are below:

In Person & Remote Public Hearing Information:

Date: Thursday, October 23, 2025
Start Time: 6:00 p.m. PT
In Person: Maupin Civic Center
507 Grant Ave
Maupin, OR 97037

You may also participate in the public hearing via Webinar or Teleconference Information:

Webex Link: <https://tinyurl.com/2spyvvpv>

Webex number: 2661 145 0937

Webex password: EFSC (from phone and video systems)

Join by phone: +1-650-479-3208 (United States Toll)

Phone Access code: 2661 145 0937

Please use your full name to sign in to help staff manage public comments.

Description of the Proposed Facility:

The facility is a proposed 800 MW solar photovoltaic power generation facility with related or supporting facilities.

Energy Facility:

- 2,037,360 solar modules
- 364,351 piles/posts
- 20,622 single axis trackers
- 267.8 miles of 34.5 kilovolt (kV) Collection system
- 6,800 combiner boxes
- 199 inverters/transformers

Related or Supporting Facilities

- Up to 800 MW battery energy storage system
- Collection substation
- Operations and maintenance building
- Over 50 miles of perimeter fence (8-foot tall)
- 27 miles of new and improved access roads
- 23 acres of temporary staging areas
- 500 kV generation tie line (2 alternatives under review one on site and one 4.5 miles north extending into Sherman County)

More detailed information about the proposed energy facility and the related or supporting facilities is available in ASC Exhibit B, and in the Project Description of the Draft Proposed Order.

Location of Proposed Facility:

The proposed facility would be located within an approximately 8,075 acre (12.6 sq. mile) site boundary of private land zoned for exclusive farm use.

Maps of the proposed facility and site boundary and proposed layout are included at the end of this notice. Specific locational maps can be found in ASC Exhibit C at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/YRB.aspx> and on ODOE's Online Mapping Tool available at <https://oregon-explorer.apps.geocortex.com/webviewer/?app=7501a78d26844019892269bc295ea36b&efsc=Yellow%20Rosebush%20Energy%20Center>

EFSC Review Process:

The proposed facility is an energy facility subject to EFSC jurisdiction under the definition in ORS 469.300(11). As such, the proposed facility must receive approval from EFSC for a site certificate prior to construction.

The EFSC review is a consolidated, comprehensive permitting process. The Department Siting Division serves as staff to EFSC and conducts the ASC review process. The applicant must demonstrate that the proposed facility meets all applicable EFSC standards established under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 469.501 and set forth in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) chapter 345, divisions 22 and 24, as well as all other applicable Oregon statutes, rules and standards.

ASC Process Overview:

Application for Site Certificate: On August 30, 2024, Yellow Rosebush Energy Center, LLC (applicant), subsidiary of Savion, LLC submitted a preliminary Application for Site Certificate (pASC) for the Yellow Rosebush Energy Center. Based on the Department's review of the pASC and responses to its requests for additional information, the Department found that the applicant had submitted adequate information for the Council to make findings or impose conditions on all applicable Council standards and determined the application for site certificate (ASC) to be complete on August 28, 2025. The applicant submitted the ASC on September 5, 2025.

The Department held a Public Informational Meeting on September 25, 2025 in Maupin at the Maupin Civic Center with the applicant to provide information about the proposed facility and answer questions from the public. A recording of the meeting is available from the project page.

Draft Proposed Order Issuance: On October 1, 2025, the Department issued a DPO on the ASC. The DPO, ODOE's first evaluation of the proposed facility which includes findings of facts, conclusions of law and site certificate conditions, recommends EFSC approve the ASC and issue a site certificate. The DPO is not a Final Order. The purpose of this DPO Notice is to inform the public of an open comment period and a public hearing, with opportunities for in-person and remote participation.

Public Hearing and Comment Period: EFSC will hold a public hearing on the DPO on Thursday, October 23, 2025, which will provide opportunities for in person and remote participation. See in person hearing details and Webex login information on Page 1 of this Notice for more details. The hearing will be conducted by EFSC or Hearing Officer.

During the hearing there will first be a brief overview by ODOE on the siting process and proposed facility, followed by an overview of the hearing format provided by the presiding officer then followed by an opportunity to provide oral comments on the ASC and the DPO. **The duration of the time for individual commenters will be 5 minutes, but that may be lengthened or shortened based on the number of people who comment. Written comments reflecting oral comments are encouraged.**

To raise an issue on the record of the DPO public hearing, a person must raise an issue either in person at the public hearing, or in a written comment submitted after the date of this notice and received by ODOE before the record closes at the close on **November 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. PT**, unless extended by Council.

Failure to raise an issue in person or in writing prior to the close of the record of the public hearing with sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker (Council), the Department, and applicant an opportunity to respond to the issue will preclude consideration of the issue, by the Council or by a court on judicial review of the Council's decision.

To raise an issue with sufficient specificity, the person must have identified the recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, or conditions of approval to which they object, specified the Council standard or other applicable state and local requirements on which their objection is based, and presented facts or statements supporting that objection on the record of the DPO.

The Council will not accept or consider any further public comment on the request for amendment or on the Draft Proposed Order after the close of the record of the public hearing.

In order to be included on the record of the public hearing written comments **must be received by**

November 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. PT, unless otherwise extended by Council, submitted at the hearing, through the public comment portal described below or by mail, or email to the presiding officer/hearing officer, in care of:

1. By mail or email to the Department's Representative:
Kathleen Sloan, Senior Siting Analyst
Oregon Department of Energy
550 Capital Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
Phone: 971-701-4913
Email: kathleen.sloan@energy.oregon.gov
2. Orally during the public hearing. If using Webex or telephone, additional instructions will be provided at the hearing. Please note that individual commentors will be limited to 5 minutes. However, as noted above, that time may be decreased (or increased) based on the number of commentors.
3. Hand delivered at the address listed above or during the public hearing.
4. Online Comment Portal -
<https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/SitingPublicComment/>
Choose "Yellow Rosebush Energy 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.

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 public hearing on the DPO, and during an EFSC meeting, EFSC will review the DPO, comments received on the record of the DPO, any applicant 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 public hearing as described in this Notice, ODOE will issue a Proposed Order, ODOE's second evaluation and recommendation of whether the ASC complies with the applicable requirements. ODOE will evaluate the comments received on the record of the DPO, applicant 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.

Contested Case

Along with the issuance of the Proposed Order, ODOE will issue a Notice of Contested Case.

To be eligible to participate in a Contested Case proceeding, a person must raise an issue either in person at the public hearing or in a written comment submitted between October 1, 2025 and the close of the Public Comment Period on November 3, 2025, the date the record closes, unless extended. Even if a person commented before the **close of the Public Comment Period on November 3, 2025 at 5:00 pm PT**, that person must raise issue(s), either via oral comment at the public hearing or in writing during the comment period to be eligible to participate in the Contested Case. 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 applicant an opportunity to respond to the issue.

Final Order: Following the Contested Case proceeding, EFSC will issue a Final Order either approving or rejecting the ASC. If approved, a Site Certificate will also be issued.

Receipt of this Notice:

You are receiving this notice for one or more of the following reasons:

1. You own property within or adjacent to (e.g. within 500 feet) the property on which the facility is proposed to be located. You will automatically receive all future Council notices for this proposed facility.

2. You have previously signed up to receive email notices related to the proposed facility or all EFSC project-related notices. You will automatically receive all future email notices per your request unless you unsubscribe or contact the Department and request to be removed from the email list.
3. You are the contact for a land management agency or organization with jurisdiction over a protected area identified in the application.

More Information:

1. More details on the proposed facility, including the ASC and DPO are available on the facility webpage at:
<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/YRB.aspx>
2. 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>
3. The Siting Division's Public Guide contains additional information on the EFSC process. The guide can be found at:
<http://tinyurl.com/EFSCPublicGuide>
4. Subscribe to receive email updates on the proposed facility as well as any or all other energy facilities and events under EFSC jurisdiction at:
<https://tinyurl.com/ODOE-EFSC>. To receive notices by U.S. Mail, please contact the Department's representative identified above and request to be added to the hardcopy notice list.
5. Physical copies of the ASC and DPO are available for public inspection at the Department's Salem office. Please contact the Department's representative to arrange a viewing. Copies will be provided at reasonable cost upon request.

Accessibility information:

ODOE is committed to accommodating people with disabilities. For the review of the ASC, DPO, or attendance at the public hearing, if you require any special physical or language accommodations, 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 at nancy.hatch@energy.oregon.gov. For any other accommodation needed to attend the public hearing, please contact ODOE as soon as possible so we may provide the accommodation.

Figure 1: Proposed Facility Location and Site Boundary

