

PUBLIC NOTICE

Biglow Canyon Wind Farm

Public Hearing and Request for Comments on Request for Site Certificate Amendment and Proposed Order

**Summary:**

Notice Date: December 16, 2025

Facility: A 450-megawatt (MW) wind power generation facility within a 25,000-acre (39 sq. mile) site boundary.

Amendment Request: Construction and operation of up to 125 MW of solar photovoltaic power generation and battery energy storage system components, and other related or supporting facilities within a proposed 1,924-acre Solar Micrositing Area.

Facility Location: Sherman County, approximately 2 miles northeast of the Town of Wasco.

Proposed Order Recommendation: In the Proposed Order, the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE or Department) recommends that the facility, with the changes proposed in Request for Amendment 4 (RFA4), complies with all required standards and should be approved by the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council), subject to existing, and recommended new and amended site certificate conditions.

Public Comment Period and Hearing:

The comment period extends 45-days, from December 16, 2025, through January 30, 2026. The public may provide written or verbal comments regarding RFA4 and the Proposed Order including but not limited to existing, recommended new or amended site certificate conditions. Written comments may be submitted during the public comment period to the Department Representative identified on page 2 below. Verbal comments may be made during the public hearing.

In Person & Remote Public Hearing Information:

Date: Thursday, January 15th, 2026

Start Time: 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time (PT)

In Person: Grass Valley Pavilion

233 N Mill Street

Grass Valley, OR 97029

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

Webex Link: <https://tinyurl.com/5fw7ee87>

Webex Number: 2662 467 1947

Webex Password: EFSC (3372 from phones)

Teleconference: +1-650-479-3208

Teleconference Access code: 2662 467 1947

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

Description of Operational Facility:

450-MW wind power generation facility with 217 wind turbines and related or supporting facilities.

Description of Changes Proposed in RFA4:

In RFA4, Portland General Electric Company (certificate holder), seeks approval from the Energy Facility Siting Council (Council or EFSC) to construct and operate:

- A 125 MW solar photovoltaic power generation facility occupying up to 1,445 acres
- A 500 megawatt-hour Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- Related or supporting facilities including:
 - 34.5 kilovolt (kV) electrical collection system
 - Collector substation
 - 600-foot 230-kV transmission line
 - Operations and Maintenance Building
 - 10.5 miles of access roads
 - Perimeter fencing, gates, etc.

All proposed facility components would be located within a 1,924-acre Solar Micrositing Area within the approved site boundary.

Facility Location:

The operational facility is located within a 25,000-acre site boundary, on privately owned land zoned for Exclusive Farm Use, approximately 2 miles northeast of the Town of Wasco. A map of the approved site boundary and proposed RFA4 site boundary is included in this Notice.

The approved facility map is available at:
<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/BCW.aspx> 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, as amended, complies with all applicable laws and Council standards 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 and Hearing Information:

Request for Site Certificate Amendment

Portland General Electric Company (certificate holder) filed a preliminary Request for Amendment 4 on April 21, 2025. Based on the Department's review of the preliminary request and responses to its requests for additional information received, the Department notified the certificate holder that the amendment request was complete on December 5, 2025. A complete amendment request was received on December 10, 2025, and has been reviewed by the Department. RFA4 is available on the project webpage for review, as described in the [More Information](#) section below.

Proposed Order Issuance

On December 16, 2025, the Department issued a Proposed Order on RFA4. The Proposed Order, ODOE's first evaluation for the amendment request, includes recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommends new and amended site certificate conditions, all of which are open for the public to comment on. The Proposed Order recommends that EFSC find that EFSC approve RFA4, subject to existing and recommended new and amended conditions. The Proposed Order is available on the project webpage for review, as described below.

Public Hearing and Comment Period:

EFSC will hold the public hearing on RFA4 and the Proposed Order on January 15, 2026, which will be both in person and remote. See Hearing details on page 1.

During the hearing, there will first be a brief overview by ODOE on the siting process, the approved facility and requested amendment, followed by an overview of the hearing format and finally an opportunity to provide oral comments on RFA4 and the Proposed Order. **The duration of the time for individual commenters to provide oral comments will be 7 minutes, but that may be lengthened or shortened based on the number of people who wish to comment. Written comments reflecting oral comments are encouraged.**

Council has the ability to pose questions to the Department, certificate holder and commenters, should they seek additional clarification.

Commenters contending that the Council should reject the RFA or reject or revise the Department's Proposed Order must raise their issues on the record, with sufficient specificity. To raise an issue on the record, a person must raise the issue in person at the public hearing or in a written comment submitted after the date of this Notice of the public hearing and received by the Department before the comment deadline, January 30, 2026.

To raise an issue with sufficient specificity, in their written and/or oral comments, a person must

- identify the recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law or conditions of approval identified in the proposed order to which they object;
- specify the Council standard or other applicable state and local requirements on which their objection is based; and,
- present facts or statements supporting their objection.

In order to be included on the record of the public hearing, written comments **must be received by January 30, 2026 (the comment deadline)** through the public comment portal described below or by mail, or email to the Department's representative listed below:

1. By mail or email to the Department's Representative:
Christopher Clark, Senior Siting Analyst
550 Capitol Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
Phone: (503) 871-7254
Email: christopher.clark@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 7 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.powerappspalts.us/SitingPublicComment/>
Choose Biglow Canyon Wind Farm Energy Facility from the drop-down menu. Click "Next" and follow the instructions on the screen. You will receive an email confirmation after submitting your comment.

ODOE also has an online docket system which displays comments that have been submitted on this and other projects. Comments will normally be available to view within 3 business days of receipt. The docket can be accessed via the following link:
<https://odoe.powerappspalts.us/en-US/sitingdocket/>

Individuals who comment during the comment period will have the opportunity to continue in the following process, allowing further review of their issue(s).

Following the close of the public comment period on January 30, 2026, commenters may participate in the following process:

1. Certificate holder must submit written responses to written and verbal comments by February 13, 2026.
2. The Department may submit written responses to written and verbal comments by February 13, 2026.
3. Commenters may submit replies to certificate holder and Department responses by February 27, 2026
4. Certificate holder and Department may submit sur-replies to commenters by March 6, 2026.

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 Final Order

Following the sur-reply deadline, as identified above, during an EFSC meeting, EFSC will review the Department's draft Final Order including its written analysis of comments, responses, replies and sur-replies. EFSC will then issue a Final Order either approving or rejecting RFA4. 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 Biglow Canyon Wind Farm 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 RFA.

More Information:

1. Biglow Canyon Wind Farm [webpage](#): RFA4, ODOE's Proposed Order and facility maps are available at:
2. <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/BCW.aspx>
3. [Physical copies](#) of RFA4 and the Proposed Order are available for public inspection at no cost at the address of the Department Representative listed on page 3 above. Physical copies will also be provided at reasonable cost upon request; please contact the Department Representative for more information.
4. If you would like to receive [email notices](#) for the Biglow Canyon Wind Farm, other projects, Council meetings or rulemakings, subscribe to ClickDimensions, a self-managed, automated email system.
<http://web.energy.oregon.gov/cn/a6n53/subscribe>
5. [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>
6. If you have any [questions](#) about the approved facility, RFA4, the Proposed Order, how to provide public comments or are seeking additional information, please contact the Department Representative.

Accessibility information:

The Oregon Department of Energy is committed to accommodating people with disabilities. For review of RFA4 or the Proposed Order 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 to 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.

Note: This notice has been amended with an updated street address for the in-person public hearing. The location has not changed.

Figure 1: Regional Vicinity, Site Boundary and RFA4 Solar Micrositing Area

