

PUBLIC NOTICE

Biglow Canyon Wind Farm



Receipt of Preliminary Request for Amendment 4 of the Site Certificate

Summary:

Notice Date: April 29, 2025

Existing Facility: Operational wind energy facility with a combined nameplate generating capacity of 450 megawatts (MW) located within an approximately 25,000-acre (39 sq. mile) site.

Amendment Request: Preliminary Request for Amendment 4 (pRFA4) seeks the Energy Facility Siting Council's (Council or EFSC) approval to construct and operate a 385-MW solar photovoltaic power generation facility, battery energy storage systems with up to 375 MW of discharge capacity, and other related or supporting facilities within a 3,980-acre (6.2 sq. mile) solar micrositing area. The proposed solar micrositing area includes 2,571 acres within the approved site boundary and 1,409 acres which would be added to the site.

Facility Location: Sherman County, approximately 2.5 miles northeast of the Town of Wasco.

Amendment Review Type: Type A

Information Only: Please note, this notice is to provide early notification of this amendment request. There is no comment period associated with this phase of review.

Description of Existing Facility:

Energy Facility

217 wind turbines with 450 MW combined nameplate generating capacity

Related or Supporting Facilities

- 34.5 kV Power Collection System (transformers, underground and overhead 34.5 kV collector line)
- Four meteorological towers
- 230-kV collector Substation, Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Building, warehouse, and office building (all located on the same 5 acre site)
- Access roads (44 miles)

The Council approved the Application for Site Certificate for this facility and issued a site certificate on June 30, 2006. The site certificate has been amended three times: November 3, 2006 (Amendment 1); May 25, 2007 (Amendment 2); and October 31, 2008 (Amendment 3).

Description of Changes Proposed in pRFA4:

The certificate holder seeks Council approval to:

- Construct and operate new facility components, including:
 - A solar photovoltaic power generation facility with up to 385 MW of generating capacity
 - Two battery energy storage systems with up to 375 MW of combined discharge capacity
 - Two 230 kV transmission lines (2.65 miles total);
 - Two 34.5 kV collector substations,
 - Two O&M buildings
 - Other related or supporting facilities
- Expand the Site Boundary to include approximately 1,409 additional acres of private land zoned for Exclusive Farm Use.
- Amend site certificate conditions (see pRFA4 Attachment 1)

Facility Location: Approximately 2.5 miles northeast of the town of Wasco, in Sherman County. The approved site boundary encompasses approximately 25,000 acres within privately owned land, zoned for Exclusive Farm Use.

Facility components proposed in pRFA4 would be located within a 3,980-acre (6.2 square-mile) solar micrositing area that includes 2,571 acres (4.0 square miles) within the approved site boundary and 1,409 acres (2.2 square miles) that would be added to the site by the requested amendment

A map of the site boundary and proposed solar micrositing area is included in this Notice. The facility map is available on the webpage as provided in this Notice, or by visiting ODOE's Online Mapping Tool at: <https://tinyurl.com/BCWRFA4-Map>

EFSC Review Process:

The EFSC review is a consolidated, comprehensive permitting process. The Oregon Department of Energy's 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. For more information relating to EFSC standards, please visit:

<http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/Siting-Standards.aspx>

RFA Process Overview:Preliminary Request for Amendment

Portland General Electric (certificate holder) filed the preliminary Request for Amendment 4 on April 21, 2025. This is the current phase and consists of Department review of the amendment request, along with applicable state agencies, local governments and tribal governments. The Department may issue information requests to the certificate holder during the review of a pRFA.

Request for Site Certificate Amendment

Based on the Department's review of the pRFA and responses to information requests, at a later date, the Department will notify the certificate holder that the amendment request is complete. Under OAR 345-027-0363(5), an amendment is complete when the Department finds that the certificate holder has submitted information adequate for the Council to make findings or impose conditions on all applicable Council standards.

Draft Proposed Order Issuance

The DPO contains the Department's initial recommendation to Council, the final decision maker, on whether each applicable standard is met. The DPO will include staff's analysis of the RFA as well as comments received from state agencies, local governments, and tribal governments. The DPO will include recommended findings of facts, conclusions of law and site certificate conditions of approval.

Issuance of the DPO will initiate a public comment period.

Under Type A Review, in addition to the written public comment period, there will be an opportunity for oral comments at one or more public hearings to be held in the vicinity of the proposed facility. In order to preserve your right to request a contested case proceeding and any subsequent appeal of the Council's decision, you must comment either orally at the public hearing or in writing during the comment period on the DPO.

Following the conclusion of the comment period, Council will review the DPO, all submitted comments, and any certificate holder responses, and will provide their comments to the Department.

Proposed Order

After EFSC has reviewed the DPO, considered all comments received on the record of the DPO, certificate holder responses, and agency consultation, the Department will issue a Proposed Order. The Proposed Order is the Department's second evaluation and recommendation of whether the changes proposed in RFA4 comply with the applicable requirements. ODOE will evaluate the comments received on the record of the DPO, certificate holder responses, as well as comments from EFSC, and make any necessary changes to the Department's recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law and site certificate conditions. Any changes made from the DPO to Proposed Order will be reflected in strikethrough.

Contested Case

For a Type A Amendment, along with the issuance of the Proposed Order, ODOE will issue a notice of an opportunity to request a Contested Case proceeding to all persons who commented on the record of the DPO public hearing and provided a physical or email address. Contested case requests must be submitted in writing to ODOE by a deadline that will be specified within that Notice.

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 certificate holder an opportunity to respond to the issue. The issue must raise a significant issue of fact or law that is reasonably likely

to affect EFSC's determination whether the facility, with the changes proposed in the amendment request, meets applicable laws and EFSC standards. EFSC will review any requests for Contested Case received at an EFSC Meeting.

Final Order

Following a Contested Case proceeding, if granted, or the Proposed Order phase if no requests for a contested case proceeding are received or granted by EFSC, EFSC will 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 application.

More Information:

If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Clark, Senior Siting Analyst, at the phone, email address or mailing address listed below:

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More information about the RFA, operational facility and updates on the review process are available using any of the following options:

1. Biglow Canyon Wind Farm webpage:
RFA4 and facility maps are available at:

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

2. Physical copies of the pRFA4 is 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. If you would like to receive email notices of the Biglow Canyon Wind Farm Energy Facility, other projects, Council meetings or rulemakings, subscribe to ClickDimensions, a self-managed, automated email system.
<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>

Accessibility information:

The Oregon Department of Energy is committed to accommodating people with disabilities. 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.

Figure 1: Facility Location and RFA4 Site Boundary

