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**To:** Energy Facility Siting Council

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**Subject:** Agenda Item H (Information Item):  
Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Quarterly Construction Update for the June 26, 2026 EFSC Meeting

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## BACKGROUND

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line is a 500 kilovolt transmission line extending across Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker and Malheur counties. The facility is currently under construction.

## QUARTERLY UPDATE

### Construction Status

Pre-construction compliance requirements were substantially completed in June 2025, and IPC notified the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) that the \$250,000 threshold for start of construction had been met on July 10, 2025. Construction activities have been conducted in all five counties included in the Oregon portion of the project: Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker, and Malheur. The construction contractor is Quanta Infrastructure Solutions Group (QISG).

Facility construction is nearing the one-year mark since the start of construction and has entered the peak build period. Over 400 people are currently working on construction activities: building access roads and structure pads, clearing timber, installing foundations, and erecting the tower structures which will eventually support the transmission line. Just over half of the access roads (52%) and structure pads (56%) have been completed, which are the primary ground-disturbing activities associated with the project. Approximately 23% of the towers have been completed. Civil and foundation work are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2026, with mechanical completion of the transmission line by the end of 2027.

### Compliance Overview

The certificate holder, IPC, is responsible for complying with all conditions of their EFSC site certificate. As is typical for a large energy facility under construction, IPC has engaged the services of an environmental consultant, Eocene, to monitor compliance during construction. In

the parlance of the project, they are known as the Environmental Inspection Contractor, or EIC.

The first, best line of defense to ensure compliance with the site certificate are the Eocene monitors. They have full-time staff in the field every day, patrolling the construction right-of-way (ROW). Their presence in the field allows them to observe what is happening in real-time and to work with QISG to immediately correct any issues that arise.

In addition to the EIC, there is also a Construction Inspection Contractor (CIC) who is under contract by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Their role on the federal side is analogous to Haley & Aldrich' relationship with ODOE. Similar to the EIC, the CIC has full-time staff in the field to monitor compliance to federal laws, including but not limited to Section 106, the Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, eagle protections, noxious weed management, and fire protection. The CIC for this project is Power Engineers.

Eocene summarizes their monitoring activities in a weekly report that is shared with ODOE. The report provides an overview of monitoring activities, construction progress, and documents any compliance issues that were noted during the reporting period.

Every Wednesday, there is a Teams call which includes personnel from IPC, Eocene, QISG, Haley & Aldrich and ODOE. A set agenda for the call includes construction status, a review of monitoring activities, revegetation and noxious weed management, incidents and inspections. The weekly call provides us an opportunity to review any issues that were noted from the weekly reports in more detail and to follow up on action items.

### Site Inspections

Field inspections of the construction ROW are being conducted approximately once per month while construction is in progress. Most inspections are being performed by Anderson Perry, an engineering firm with a base of operations in La Grande, Oregon.

Site inspections during the second quarter of 2026 have focused on the Noxious Weed Control Plan (April), site-specific Erosion and Sediment Control Plans (May), and the Fire Prevention and Suppression Plan (June). Each inspection begins with a desk audit, followed by field observations at construction locations along the right-of-way. One finding of non-compliance was issued during the April site inspection for failure to maintain the weed wash stations required under the Noxious Weed Control Plan.

