

**BEFORE THE
ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL
OF THE STATE OF OREGON**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR SITE
CERTIFICATE FOR THE BUCKLEY SOLAR FARM
FACILITY

) ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF
) THE NOTICE OF INTENT
) EXPIRATION DATE
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On August 16, 2024, Buckley Solar, LLC a subsidiary of Clenara, LLC (applicant) submitted a Notice of Intent for the Buckley Solar Farm Facility (proposed facility), a proposed solar photovoltaic energy generation facility including battery storage and related and supporting facilities to be located within an approximately 7,852 acres (12.3 sq. miles) of privately owned land zoned F-1 (Exclusive Farm Use) in Sherman County. The proposed facility would have a generating capacity of 1,200 MW, and 1,200 MW of battery storage with up to 4 hours of discharge capacity.

On December 13, 2024, the Department issued a Project Order establishing the statutes, administrative rules, Council standards, local ordinances, and other requirements for the site certificate application. Consistent with the requirements of OAR 345-020-0060, the Project Order establishes August 16, 2026, as the expiration date of the Notice of Intent.

Under OAR 345-020-0060, the Notice of Intent expires two years after its date of submission unless, at least 45 days before the expiration date, the applicant submits a petition to extend the expiration date. If the Council finds that the petition shows good cause, the Council may extend the expiration date for a period of up to one year.

On June 10, 2026, the applicant submitted a petition to extend the expiration date of the Notice of Intent by one year. Because the applicant submitted the petition more than 45 days before the NOI expiration date, the Council finds the petition was submitted timely. The applicant subsequently provided additional information explaining why it was necessary to extend the expiration date.

The petition and supplemental information explain that the extension is needed because over the course of the original Notice of Intent period, the applicant identified 2 reasons for the extension request:

1. Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) plans and resulting uncertainty surrounding the project schedule and interconnection timeline. These delays are related to the completion of the Buckley Solar interconnection study and large generator interconnection agreement process, as well as delays associated with the required upgrades to BPA's transmission system necessary to inject power into the grid, including the Buckley Substation expansion. BPA has continued to extend both the study and project timelines, with current estimates projecting completion of the Buckley Substation in 2030/2031.
2. The second reason relates to project design changes in land control and participation by certain landowners required the Applicant to reevaluate portions of the Facility layout and undertake a significant redesign of the project footprint. The site boundary in the NOI included tax lot 04S15E0000100, a significant parcel of approximately 1,075 acres. This land was removed from the site boundary in Q2 2025, after a preliminary electrical design

1 and facility layout had been completed, which resulted in the need for a significant redesign
2 which is currently in-progress.

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4 We find that the applicant's request represents good cause for an extension of the Notice of Intent
5 expiration date by one year.

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7 Because the applicant has timely submitted a petition to extend the Notice of Intent expiration date
8 that demonstrates good cause for the extension, the Council grants the applicant's request.

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10 THEREFORE, the Council orders the Project Order be amended to extend the NOI expiration date to
11 Monday, August 17, 2027.

Cindy Condon, Chair
Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council

Date