

ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

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Meeting Notice and Agenda

Thursday, August 20, 2026 6:00 PM

**Gronquist Community Center
1650 Railroad Ave
Arlington, Oregon**

Friday, August 21, 2026 9:30 AM

**Columbia River Hotel Conference Room
3223 Bret Clodfelter Way
The Dalles, Oregon**

Thursday Teams Webinar Information:

<https://tinyurl.com/Aug20-2026EFSC>

Join Teams meeting by phone: 503-446-4951 Access Code: 949 462 895#

- A. (6:00 PM) Oregon Trail Solar Amendment 2 – Proposed Order (Public Hearing)** – The facility is an approved and in construction 41 MW solar photovoltaic generation project. Request for Amendment 2 seeks to transfer and split the site certificate, allocating previously approved battery storage to a new site certificate with a new certificate holder. The facility is located in Gilliam County, 7.5 miles south of the City of Arlington. The parent company is Avangrid Power, LLC.
- 1. Overview:** Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Siting Analyst, will provide an overview of the siting process and the proposed amendment.
 - 2. Public Hearing:** Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor, acting as the Presiding Officer, will explain the legal requirements for providing comments on the record and will facilitate the hearing. Interested individuals will have an opportunity to provide oral testimony on the proposed amendment and Proposed Order. The duration of the time for individual commenters is 7 minutes but may be lengthened or shortened by the Presiding Officer. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department through the close of the public comment period, August 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

- B. (6:15 PM) Big River Renewable Energy Project Notice of Intent (Informational Meeting)** – The proposed facility includes 500 MW Wind, 500 MW Solar PV and 500 MW Battery Energy Storage within a site boundary of 29,950 acres in Gilliam County, approximately 11 miles SW of the City of Arlington. The parent company is EDP Renewables North America, LLC.
1. Overview of Project: The applicant team will provide an overview of the proposed project.
 2. Overview of Siting Process: Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Siting Analyst, will explain the steps in state siting process and opportunities for public participation.
 3. Public Comment and Questions: Members of the public may provide oral comments on the Notice of Intent or ask questions of the applicant team or Department of Energy staff. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department through the close of the public comment period, September 25, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Anticipated Recess at 7:20 PM

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- C. Consent Calendar (Action & Information Item)** – Approval of July 24, 2026, Draft Meeting Minutes; Council Secretary Report; and other routine Council business.
- D. (9:45 AM) 2026 Carbon Dioxide Emissions Offset Rate Rulemaking (Public Hearing)** – The Council’s carbon dioxide emissions offset rate may be increased or decreased by no more than 50% every two years.
1. Overview: Tom Jackman, Siting Policy Analyst & Rules Coordinator, will provide an overview of the proposed rules and the steps in the rulemaking process to date.
 2. Public Hearing: Mr. Jackman, acting as the Presiding Officer, will explain the legal requirements for providing comments on the record and will facilitate the public hearing. Interested individuals will have an opportunity to provide oral testimony on the proposed rule language. The duration of time for individual commenters will be 7 minutes, but that may be lengthened or shortened based on the number of people who comment. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department through the close of the public comment period, September 25, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- E. (10:00 AM) Klamath Cogeneration Project Amendment 6 - Proposed Order (Public Hearing)** – The facility is an operational 525 MW natural gas-fired, combined cycle cogeneration plant in Klamath County, 3 miles SW of the City of Klamath Falls. The parent company is Avangrid Power, LLC. Amendment 6 seeks to amend Condition IV.P(9) related to discharge water from the heat recovery steam generator boiler blowdown.
1. Overview: Kate Sloan, Senior Siting Analyst, will provide an overview of the siting process and the proposed amendment.
 2. Public Hearing: Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor, acting as the Presiding Officer, will explain the legal requirements for providing comments on the record and will facilitate the hearing. Interested individuals will have an opportunity to provide oral testimony on the proposed amendment and Proposed Order. The duration of the time for individual

commenters is 7 minutes but may be lengthened or shortened by the Presiding Officer. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department through the close of the public comment period, August 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

- F. (10:15 AM) Compliance Rulemaking (Public Hearing)** – The Council is updating the rules governing compliance for the construction and operation of energy facilities. This project aims to improve clarity and consistency of the compliance rules, refine monitoring and reporting requirements, and remove outdated obligations.
1. **Overview:** Tom Jackman, Siting Policy Analyst & Rules Coordinator, will provide an overview of the proposed rules and the steps in the rulemaking process to date.
 2. **Public Hearing:** Mr. Jackman, acting as the Presiding Officer, will explain the legal requirements for providing comments on the record and will facilitate the public hearing. Interested individuals will have an opportunity to provide oral testimony on the proposed rule language. The duration of time for individual commenters will be 7 minutes, but that may be lengthened or shortened based on the number of people who comment. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department through the close of the public comment period, September 25, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- G. Public Comments (Information Item)** – This time is reserved for the public to address the Council regarding any item within Council jurisdiction that is not otherwise closed for comment. Pending applications for which a comment period has not yet begun or for which the oral comment period has been completed are closed for comment. Those include, among others, the Muddy Creek Energy Park preliminary Application for Site Certificate and the Deschutes Solar and Battery Energy Storage System Facility preliminary Application for Site Certificate.
- Per OAR 345-011-0020 the Chair establishes the duration of the time for individual commenters at 7 minutes but may lengthen or shorten that timeframe as the length of the meeting and timing and duration of other Council business dictate.
- H. Radioactive Material Transport Fee Rulemaking (Action Item)** – Tom Jackman, Siting Policy Analyst & Rules Coordinator, will present final draft rules and all submitted comments for consideration by Council. This rulemaking is intended to change the fees paid by carriers for certain placarded shipments that support training for first responders and other emergency response personnel along radioactive material transportation routes.
- I. Yellow Rosebush Energy Center – Review of the Proposed Order on ASC, Proposed Contested Case Order, Exceptions Hearing, and Possible Material Change Hearing (ORS 469.370(7)); Possible Final Order Adoption (Information Item & Possible Action Item)** – Kate Sloan, Oregon Department of Energy Senior Siting Analyst & Jesse Ratcliffe, Oregon Department of Justice Senior Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources Section, General Counsel Division. The proposed facility includes 800 MWs of solar photovoltaic power generation components within a site boundary of 8,075 acres in Wasco and Sherman counties, approximately 9 miles east of the City of Maupin. The parent company is Savion, LLC.
1. **Proposed Order Review** – Council will review standards from the Proposed Order which were not part of the contested case proceeding and conduct a straw poll to preliminarily determine whether to affirm, reject or modify the recommended findings of facts, conclusions of law and conditions of approval from the Proposed Order.

2. Overview of Contested Case, Proposed Contested Case Order (PCCO), 14 Filed Exceptions and Responses on the PCCO – The single issue in the Contested Case addressed whether the proposed facility complies with the Council’s Fish and Wildlife Habitat standard.
3. Exceptions Hearing – Parties to the contested case will be allowed 15 minutes to present their exceptions or responses to exceptions, unless additional time is granted by Council. Council members may ask clarifying questions from any of the presenters at any time.
 - a. Mr. Alvin Alexanderson will be allowed to summarize or highlight points from his 14 written exceptions.
 - b. Yellow Rosebush Energy Center, LLC (applicant) will be allowed to provide comment in response.
 - c. The Oregon Department of Energy will be allowed to provide comment in response.
 - d. Council will then vote on each exception to either affirm, reject or modify the related findings of facts, conclusions of law or conditions of approval from the Hearing Officer’s PCCO.
4. Possible Material Change Hearing (ORS 469.370(7)); Possible Final Order Adoption – If the Council proposes to amend or reject the Proposed Order, they must conduct a material change hearing, which may occur at the August or future meeting. If there are no material changes proposed by Council, they may issue a Final Order, approving the application based upon the standards adopted under ORS 469.501 and any additional statutes, rules or local ordinances determined to be applicable to the facility by the project order, as amended. (ORS 469.370(7)) and ORS 469.370(9)).

Anticipated Adjournment at 2:40 PM

Anticipated Future Energy Facility Siting Council Meetings:

- **September 17-18, 2026**
- **October 22-23, 2026**

TEAMS Additional Information

When you join, please use your full name so it is easier to identify attendees and manage public comments. Public participants will be in listen-only mode, but can use the TEAMS tool to “raise your hand” to provide comments during Agenda Items D.

Phone participants will be in listen-only mode, but to notify the host that you wish to make a comment press *5 to raise your hand and *6 to unmute yourself when you are called on. Council will offer an opportunity for phone participants to provide comments during Agenda Items B, D and E.

[Teams Meeting Instructions](#)

Meeting Materials associated with the agenda items are available at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities/Pages/Council-Meetings.aspx>

Siting Project Pages:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities/Pages/Facilities-Under-EFSC.aspx>

Sign Up for Council Meeting, Project and Rulemaking Notices:

<http://web.energy.oregon.gov/cn/a6n53/subscribe>

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EFSC Secretary	Toll-Free (in Oregon): 1-800-221-8035
Energy Siting Division/ODOE	Phone: 503-378-8328
550 Capitol St. NE	
Salem, OR 97301-3737	

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