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Project Updates: November 2026

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ENERGY FACILITIES AT A GLANCE

New Energy Facilities – 10 Proposed Facilities

Facility	Phase	Status	Location (County)
Umatilla-Morrow County Connect Project	pASC	Completeness review	Morrow and Umatilla
Deschutes Solar and Bess Facility	pASC	Completeness review	Wasco
Cascade Renewable Transmission System	pASC	Completeness review	Wasco, Hood River, and Multnomah
Muddy Creek Energy Park	pASC	Completeness review	Linn
Speedway Energy Facility	pASC	Completeness review	Sherman
Saddle Butte Energy Facility	NOI	Certificate holder has withdrawn its NOI.	Gilliam
Sunrise Solar & Storage Projects	NOI	pASC must be submitted by Feb. 2027	Morrow
Heppner Wind Project	NOI	pASC must be submitted by March 2027	Morrow

New Energy Facilities – 10 Proposed Facilities

Facility	Phase	Status	Location (County)
Buckley Solar Facility	NOI	pASC must be submitted by Aug. 2027	Sherman
Klamath Falls Energy Center	NOI	pASC must be submitted by Dec. 2027	Klamath
Big River Energy Facility	NOI	Project Order to be issued in November 2026.	Gilliam

Approved Energy Facilities – 1 Termination; 6 Proposed Amendments; 4 in Preconstruction; and 5 Under Construction

Facility	Phase	Status	Location (County)
Termination			
Boardman Coal Plant	Termination Request	Termination request expected to be evaluated Nov. Council meeting	Morrow
Proposed Amendments			
Klamath Cogeneration Amendment #6	Draft Final Order	Draft Final Order issued on Oct. 27 and will be reviewed at Nov. Council meeting.	Klamath
Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility East Amendment #2	Proposed Order	Draft Final Order expected to be issued in Nov.	Morrow and Umatilla
Carty Generating Station Amendment #4	pRFA	Notice of Proposed Order, Comment Period and Public Hearing issued Oct 30, 2026.	Morrow and Gilliam
Nolin Hills Wind Power Project Amendment #1	pRFA	Completeness review	Umatilla
Biglow Canyon Wind Farm Amendment #5	pRFA	Completeness review	Sherman
Wagon Trail Solar Amendment #1	pRFA	Completeness review	Morrow
In Pre-Construction Compliance Review			
Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line	Preconstruction	Preconstruction condition compliance review	Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker, and Malheur
Oregon Trail Solar Facility - Phase 1b (20 MW battery storage)	Preconstruction	Preconstruction condition compliance review (on hold)	Gilliam
Sunstone Solar Phase 1 (200 MW solar and 200 MW battery)	Preconstruction	Preconstruction condition compliance review (on hold)	Morrow
Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility – Mist Resiliency Project, Phase 2	Preconstruction	Preconstruction condition compliance review (on hold)	Columbia
Under Construction			

Approved Energy Facilities – 1 Termination; 6 Proposed Amendments; 4 in Preconstruction; and 5 Under Construction

Facility	Phase	Status	Location (County)
Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line	Under Construction	Construction of access roads, structure pads, pulling and tensioning sites	Malheur, Baker, Morrow, Umatilla, Union
Oregon Trail Solar Project	Under Construction	Phase 2 commenced in January 2026 to continue through 2026.	Gilliam
Wagon Trail Solar	Under Construction	Under construction	Morrow
Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility (repower)	Under Construction	Facility repower of 69 turbines is ongoing	Gilliam
Biglow Canyon Wind Farm (125 MW solar)	Under Construction	Grading/earthwork; access roads; pile foundations; underground electrical work; substation/battery storage pad and infiltration basin; module delivery.	Sherman

Amendment Determination Requests

Facility	Description	Status	Location (County)
NA	NA	NA	NA

Active State Jurisdictional Renewable Energy Projects Summary*

Status	Wind MW	Solar MW	Solar Footprint Acres/Square Miles	Battery Storage MW	Total Generating MW
Operational	2,919	412	4,633/7.15	56	3,331
In Construction	-	296	3,152/5.0	185	296
Approved but Not Built – Approval Still Valid	440	3,396	33,996/52.96	2,983	3,836
Under Review – Application Stage	400	2,734	17,384/27.10	2,755	3,134
Under Review – Notice of Intent Stage	690	2,900	23,433/36.50	2,900	3,590
Total	4,449	9,738	82,598/129	8,879	14,187

*There are more than 30 individual renewable energy facilities. However, some may include more than one type of renewable energy type and/or may be constructed in phases and therefore fall into more than one status category.

Federal Energy Facilities

Facility	Lead Agency	Status	Location	Website
Lower Klamath Project Surrender and Removal	FERC	Deconstruction	Klamath County, OR and Siskiyou County, CA	N/A
Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line	BLM	Construction	Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker, and Malheur counties	FAST-41 Dashboard

Federal Energy Facilities

Cascade Renewable Transmission Project	USACE	Draft EIS	Wasco County, Hood River County, Multnomah County, Klickitat County, Skamania County, Clark County	Cascade Renewable Transmission Environmental Impact Statement
Swan Lake North Pumped Storage	FERC	Pre-construction	Klamath County	FAST-41 Dashboard
Goldendale Energy Storage Project	FERC	Approval	Sherman County, Washington	N/A
North Umpqua Hydro Pumped Storage Project	FERC	Amendment Review/Initial Consultation Document	Douglas County	N/A
Owyhee Pumped Storage Project	FERC	In abeyance	Malheur County	N/A
Elephant Rock Pumped Storage Project	FERC	Preliminary Permit Application	Curry County	N/A
Soldier Camp Pumped Storage Project	FERC	Preliminary Permit Application	Curry County	N/A
Crooked Creek Pumped Storage Project	FERC	Feasibility Study	Lake County	N/A
Winter Ridge Pumped Storage Project	FERC	Feasibility Study	Lake County	N/A

Compliance Inspections

Facility	Location	Inspection Date	Inspection Type	Findings and/or comments
Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility East	Morrow	09/02/26; 09/10/26	Operational/Request for Inspection	Pending
Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line	Baker	10/28/26	Construction	Pending
Stateline Wind Project	Umatilla	09/15/26	Operational (Virtual)	Pending
Oregon Trail Solar Project	Gilliam	10/21/26	Construction	Corrective actions required for Condition 80 (erosion and sediment control)
Biglow Canyon Wind	Sherman	09/22/26	Operational (Virtual)	Pending
Biglow Canyon Wind – 125 MW Solar	Sherman	10/15/26	Construction	In compliance.

ACTIVE STATE ENERGY FACILITY PROJECTS

Click on the project name for more information.

Proposed Energy Facilities (Project names are links to project pages with more details)

Umatilla-Morrow County Connect Project

Facility Description: 230 kV transmission line connecting Umatilla Electric Cooperative's (UEC) existing Highway 730 Switchyard to their planned Ordnance Switchyard. There are four alternative routes ranging from approximately 13.1 to 14.4 miles. The facility is proposed by UEC.
Phase: Preliminary Application for Site Certificate (pASC).
What's New: The Department received revised exhibits in October 2026.
Looking Forward: The Department is continuing to review the pASC and drafting of the Draft Proposed Order.

Deschutes Solar and Battery Energy Storage System Facility

Facility Description: Solar photovoltaic power generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of approximately 1,000 MW and 1,000 MW of battery storage on up to 13,626 acres (21.3 square miles) in Wasco County. The facility is proposed by DECH bn, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of BrightNight, LLC.
Phase: Preliminary Application for Site Certificate
What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: Completeness review will continue through Q4 2026.

Cascade Renewable Transmission System

Facility Description: 320-kV direct current transmission line sited mostly in the bed of the Columbia River between The Dalles and Portland on the Oregon and Washington sides of the river. On-land proposed components include two converter stations and overhead transmission lines to connect to the endpoint substations. The facility is proposed by Cascade Renewable Transmission, LLC., a joint enterprise of PB CRTS, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of PowerBridge, LLC, and Sun2o Partners, LLC. The project will also require federal and Washington State approval. For information about proceedings before the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council please visit https://efsec.wa.gov/.
Phase: Preliminary Application for Site Certificate
What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: Completeness review will continue through Q4 2026.

Muddy Creek Energy Park

Facility Description Solar photovoltaic power generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of up to 199 MW and 199 MW of battery storage on to 1,588 acres (2.5 sq. miles) in Linn County. The facility is proposed by Muddy Creek Energy Park LLC, a subsidiary of Hanwha Q Cells USA Corp.
Phase: Preliminary Application for Site Certificate
What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: Completeness review will continue through Q4 2026.

Speedway Energy Facility

Facility Description: Combined wind (400 MW with turbine blade tip heights up to 698 feet), solar photovoltaic (1,400 MW on 7,819 acres/12.21 sq. miles) and 1,400 MW of battery storage within Sherman County. The facility is proposed by BGTF Speedway Project LLC, a subsidiary of Brookfield Renewable U.S.
Phase: Preliminary Application for Site Certificate
What's New: The Department issued its determination that the pASC was incomplete on September 17, 2026.
Looking Forward: The Department requested that the certificate holder respond to its data request by November 17, 2026.

Saddle Butte Energy Facility

Facility Description: Wind power generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of 488 MW consisting of up to 70 turbines wind turbines with a maximum blade-tip height of 698 feet in Gilliam County. The facility is proposed by Saddle Butte Wind, LLC, a subsidiary of Brookfield Renewables, N.A.
Phase: Notice of Intent
What's New: On October 23, 2026, the applicant notified the Department of its withdrawal of the NOI.
Looking Forward: The Department removed the project from EFSC/ODOE review queue and updated the project status on its webpage in early November.

Sunrise Solar and Storage Projects

Facility Description: Solar photovoltaic power generation facility with a generating capacity of approximately 800 MW and 800 MW of battery storage on up to 6,981 acres (21.3 square miles) in Morrow County. The facility is proposed by PacifiCorp , a wholly-owned subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company.
Phase: Notice of Intent
What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: The Preliminary Application for Site Certificate must be submitted by February 27, 2027.

Heppner Wind Project

Facility Description: Wind power generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of 190 MW consisting of up to 67 wind turbines with a maximum blade-tip height of 640 feet in Morrow County. The facility is proposed by Heppner Lena Wind, LLC, a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC.
Phase: Notice of Intent
What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: The Preliminary Application for Site Certificate must be submitted by March 27, 2027.

Buckley Solar Facility

Facility Description: Solar photovoltaic power generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of 1,200 MW and 1,200 MW of battery storage on up to 7,852 acres (12.2 sq. miles) in Sherman County. The facility is proposed by Buckley Solar, LLC, a subsidiary of Clenera DevCo, LLC.
Phase: Notice of Intent
What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: The Preliminary Application for Site Certificate must be submitted by August 17, 2027.

Klamath Falls Energy Center

Facility Description: Solar photovoltaic power generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of up to 400 MW and 400 MW of battery storage on up to 8,600 acres (13.4 sq. miles) in Klamath County. The facility is proposed by Klamath Falls Energy Center, LLC, a subsidiary of Horsted North America Inc.
Phase: Notice of Intent
What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: The Preliminary Application for Site Certificate must be submitted by December 2027.

Big River Energy Facility

Facility Description: Wind (turbine blade tip heights up to 788 feet) and solar photovoltaic (micrositing acreage not yet known) facility with up to 500 MW combined capacity, and 500 MW of battery storage in Gilliam County. The facility is proposed by three limited liability companies: Big River Wind Power Project LLC, Big River Energy Storage LLC and Big River Solar Park LLC. All three are subsidiaries of EDP Renewables North America, LLC.
Phase: Notice of Intent (NOI)
What's New: The Department accepted comments on the NOI through September 25, 2026, and is continuing to coordinate with reviewing agencies to help inform the requirements to be included in the Project Order.
Looking Forward: The Project Order will be issued in November 2026.

Approved Energy Facilities (Project names are links to project pages with more details)

Boardman Coal Plant

Facility Description: Decommissioned 550 MW coal-fueled electric generating facility in Morrow County. The certificate holder is Portland General Electric (PGE).
Termination Description: PGE has requested termination of the 1975 Site Certificate. The facility ceased operations October 15, 2020 and has complied with all site certificate conditions. The Council's termination rules were not in place at the time of site certificate issuance; therefore, the procedural requirements do not apply.
Phase: Review of Termination Request
What's New: The Department received a concurrence letter from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality confirming that results of groundwater monitoring at the site were adequate.

Looking Forward: The Department will present its recommendations to Council for concurrence, modification, or rejection to terminate the site certificate, at the November meeting.

Klamath Cogeneration Project Amendment #6

Operating Facility: Operational 525 MW natural gas-fired combined-cycle cogeneration facility in Klamath County, Oregon.
Amendment Description: Revise Condition IV.P(9) of the Site Certificate to allow HRSG boiler blowdown water to be discharged directly to the City of Klamath Falls' wastewater treatment plant, rather than reused as cooling tower makeup water. This change aligns the Site Certificate with the facility's current operations and the City of Klamath Falls-issued Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit. No new site boundary, facility components, or operational changes beyond wastewater handling are proposed.
Phase: Proposed Order
What's New: The comment period on RFA6 and the Proposed Order on RFA6 closed on August 28, 2026. The Department and the certificate holder provided responses to comments on September 2 and August 28, 2026, respectively.
Looking Forward: The Department issued the draft Final Order and Notice of Draft Final Order on October 27, and will present the draft Final Order evaluating the issues raised during the comment period at the November 2026 EFSC meeting.

Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility East Amendment #2

Facility Description: 300 MW wind power generation facility (200 MWs in operation, 100 MW not yet built) in Morrow and Umatilla counties. The certificate holder is Wheatridge East Wind, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC.
Amendment Description: 1) split into two separate site certificates consistent with the operational and non-operational descriptions above (Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility East and Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility Northeast) and 2) amend conditions consistent with the split.
Phase: Proposed Order
What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: The Department anticipates issuing the draft Final Order and Notice of Draft Final Order, evaluating the issues raised during the comment period in November 2026.

Carty Generating Station Amendment #4

Facility Description: Operational 450 MW natural gas-fueled power plant and approved but not yet constructed 50 MW solar photovoltaic power generation unit located in Morrow and Gilliam counties. The certificate holder is Portland General Electric.
Amendment Description: Increase the solar capacity from 50 MW on 315 acres (.49 sq. miles) to 185 MW on 849.7 acres (1.32 sq. miles), add 156 MW of battery storage, increase the site boundary by 252 acres, and amend site certificate conditions, including the beginning construction deadline.
Phase: Proposed Order on Request for Amendment RFA
What's New: The Department deemed RFA4 complete and issued a Proposed Order on Request for Site Certificate Amendment 4 on October 30, 2026.
Looking Forward: The Department will accept comments on the Proposed Order on RFA4 from

October 30 through December 14. A public hearing will be conducted by EFSC on November 19, 2026, with opportunities for public participation in person at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Room and online/via phone. Additional details are provided in the public notice available on the Department's webpage for the project.

Nolin Hills Wind Power Project Amendment #1

Facility Description: An approved but not yet constructed 600 MW wind and solar power generation facility in Umatilla County. The certificate holder is Nolin Hills Wind LLC, a subsidiary of Capitol Power Corporation.
Amendment Description: Extend the construction commencement deadlines by 3 years, extending from July 29, 2026 to July 29, 2029.
Phase: Preliminary Request for Amendment
What's New: The certificate holder requested until January 2027 to response to the Department's data request.
Looking Forward: The Department has agreed to put the amendment on hold until the certificate holder is able to respond to its data request.

Biglow Canyon Wind Farm Amendment #5

Facility Description: A 625 MW wind (operational) and 125 MW solar (under construction) facility in Sherman County. The certificate holder is Portland General Electric.
Amendment Description: Expand the site boundary by 839 acres to allow construction and operation of up to 200 MW of photovoltaic solar power generation and related or supporting facilities (including 1,000 MW-hrs of battery energy storage components).
Phase: Preliminary Request for Amendment (pRFA)
What's New: The Department received the pRFA on October 19 and issued Public Notice of receipt of the pRFA on October 27, 2026.
Looking Forward: The Department is initiating review and coordination with reviewing agencies, and will identify additional information needed from the certificate holder in November.

Wagon Trail Solar Facility Amendment #1

Facility Description: A 500 MW solar power generation facility currently under construction in Morrow County. The certificate holder is Wagon Trail Energy Center, LLC, a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, Inc.
Amendment Description: Amend the site certificate to split the approved facility components currently authorized under the site certificate into three facilities governed by three separate site certificates.

- Wheatridge Optimization I – 110 MW
- Wheatridge Optimization II – 130 MW
- Wagon Trail Energy Center – 260 MW

Phase: Preliminary Request for Amendment (pRFA)
What's New: The Department issued Public Notice of Receipt of the pRFA on November 3, 2026.
Looking Forward: The Department is initiating review and coordination with reviewing agencies, and will identify additional information needed from the certificate holder in November.

Approved Facilities in Preconstruction Compliance Review

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line

Approved Facility: 500 kV single circuit electrical transmission line approximately 300 miles in length (273 miles in Oregon); construction commenced in June 2025 on portions of the facility in Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker and Malheur County in Oregon. The certificate holder is Idaho Power Company.
Preconstruction Status: Preconstruction compliance review was initiated in October 2023. On May 22, 2026 the Department issued its most recent Compliance Assessment letter, verifying that applicable preconstruction requirements had been satisfied for all but a few specific conditions. Preconstruction compliance is ongoing.

Oregon Trail Solar Project

Approved Facility: Wind (up to 16 wind turbines) and/or solar facility (up to 400 acres). The certificate holder is Oregon Trail Solar, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Avangrid Power, LLC.
Preconstruction Status: Certificate holder identified that construction of the battery storage components would occur in two phases, referred to as Phase 1a and 1b. Preconstruction requirements for Phase 1a were determined satisfied by the Department on August 28, 2025. Preconstruction requirements for Phase 1b are on hold.

Sunstone Solar Project

Approved Facility: Solar photovoltaic power generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of up to 1,200 MW and 1,200 MW of battery storage on up to 9,442 acres (14.75 square miles) in Morrow County. The certificate holder is Oregon Solar 1, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Amazon.com, Inc.
Preconstruction Status: Preconstruction compliance review for 1,200 MW of solar and 200 MW of battery storage was reinitiated in July 2026. Review is currently on hold until further notice from the certificate holder.

Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility, Changes Approved in Amendment 13

Operating Facility: An operational facility consisting of surface facilities to underground natural gas storage reservoirs, with a permitted throughput of 835 million standard cubic feet per day. The certificate holder is Northwest Natural Gas Company.
Preconstruction Status: Phase 2 (2026): replacement of second turbine at Miller Station preconstruction compliance is ongoing.

Approved Facilities Under Construction

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line

Approved Facility: 500 kV single circuit electrical transmission line approximately 300 miles in length (273 miles in Oregon) in Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker and Malheur County in Oregon. The certificate holder is Idaho Power Company (IPC).
Construction Description: IPC received ODOE approval to commence construction on all portions of the site, subject to demonstrate of construction rights.

Construction Deadlines: Sept 22, 2026 (commencement); Sept 22, 2030 (completion)
Construction Status: IPC commenced construction on June 24, 2025.

Oregon Trail Solar Project

Approved Facility: Solar photovoltaic power generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of 41 MW on up to 1,228 acres (1.9 sq. miles) in Gilliam County. The certificate holder is Oregon Trail Solar, LLC, a subsidiary of Avangrid Power, LLC.
Construction Description: 1) Phase 1a of the 20 MW battery energy storage system includes site preparation and the electrical collection line. 2) 41 MW solar portion.
Construction Deadlines: August 30, 2025 (commencement); August 30, 2028 (completion)
Construction Status: 1) Phase 1a of the 20 MW battery energy storage is complete. Phase 1b (20 MW battery energy storage system) is planned to commence in Q4 2026/Q1 2027. 2) 41 MW construction commenced January 19, 2026 and is ongoing.

Wagon Trail Solar Project

Approved Facility: Solar photovoltaic power generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of up to 500 MW and 500 MW of battery storage on up to 7,450 acres (11.6 square miles) in Morrow County. The certificate holder is Wagon Trail Energy Center, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, LLC.
Construction Description: Phase 1A is for 130 MW solar and 60 MW battery, Phase 1B is for 110 MW solar, and 65MW battery storage.
Construction Status: Construction has begun for each site, starting with prepping and grading each Phase's site area.

Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility Repower

Operating Facility: Wind power generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of 120 MW consisting of 74 turbines with a blade tip height of 389 feet in Gilliam County. The certificate holder is Leaning Juniper 2B, LLC, a subsidiary of Avangrid Power, LLC.
Repower Description: Repowering (replacement of blades and nacelles) of 69 wind turbines, resulting in an increase in blade tip height to 423 feet.
Repowering Deadlines: July 18, 2028 (commencement); May 2029 (completion)
Repower Status: Repowering activities commenced in May 2026, forecasted completion is Q1 2027

Biglow Canyon Wind Farm

Operating Facility: Wind power generation facility with a peak generating capacity of 450 MW, in Sherman County. The certificate holder is Portland General Electric Company.
Construction Description: 125 MW solar facility commenced construction in July.
Construction Status: Construction commenced in July 2026. Activities completed in October included pile foundations; underground electrical work; substation/battery storage pad and infiltration basin; and module delivery.

Amendment Determination Requests (subject to requirements of OAR 345-027-0357)

None received in September 2026.

COMPLIANCE

Annual Reports: Per OAR 345-026-0080 all operational facilities must submit annual compliance reports to the Department. These reports outline how a facility met their operational conditions for the prior calendar year. The following are the recent activities related to review of the 2025 Calendar Year Operational Compliance Review Reports:

- Columbia Ethanol Project – Report issued on October 30.
- Golden Hills Wind Facility – Report issued on October 23.
- Hermiston Power Project – Report issued on October 26.
- Eugene to Medford Transmission Line – Report issued on October 20.
- Hermiston Generating Plant – Report issued on October 13.

Notable Activities:

Incidents Reported:

Biglow Wind Project

- On October 6, 2026, Portland General Electric submitted a follow up DEQ clean up report from a prior oil spill at turbine T471. The report confirmed the clean up was complete and soil tests showed no signs of residual oil.

Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility I

- On October 2, 2026, Portland General Electric reported a broken blade stud and hub hatch were found by Turbine 0023. The turbine was inspected, and another broken stud was discovered. Blade studs were replaced prior to returning the turbine to service.
- On October 2, 2026, Portland General Electric reported another broken blade stud was found by Turbine 0021. The turbine was inspected, and no other broken studs were discovered. The blade studs were replaced prior to returning the turbine to service

Stateline Wind Project

- On October 29, NextEra Energy Resources, LLC reported a fire at Stateline 1 and 2 geographic unit. The fire damaged a wind turbine nacelle and there was a grass fire covering approximately 5,000 acres. The cause of the fire is believed to be related to fiberglass falling from the burning Nacelle on turbine J23.

Wagon Trail Solar Project

- On October 20, the Certificate Holder reported 2 inadvertent returns due to horizontal directional drilling (HDD) activities at site 1B. The first was on September 24, and released approximately 20 gallons of drilling fluid within the micro siting corridor. The second was on

October 13, and approximately 100 gallons of drilling fluid surfaced through a previous frac-out point. Both spills were immediately addressed and cleaned up.

Facility Decommissioning Financial Assurance: The requirement for certificate holders to restore their facility to a useful, non-hazardous condition once operations have ceased is partially fulfilled by maintaining a bond or letter of credit in that amount should that obligation fall to the state. The total amount of site certificate bonds and letters of credit managed by the Department is $423,909,424. These assurances are updated annually to keep pace with inflation.

ACTIVE FEDERAL ENERGY FACILITY PROJECTS

Click on the project name for more information.

Lower Klamath Project Surrender and Removal *(no ODOE webpage)*

Facility Description: FERC license surrender, decommissioning, and removal of four dams along the Klamath River with a total capacity of 163 MW by the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (the Corporation). The J.C. Boyle dam is in Klamath County, OR. The Copco No.1, Copco No. 2, and Iron Gate dams are in Siskiyou County, CA.

What's New: Between October 13-20 the Corporation submitted 4 monthly reports for Water Quality Monitoring, and Terrestrial and Wildlife Management.

Looking Forward: Continued progress on recreation site development, with updates to safety and facilities plans to shape the accessibility of these areas. Further reporting on terrestrial and wildlife management efforts is expected as decommissioning advances. Proceedings around the non-capacity amendment and Motion to Intervene will continue.

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line (B2H)

Facility Description: An approved 500kV, single circuit electric transmission line from a proposed substation near Boardman, OR to the Hemingway substation near Melba, ID. BLM is the lead agency for this FAST-41 project. Idaho Power Corporation is the primary developer.

What's New: N/A

Looking Forward: Construction began in July 2025 and is ongoing until complete.

Cascade Renewable Transmission Project

Facility Description: The proposal is a 99.5-mile electrical transmission line from The Dalles to Portland, OR. The proposal includes work in uplands, in/under the Columbia River, under the Oregon Slough, under the Columbia Slough, and under the Willamette River. The proposed alignment within the Columbia River is from approximately River Mile (RM) 190 near The Dalles to approximate RM 106 near Portland, OR. The proposed transmission line would interconnect with the existing Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Big Eddy 500-kv alternating current (AC) substation, located in The Dalles, OR and the existing Portland General Electric (PGE) Harborton 230-kV AC substation in Portland, OR. The applicant is Cascade Renewable Transmission, LLC.

What's New: N/A

Looking Forward: The applicant is preparing the Draft EIS, which is anticipated to be available, along with a 45-day comment period Winter 2026/2027.

Swan Lake North Pumped Storage *(no ODOE webpage)*

Facility Description: A 393.3 MW pumped-hydro storage project located approximately 11 miles northeast of Klamath Falls, OR, including: an upper and lower reservoir with active storage capacities of 2,562 and 2,581 acre-feet, respectively; a high-pressure penstock; three low-pressure penstocks; a powerhouse; a substation; and a 32.8-mile-long, 230-kilovolt transmission line. While the developer is Rye Development, LLC, the project is owned by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, a Danish based company.

What's New: N/A

Looking Forward: The license holder is working to complete the pre-construction requirements of its FERC license.

Goldendale Energy Storage Project *(no ODOE webpage)*

Facility Description: A 1200 MW closed loop pumped-hydro storage project located approximately 10 miles SE of Goldendale, Washington, at the John Day Dam on the Columbia River. About 12% of the 649.3 acres in the Project Boundary fall within the Bonneville Power Association - Oregon right-of-way. The project includes upper and lower reservoirs, each with active storage capacity of 7100 acre-feet; a water conveyance system; an underground powerhouse; and a transmission interconnection to BPA's John Day Substation. While the developer is Rye Development, LLC, the project is owned by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, a Danish based company.

What's New: On October 15 Rye Development submitted requests for a one-year extension of time to submit the Clean Up Action Plan. On October 22 Rye Development submitted request for a 6-month extension of time to submit the Historic Properties Management Plan.

Looking Forward: The project will finalize design and engineering with construction projected to begin in 2027.

North Umpqua Hydro Pumped Storage Project *(no ODOE webpage)*

Facility Description: Amendment to the license for the North Umpqua Hydroelectric Project which would allow the applicant to create up to 11 MW of pumped storage generation by connecting the existing Toke tee reservoir and Fish Creek forebay. New infrastructure will include an approximately 969 foot long, 48-inch conduit connecting the Toketee and Fish Creek penstocks. A second project would create an additional 26 MW open-loop pumped storage system by connecting the existing Toketee Reservoir with an expanded Clearwater No. 2 forebay. This second project would include a new intake on Toketee Reservoir, pumphouse, reversible pump-turbine, and penstock extension, in addition to the expansion of the existing Clearwater No. 2 forebay. The developer is PacifiCorp.

What's New: On October 1 PacifiCorp submitted a letter re: Water Quality Certification Modification. On October 5 FERC issued a letter to PacifiCorp acknowledging the 8/27/2026 letter transmitting information related to proposed Conveyance Flumes Nos. 7 and 8 Trestle Refurbishment Project. On October 26 PacifiCorp submitted a work plan related to the Forebay Access Gate Replacement at the Lemolo No. 2 Development.

Looking Forward: Ongoing regulatory reviews and project adjustments will continue, with extensions allowing for further planning and development in key infrastructure areas.

Owyhee Pumped Storage Project *(no ODOE webpage)*

Facility Description: A 600 MW pumped-hydro storage project located adjacent to the existing Lake Owyhee, approximately 11 miles southwest of Adrian, OR and includes: an upper reservoir with active storage capacity of 3,410 acre-feet, an underground powerhouse, a substation, and a 3.1-mile project transmission line which would intersect the Summer Lake - Hemingway 500 kV transmission line. The existing Lake Owyhee would serve as the facility's lower reservoir. The developer is Owyhee Energy Storage LLC, which is owned by rPlus Energies, a U.S. based company.
What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: The unconstructed, proposed Project is in the initial stages of design, permitting, and licensing and site-specific design parameters are being refined. OES is performing an engineering evaluation that will further inform Project location and design features. The results of the engineering evaluation will be used to refine study areas, geographic scope, and methods proposed in the study plan. Abeyance of the ILP will allow adequate time for the progression of engineering evaluations to inform studies in the RSP.

Elephant Rock Pumped Storage Project *(no ODOE webpage)*

Facility Description: A 318 MW closed loop pumped-hydro storage project located in Curry County, near the Sixes River, approximately 12.5 miles east-northeast of Port Orford. It would consist of an upper reservoir with a storage volume of 3,605 acre-feet; an 820-foot-long, 24-foot diameter vertical shaft that connects the upper reservoir to a 4,200-foot-long horizontal power tunnel, leading to the powerhouse; a 60-ft high, 40-foot-diameter steel surge tower connected to the power tunnel upstream of the powerhouse; a 100-foot-wide, 500-foot-long, 100-foot-high reinforced-concrete powerhouse with four pump-turbine units, that discharge into the lower reservoir; a lower reservoir, with a storage volume of 3,605 acre-feet; and a 15-mile-long, 230 kV overhead transmission line extending from the powerhouse to the existing substation on Elk River Road, approximately 3 miles northeast of Port Orford. Both the upper and lower reservoirs would be created by zoned rockfill embankment dikes approximately 70 feet high and 7,200 feet in circumference. The project would have an annual generation capacity of 929,000 megawatt-hours. The developer is Rye Development, LLC, a US company.
What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: FERC will evaluate the preliminary permit application.

Soldier Camp Creek Pumped Storage Project *(no ODOE webpage)*

Facility Description: A 550 MW closed loop pumped-hydro storage project located on Lobster Creek in Curry County, approximately 4 miles north of the Rogue River. It would include an upper reservoir with a storage volume of approximately 3,000 acre-feet created by a 5,600-foot-long, 70-foot-high rockfill embankment ring dike; a lower reservoir with a storage volume of approximately 3,000 acre-feet created by a 5,700-foot-long, 70-foot-high rockfill embankment ring dike; a 1,825 foot-long steel and concrete penstock with a diameter of 22-feet; a 550-footlong, 120-foot-wide concrete powerhouse/pump station located on the lower reservoir shoreline containing 6 generating/pumping units; an approximate 13-mile, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line that would interconnect to the regional transmission grid; and appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would generate an estimated annual average of 1,606 gigawatt-hours. The developer is Rye Development, LLC, a US company.
What's New: N/A

Looking Forward: FERC will evaluate the preliminary permit application.

Crooked Creek Pumped Storage Project *(no ODOE webpage)*

Facility Description: A 500 MW closed loop pumped-hydro storage project located near Valley Falls in Lake County. The project includes an upper reservoir with a surface area of 52 acres and a storage volume of approximately 2,344 acre-feet; a lower reservoir with a surface area of 50 acres and a storage volume of approximately 2,052 acre-feet; a 19.7-mile, 500-kilovolt transmission line interconnecting to PacifiCorp's existing Mile Hi substation in Lakeview, Oregon; plus, penstock, powerhouse/pump station, generating/pumping units, underground pipeline, and appurtenant facilities. The developer is PacifiCorp.
What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: The applicant continues engineering feasibility work with analysis of the upper reservoir and lower reservoir siting alternatives.

Winter Ridge Pumped Storage Project *(no ODOE webpage)*

Facility Description: A 500 MW closed loop pumped-hydro storage project located near Summer Lake and Paisley in Lake County. The project includes an upper reservoir approximately two miles west of Summer Lake with a surface area of 85 acres and a storage volume of approximately 4285 acre-feet; a lower reservoir with a surface area of 43.6 acres and a storage volume of approximately 2156 acre-feet; a 9.3-mile, 500-kilovolt transmission line interconnecting to PacifiCorp's jointly owned Sycan substation; plus penstock, powerhouse/pump station, generating/pumping units, underground pipeline, and appurtenant facilities. Note: In an alternate version, the lower reservoir would have a surface area of 50 acres and a storage volume of approximately 2000 acre-feet, and the length of the transmission line would be 9.8 miles. The developer is PacifiCorp.
What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: The applicant continues engineering feasibility work with analysis of the upper reservoir and lower reservoir siting alternatives.

RULEMAKING

Click on the project name for more information. Please submit any rulemaking questions, issues, or topics you would like to be considered to EFSC.Rulemaking@energy.oregon.gov. You can sign up for updates on the Council's rulemaking activities here.

Compliance Rulemaking

Description: This rulemaking is intended to evaluate the Council's compliance rules, located primarily in OAR 345, division 25. The intent of this rulemaking is to do a thorough review of all compliance rules, updating them based on lessons learned and other rulemakings and applicable legislation that has come to pass since these rules were last updated.
What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: Council consideration and possible adoption of the rules are scheduled for the November 19–20, 2026 meeting.

Carbon Monetary Offset Rulemaking

Description: This rulemaking is intended to evaluate the carbon monetary offset rate facility operators may elect to employ as an alternative to meeting their own emissions restrictions. The legislature has directed Council to keep this rate in line with market conditions.
What's New: N/A
Looking Forward: Council consideration and possible adoption of the rules are scheduled for the November 19–20, 2026 meeting.

Financial Expertise and Retirement Assurance Rulemaking

Description: This rulemaking is intended to evaluate the Council's Financial Expertise and Retirement Assurance standards. The intent of this rulemaking is to do a thorough review of these standards, updating them based on lessons learned.
What's New: Staff is preparing a report summarizing the Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC) process, stakeholder feedback, and options for strengthening information requirements while addressing disclosure, timing, and administrative burdens.
Looking Forward: Staff plans to seek Council policy direction at the November 19–20, 2026 meeting. That direction will guide revised draft rules for RAC review before staff returns to Council to request initiation of formal rulemaking.

Soil, Structural & Waste Minimization Standard Phase III Informal Rulemaking Initiation

Description: This rulemaking is intended to evaluate the Council's soil protection, structural, and waste minimization standards. The intent of this rulemaking is to do a thorough review of these standards, updating them based on lessons learned.
What's New: Staff is reaching out to all interested persons to form a representative Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC).
Looking Forward: Once a RAC is formed, staff will schedule the first RAC meeting.

Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Threatened and Endangered Species Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Description: Council authorized staff to form a TAC of local, state and federal government and tribal government partners to evaluate current evidence and practices regarding bird and bat mortality, including existing thresholds of concern, and provide general recommendations on how to best address potential impacts of wind energy development on wildlife and wildlife habitat and to improve conservation outcomes based on best available science. The recommendations from the TAC will be used as part of Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Threatened and Endangered Species Rulemaking that is anticipated to begin in 2027.
What's New: The Department is finalizing its draft report of recommendations.
Looking Forward: The Department is preparing to present to Council in Q4 2026.

Other Agency Rulemaking Tracked by Staff

N/A

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council agendas, meeting materials, and minutes can be found at: State of Oregon: Facilities - Council Meetings

Next Council Meeting: November 19, 2026 beginning at 5:45 p.m. and November 20 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Boardman at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center. In addition to the regular consent and public comment agenda items, the following agenda items are anticipated: 1) Carty Generating Station Amendment 4 Public Hearing; 2) Organization Expertise and Retirement and Financial Assurance Rulemaking Status Update; 3) Klamath Cogeneration Project Amendment 6 Council Final Decision; 4) Wheatridge Energy Facility East Amendment 2 Council Final Decision; 5) Boardman Power (Coal) Termination of Site Certificate; 6) The Climate Trust Annual Audit Update & Annual Report; 7) Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Quarterly Construction Update; 8) 2026 Carbon Dioxide Emissions Offset Rate Rulemaking Final Decision; and 19) Compliance Rulemaking Final Decision

2026 Meeting Dates: Locations and agendas to be determined. FThe following dates may also be changed to ensure a quorum or will be released if not needed:

December 17-18, January 21-22, February 18-19

These dates do not preclude the need for special meetings that may be conducted via teleconference and webinar or in person at the discretion of the chair.

HELPFUL LINKS

- About energy facility siting in Oregon
- Latest facility siting project updates
- Oregonians' Guide to Siting and Oversight of Energy Facilities
- Energy Facility Siting Council
- Facilities under Energy Facility Siting Council Jurisdiction
- Oregon Energy Siting Standards
- Energy Facility Siting & Permitting (from ODOE 2020 Biennial Energy Report)

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