

Oregon Energy Facility Siting

Project Updates: April 2026

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ENERGY FACILITIES AT A GLANCE

New Energy Facilities – 11 Proposed Facilities, 2 Withdrawals

Facility	Phase	Status	Location (County)
Yellow Rosebush Energy Center	Contested Case	Motions for Summary Determination must be filed by April 3.	Wasco and Sherman
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	NOI	pASC must be submitted by May 2026	Linn
Buckley Solar Facility	NOI	pASC must be submitted by Aug. 2026	Sherman
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



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Speedway Energy Facility	NOI	pASC must be submitted by October 2027	Sherman
Saddle Butte Energy Facility	NOI	Project Order will be issued in April.	Gilliam
Klamath Falls Energy Center	NOI	Project Order will be issued in May.	Klamath
Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility	NOI	NOI withdrawn	Wasco
Well Spring Solar Project	NOI	NOI withdrawn	Morrow

Approved Energy Facilities – 1 Termination; 6 Proposed Amendments; 6 in Preconstruction; and 3 Under Construction

Facility	Phase	Status	Location (County)
Termination			
Boardman Coal Plant	Termination Request	Department is coordinating with state agencies to review	Morrow
Proposed Amendments			
Biglow Canyon Windfarm Amendment #4	Final Order	Council approved the Final Order and granted issuance of 4 th Amended Site Certificate.	Sherman
Leaning Juniper IIB Amendment #4	Final Order	Council approved the Final Order and granted issuance of 4 th Amended Site Certificate.	Gilliam
Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility III Amendment #1	Proposed Order	Council conducted a Public Hearing on the Proposed Order on March 19.	Morrow
Carty Generating Station Amendment #4	pRFA	Amendment is on hold pending re-initiation of work by certificate holder.	Morrow and Gilliam
Klamath Cogeneration Amendment #6	pRFA (informal)	Informal completeness review pending submittal of property owner data	Klamath
Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility East Amendment #2	pRFA	Department is reviewing the pRFA and preparing the Proposed Order	Morrow and Umatilla
In Pre-Construction Compliance Review			
Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line	Preconstruction	Preconstruction condition compliance review	Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker, and Malheur

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Facility	Phase	Status	Location (County)
Oregon Trail Solar Facility - Phase 1b (20 MW battery storage)	Preconstruction	Preconstruction condition compliance review	Gilliam
Wagon Trail Solar Phase 1 (240 MW solar and 125 MW battery)	Preconstruction	Preconstruction condition compliance review	Morrow
Sunstone Solar Phase 1 (200 MW solar and 200 MW battery)	Preconstruction	Preconstruction condition compliance review	Morrow
Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility – Mist Resiliency Project, Phase 2	Preconstruction	Preconstruction condition compliance review	Columbia
Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility, Repower	Preconstruction	Preconstruction condition compliance review	Gilliam
Under Construction			
Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line	Under Construction	Construction condition compliance review	Malheur, Baker, Morrow, Umatilla, Union
Leaning Juniper IIA Wind Power Facility - Repower	Under Construction	Construction activities will continue through 2025	Gilliam
Oregon Trail Solar Project	Under Construction	Phase 2 commenced in January 2026 to continue through 2026.	Gilliam

Amendment Determination Requests

Facility	Description	Status	Location (County)
<i>Amendment Determination</i>			
Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line	0.96 acre micro-siting area expansion	ADR determination issued on March 27	Union

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	-	41	1,228/2.0	-	41
Approved but Not Built – Approval Still Valid	440	2,851	27,845/43.36	2,368	3,291
Under Review – Application Stage	0	1,935	16,767/26.13	1,956	1,935
Under Review – Notice of Intent Stage	1,378	3,299	30,271/47.20	3,587	4,677
Total	4,737	8,538	80,744/125	7,967	13,275

*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
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
NA				

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)

Yellow Rosebush Energy Center

Facility Description: Solar photovoltaic power generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of up to 800 MW and 800 MW of battery storage on up to 8,075 acres (12.6 sq. miles) in Wasco and Sherman counties. The facility is proposed by Yellow Rosebush Energy Center, LLC, a subsidiary of Savion, LLC, which is a division of Royal Dutch Shell Company.

Phase: Contested Case



What's New: There were no requests for informal discovery received by the petitioner. Motions for Summary Determination are due by April 6, 2026.

Looking Forward: Responses to Motions for Summary Determination are due by April 20; replies are due by April 27; and a ruling by the Hearing Officer is due by June 12.

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 is drafting the Draft Proposed Order and coordinating with reviewing agencies on review of the pASC.

Looking Forward: The Department anticipates scheduling an information meeting on the complete ASC in Q1 2026.

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: pASC

What's New: The Department is drafting the Draft Proposed Order and coordinating with reviewing agencies on review of the pASC.

Looking Forward: Responses to the Department's initial request for information are due from the certificate holder by April 10.

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: pASC

What's New: N/A

Looking Forward: The Department will initiate review of the pASC and coordination with state, local, and Tribal governments.

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: Notice of Intent

What's New: N/A

Looking Forward: The pASC must be submitted by May 19, 2026.

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 pASC must be submitted by August 16, 2026.

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 pASC 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 pASC must be submitted by March 27, 2027.

Speedway Energy Facility

Facility Description: Combined wind and solar photovoltaic power generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of 1,400 MW and 500 MW of battery storage within a 25,000 acre site boundary in Sherman County. The facility is proposed by BGTF Speedway Project LLC, a subsidiary of Brookfield Renewable U.S.

Phase: Notice of Intent

What's New: N/A

Looking Forward: The pASC must be submitted by October 2027.

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 (NOI)

What's New: The Department is reviewing public comments received on the NOI and is continuing to coordinate with state, local, and Tribal governments on information and study requirements to be included in the Project Order.

Looking Forward: The Department expects to issue a Project Order in early April 2026.

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 (NOI)

What's New: The Department held a public informational meeting at 5:30 p.m. at The Spot in Klamath Falls, Oregon on Thursday, March 5, 2026; and accepted public comments on the NOI from February 4 through March 20, 2026.

Looking Forward: The Department is reviewing public comments and coordinating with reviewing agencies for the purpose of drafting the Project Order. The Project Order will be issued in May 2026.

Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility

Facility Description: Combined wind and solar photovoltaic power generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of 261 MW and 201 MW of battery storage on up to 4,061 acres (6.25 sq miles) in Wasco County. The facility is proposed by Summit Ridge Wind, LLC, a subsidiary of Aypa Power, LLC.

Phase: Withdrawal

What's New: On March 11, 2026, the certificate holder notified the Department of their withdrawal of the NOI.

Looking Forward: N/A

Well Springs Solar Project

Facility Description: Solar photovoltaic power generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of up to 750 MW and 250 MW of battery storage on up to 7,365 acres (11.5 sq. miles) in Morrow County. The facility is proposed by Well Springs Solar LLC, a subsidiary of MN8 Energy Development Company LLC.

Phase: Withdrawal

What's New: On March 19, 2026, the certificate holder notified the Department of their withdrawal of the NOI. On March 25, 2026, the Department issued a courtesy electronic notification of the NOI withdrawal, given that the withdrawal occurred during the established NOI comment period.

Looking Forward: N/A

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: N/A

Looking Forward: The Department is conducting its review of the termination request, in conjunction/consultation with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon Public Utilities Commission staff. The Department will present its recommendations to Council for concurrence, modification, or rejection to terminate the site certificate, once all of the required information is received.

Biglow Canyon Wind Farm Amendment #4

Facility Description: Operational wind energy facility consisting of 217 wind turbines with a nominal generating capacity of 450 MW in Sherman County. The certificate holder is Portland General Electric Company.

Amendment Description: Add solar photovoltaic power generation components with a nominal generating capacity of up to 125 MW and 125 MW of battery storage on up to 1,924 acres (3 square miles).

Phase: Final Order

What's New: The Department issued the draft Final Order and Public Notice of draft Final Order on March 13, 2026. On March 20, 2026, Council reviewed and approved the draft Final Order and granted issuance of the Fourth Amended Site Certificate.

Looking Forward: The Department is administratively finalizing the Final Order for service to the individuals that commented on the Proposed Order, and plans to serve the Final Order by April 3.

Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility #4

Facility Description: A 111 megawatt (MW) wind power generation facility located within a site boundary of 7,962 acres (12.4 square miles). The facility consists of 74 wind turbines, with a blade tip height of 423 feet. The facility has been in operation since 2011. The certificate holder is Leaning Juniper II, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Avangrid Power, LLC.

Amendment Description: Transfer ownership of the Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility Site Certificate from Leaning Juniper II, LLC to Leaning Juniper 2B, LLC.

Phase: Request for Amendment (RFA)

What's New: Council conducted a public hearing on the RFA on March 20, 2026. Following the close of the hearing, Council reviewed and approved the RFA and granted issuance of a Fourth Amended Site Certificate.

Looking Forward: The Department is administratively finalizing the Final Order for service to the individuals that commented on the Proposed Order, and plans to serve the Final Order by April 3.

Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility III Amendment #1

Facility Description: 1) Operational 50 MW solar photovoltaic power generation components and 15 distributed battery storage sites on 357 acres (0.5 sq. miles) and 2) approved but not yet constructed 100 MW solar photovoltaic power generation components and 25 distributed battery storage sites within a 1,935 acre area in Morrow County. The certificate holder is Wheatridge Solar Energy Center, 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 III and Wagon Trail Solar II) and 2) amend conditions consistent with the split as well as extend the construction completion deadline for three additional years from the original November 22, 2025, anticipated date of the 100 MW portion.

Phase: Proposed Order

What's New: Council conducted a public hearing on the RFA on March 19, 2026.

Looking Forward: Following the 35-day public comment period on the Proposed Order, responses to comments from the Department and certificate holder are due by April 10, 2026. Commenters will have an opportunity to reply to the Department and certificate holder responses; the deadline for replies is April 17, 2026. The Department and certificate holder have an opportunity to submit sur-replies; the deadline for sur-replies is April 24, 2026. Following this process, the Department expects to issue a Notice of draft Final Order and present the draft Final Order at the May 2026 Council meeting.

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: Completeness Review (on hold)

What's New: N/A

Looking Forward: The preliminary Request for Amendment (pRFA4) was submitted on February 16, 2024. The Department determined pRFA4 was incomplete on April 16, 2024 and sent requests for additional information (RAI). The Department anticipates RAI responses, and a second round of RAIs will be needed in Q1 2026.

Klamath Cogeneration Project Amendment #6

Operating Facility: Operational 525 MW natural gas-fired combined-cycle cogeneration facility in Klamath County, Oregon.

Amendment Description: The proposed change involves revising 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: pRFA

What's New: The Certificate Holder re-submitted pRFA6 on March 11, 2026, for Department review. While some information was updated, the Department identified that many of the surrounding properties were still not included in the pRFA. On March 23, 2026, the Department responded requesting that the required property owner notification information required by OAR 345-027-0360(1)(g) be added.

Looking Forward: When the Department receives the required property owner information a notice will be sent as required by OAR 345-027-0360(2) and the amendment review will commence with a public notification of receipt of the preliminary request for amendment.

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: pRFA

What's New: The Department issued Public Notice of receipt of pRFA2 on March 25, 2026.

Looking Forward: The Department is reviewing pRFA2 for completeness and drafting the Proposed Order. A completeness determination and Proposed Order issuance are expected in May.

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 August 15, 2025 the Department issued its more 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 is under review.



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.

Preconstruction Status: Preconstruction compliance review for 240 MW of solar and 125 MW of battery storage was initiated in June 2025.

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 Sunstone Solar, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC.

Preconstruction Status: Preconstruction compliance review for 1,200 MW of solar and 200 MW of battery storage was initiated in August 2025 but is on hold due to bankruptcy of Pine Gate Renewables, LLC.

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.

Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility

Operating Facility: Wind power generation facility with a peak generating capacity of 111 MW. In Gilliam County. The certificate holder is Leaning Juniper II, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Avangrid Power, LLC.

Preconstruction Status: Preconstruction compliance review for the facility repower was initiated in January 2026. Construction activities are expected to commence in April/June 2026.

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.

Leaning Juniper IIA Wind Power Facility Repower

Operating Facility: Wind power generation facility with a nominal generating capacity of 90.3 MW consisting of 43 turbines with a blade tip height of 404 feet in Gilliam County. The certificate holder is Leaning Juniper Wind Power II, LLC, a subsidiary of Avangrid Power, LLC.

Repower Description: Repowering (replacement of blades and nacelles) of 36 wind turbines, resulting in an increase in blade tip height to 453 feet. Temporary disturbance of roads, collector lines, turbine pads, laydown and crane assembly areas. Installation of new, underground 34.5 kV collector line system; and dismantling of two wind turbines (damaged from fire).

Repowering Deadlines: June 12, 2026 (commencement); May 2028 (completion)

Repower Status: Repowering activities commenced in March 2025 and as of the end of September, construction is nearly complete.

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.

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

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line

Facility Under Construction: 270.8-mile-long single-circuit 500-kV electric transmission line that crosses five counties in Oregon, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker, and Malheur counties. The facility also includes roads, communication stations, Longhorn Station, and temporary construction areas

ADR Description: Certificate holder requested Department concurrence on whether proposed changes would necessitate review through the site certificate amendment process. Two primary changes are proposed within the 1.22 acre micro-siting corridor expansion area. The first set of changes applies to two road segments (referred to as UN-461 and UN-642), where the certificate holder seeks approval to construct two new spur roads and a wider turn radius workspace in areas where slopes are greater than 30%. The second change is to construct approximately 315 feet of new road segment (while abandoning the previously reviewed segment [UN-536] extending 350-feet, to avoid impacting guy wires of an existing transmission line).

ADR Status: The Department is reviewing the ADR and will issue a determination in Q1 2026.

COMPLIANCE

On March 5, 2026, a memorandum was sent to all certificate holders outlining the reporting requirements for all incidents that may violate the terms or conditions of a site certificate. The memorandum included guidance, definitions, instructions, and contact information.

Incident Activities:

- Stateline Wind Project - On March 2, 12, and 13, facility personnel reported findings blade bolts and associated hardware on the ground beneath 3 separate wind turbines. These incidents have been reviewed and closed by the Department.
- Biglow Canyon Wind Farm –
 - On March 11, 2026, Portland General Electric reported finding a plexiglass skylight hatch light, required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), broken on the ground by turbine 22. The FAA was also notified, and replacement parts have been ordered.
 - On March 23, 2026, another plexiglass skylight hatch was reported broken on the ground by turbine 9. The FAA was also notified, and replacement parts have been ordered. Additionally, Portland General Electric indicated that all the FAA required lights will be inspected.

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 \$329,669,575. 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 February 26-March 26 the Corporation submitted 7 monthly reports to Oregon and California. On February 27 Richard Taylor on behalf of Taylor Ranch submitted a Notice of Intervention regarding the Notice of Application for Non-Capacity Amendment. On March 13 the City of Yreka, CA submitted answers to the Taylor Ranch Notice of Intervention. On March 25 PacifiCorp submitted supplemental information regarding August 2025 application for non-capacity amendment. On that same day FERC issued a Notice Granting Intervention, this notice granted motion to intervene by Taylor Ranch. On March 27 Richard Taylor issued a response to PacifiCorp's March 11 email response to his comments, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife provided additional information regarding the Non-Capacity Amendment.

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.

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: From March 23-30 Rye Development submitted 4 reports regarding Wildlife Habitat Restoration and Biological Monitoring.

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 March 10 an issuance of 'No Stay Granted' regarding the motion of stay previously filed by the Columbia Riverkeeper et al. On March 26 a Notice of Denial of Rehearing by Operation of Law and Proving for Further Consideration was issued. On March 27 FERC issued an order Approving Corrected Exhibit F drawings and revised Exhibit G drawings.

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: From February 27-March 12 PacifiCorp submitted 4 Safety Surveillance and Monitoring reports. From March 9-13 FERC issued 2 letters acknowledging the safety report submittals. On March 10 PacifiCorp submitted construction drawings in response to Concern Nos 1-

4 from FERCS October 2025 email regarding the Canal Flume Buttress at Lemolo No. 2. On March 13 PacifiCorp submitted a request for extension of time until September 20, 2026 to submit the Final Drilling Report related to Spillway and Spillway Channel Geotechnical Data Report. On March 16 FERC issued an acknowledgment of that request. On that same day PacifiCorp submitted a Final Construction Report re the Right Abutment Gabion Parapet Wall Encasement Project. On March 16 FERC issued an acknowledgement of that submittal.

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-foot-long, 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](#).

Modernization Rulemaking

Description: The intended scope of this rulemaking is to consider various ways to modernize the Council and Department's application process, including an examination of hard copy submission requirements, notice requirements—including specific notice requirements for the Department of Defense—and the possibility of requiring applicants and certificate holders to submit GIS data for energy facilities. Staff plan to use this informal rulemaking period to research additional possibilities for minor improvements to the rules, focusing on potentially outdated or unnecessary steps and requirements in the siting process.

What's New: Staff is reviewing all comments submitted during the public comment period.

Looking Forward: Staff will present draft rules for permanent adoption to Council at the April Council meeting.

Exemptions Rulemaking

Description: As laid out in ORS 469.320(2), certain energy facilities may be exempt from the requirement to obtain a site certificate. This rulemaking would evaluate several outstanding policy questions related to exemptions, including whether Council may impose conditions on an exemption; ongoing monitoring and reporting requirements for exempt facilities; and the process for loss of an exemption.

What's New: Staff is reviewing all comments submitted during the public comment period.

Looking Forward: Staff will present draft rules for permanent adoption to Council at the April Council meeting.

Tribal Government Rulemaking

Description: The Tribal Government rulemaking is intended to evaluate various options to encourage and improve communication between the applicant and all tribes who might be impacted by the siting of an energy project. The intent of this rulemaking is to identify the most appropriate requirements that balance the often-competing interests of efficiency of process and protection of resources.

What's New: A public comment period completed on March 31, 2026.

Looking Forward: Staff will present draft rules for permanent adoption to Council at the April Council meeting.

Radioactive Transport Fees Rulemaking

Description: The Oregon Department of Energy charges radioactive transport permit holders a fee for each placarded shipment that travels through the state, including both medical and industrial shipments; the fees are set in rule by the Energy Facility Siting Council in OAR 345, Division 60. The fees go primarily toward training first responders and other emergency personnel along the state's transport corridors. Staff are working with the Nuclear Safety and Emergency Preparedness team to update the fee collection process as well as the amounts assessed, which have not happened for over 30 years.

What's New: N/A

Looking Forward: The Department is evaluating feedback from the RAC and is preparing draft rules for consideration by Council.

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: The second Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting was held on February 26, 2026.

Looking Forward: Once feedback has been received from the second RAC, staff will schedule a third RAC meeting, likely for late April.

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: The second Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting was held on March 4, 2026.

Looking Forward: Once feedback has been received from the second RAC, staff will schedule a third RAC meeting, likely for late April or early may.

Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Threatened and Endangered Species TAC

Description: Council authorized staff to form a technical advisory committee (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 held its second TAC meeting on February 26, 2026.

Looking Forward: The next TAC meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2026 in The Dalles.

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: April 17 beginning at 8:30 am in Salem at the ODOE office and virtually via Webex. In addition to the regular consent and public comment agenda items, the following agenda items are anticipated: 1) Modernization Rulemaking Final Consideration; 2) Exemption Rulemaking Final Consideration; 3) Tribal Communications Rulemaking Final Consideration; and 4) Leaseback Transactions Overview;

2026 Meeting Dates: The following dates may be changed to ensure a quorum and will be released if not needed:

May 14-15; June 25-26; July 23-24; August 20-21; September 17-18; October 22-23 ; November 19-20; and December 17-18

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. Locations and agendas to be determined.

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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