

PUBLIC NOTICE



Boardman Solar Energy Facility

Request for Comments on the Complete Request for Amendment 1 and Draft Proposed Order

Summary:

Date Notice and Draft Proposed Order Issued: August 12, 2021

Site Certificate Amendment Request: Extend the construction commencement and completion deadlines by three years each.

Facility Location: Morrow and Gilliam counties

Comment Deadline: September 6, 2021 (5:00 PST)

Review Process: Type B .

Description of Facility: The Boardman Solar Energy Facility is an approved but not yet constructed 75 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) facility located within a site boundary of approximately 798 acres. Construction had to begin by February 23, 2021 and be completed by February 23, 2024, unless extension of the deadlines is approved by Council through review of this amendment request. The site certificate holder is Boardman Solar Energy LLC (certificate holder), a subsidiary of Invenergy LLC

Description of Amendment Request: A complete request for amendment has been received and has been reviewed by the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE). Request for Amendment 1 (RFA1) seeks Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) approval for a three year extension to both the construction commencement and completion deadlines. This change would make the new construction commencement deadline February 23, 2024, and the new construction completion deadline February 23, 2027.

Facility Location: The solar energy generation components of the Boardman Solar Energy Facility are approved to be located in Morrow County, whereas the 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line that will connect the energy facility to the grid will be located within Gilliam County. The approved facility site is located between the cities of Arlington and Boardman, and is south of U.S. Highway 84. A map of the facility site boundary is included in this notice.

For a detailed map, please see the Revised Project Overview figure provided in the Revised Property Owner Map and Information available at <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/BSE.aspx> or visit our online mapping tool at <https://tinyurl.com/EFSCmap>.

Draft Proposed Order: Under Oregon law, the applicant must obtain approval of RFA1 and be granted an amended site certificate from EFSC in order to construct and operate the facility. ODOE issued a DPO on RFA1 on August 12, 2021. The DPO recommends EFSC approve the RFA1 and issue an amended site certificate, subject to recommended conditions of approval.

Comment Period:

Written comments on RFA1 and the Draft Proposed Order must be received by the ODOE **by 5 p.m. PST on September 6, 2021**, and must be submitted in writing by mail, email, , hand-delivered or faxed per below:

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To raise an issue on the record of the Draft Proposed Order on RFA1, a person must raise the issue in a written comment submitted after the date of the notice of the draft proposed order and written comment deadline, and received by ODOE before the comment deadline.

The Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) will not accept or consider public comments on the RFA1 or on the Draft Proposed Order after the written comment deadline that closes the record on the Draft Proposed Order.

Please note: All comments submitted to ODOE may be disclosed to the public, subject to Oregon Public Records Laws (ORS Chapter 192). Public comments

may be available on the ODOE webpage for the Boardman Solar Energy Facility as an attachment to the Proposed Order.

Comment submission does not register your contact information to receive future notices. If you would like to receive notices for this facility or any other EFSC facility, and have not already done so, please follow the information in this notice to subscribe to the ClickDimensions email notification list.

EFSC Review Process:

The amendment request is being processed as a "Type B" amendment, per OAR 345-027-0368 and -0372. After ODOE has considered all comments received before the comment deadline for the Draft Proposed Order, as described in this notice, ODOE will issue a Proposed Order (staff's next recommendation to EFSC). The Proposed Order shall recommend approval, modification, or denial of the first amended site certificate. ODOE will issue, concurrently, a notice of the Proposed Order and the Proposed Order.

EFSC, may adopt, modify or reject the proposed order based on the considerations described in OAR 345-027-0375. In a written final order, EFSC shall either grant or deny issuance of an amended site certificate.

Judicial review of the Council's final order either granting or denying an amended site certificate shall be as provided in ORS 469.403.

For more information relating to EFSC standards, please visit:

<http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/Siting-Standards.aspx>

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1. You own property within or adjacent to (within 500 feet) the property on which the project is located. You will automatically receive all future notices on this facility.
2. You have requested to receive paper notices on the Boardman Solar Energy Facility. If you wish to be removed from this mailing list, please contact Chase McVeigh-Walker.

3. You have previously signed up via GovDelivery/ClickDimensions or by contacting ODOE to receive notices related to the Boardman Solar Energy Facility or all EFSC project-related notices. You will automatically receive all future notices per your request, unless you unsubscribe via ClickDimensions or by contacting ODOE.

More Information: Please contact Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Siting Analyst, at the phone, email address or mailing address listed in this notice.

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More information about the facility and updates on the review process is available using any of the following options.

1) Oregon Department of Energy's webpage: More details on the Boardman Solar Energy Facility including the certificate holder's Type B Review Amendment Determination Request (ADR) and pRFA1 are available online at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/BSE.aspx>

Additional resources to help you participate in the state siting process can be found at: <http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/pages/default.aspx>

2) Updates by email/mail: Subscribe to ClickDimensions, a self-managed, automated email system that sends notices and updates related to the Boardman Solar Energy Facility as well as any or all other energy facilities and events under EFSC jurisdiction. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ODOE-EFSC>.

To receive notices by U.S. Mail, please contact Chase McVeigh-Walker.

3) In hardcopy: Hard copies of the Type B Review ADR and pRFA1 are available for public inspection at:

Oregon Department of Energy
550 Capitol Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Please contact Chase McVeigh-Walker if you wish to arrange a time to review hard copies. Hard copies will be provided at reasonable cost upon request to the Department.

Accessibility information:

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Figure 1: Boardman Solar Energy Facility – Facility Location and Site Boundary

