

PUBLIC NOTICE



Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility Receipt of Preliminary Request for Amendment 13 of Site Certificate

Summary:

Date Notice Issued: March 28, 2024

Approved Facility: Operational underground natural gas storage reservoir with compressor stations, within an approximately 5,472 acre site boundary.

Amendment Request: Construct and operate: injection and withdrawal wells and pipelines at 4 new reservoirs; 3 new natural-gas fired compressors; 2 replacement natural-gas fired compressors; underground collector line; control and operations building; use of 3 temporary laydown areas; and development of a permanent storage area.

Location of Approved Facility/Proposed Changes: Columbia County, near the community of Mist

Review Process: Type A Review Process

Information Only: Please note, this notice is to provide early notification of this amendment request. There is no comment period associated with this phase of review.

Introduction: On March 15, 2024, the Oregon Department of Energy (Department or staff), staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council (Council or EFSC), received preliminary Request for Amendment 13 (pRFA13) for the Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility site certificate. The certificate holder is Northwest Natural Gas Company (NWN).

Description of Amendment Request: The changes proposed in pRFA13 are listed below:

Miller Station

- Upgrade and replace two existing end-of-life turbine-driven natural gas compressors with modern turbine-driven natural gas compressors.
- Upgrade and replace the existing underground electric power supply line (and associated appurtenances) from its origin at Highway 202 to Miller Station.
- Develop an approximately 7.5-acre area for use as a construction laydown area and permanent storage area.

North Mist Compressor Station (NMCS)

- Develop the existing Newton, Medicine, Stegosaur, and Crater underground storage reservoirs including installation of aboveground well pads to increase natural gas storage capacity.
- Install injection and withdrawal (I/W) wells and transmission pipelines to connect the newly developed storage reservoirs to the existing NMCS.
- Install three reciprocating engine-driven natural gas compressors, two natural gas dehydration equipment systems, and all associated engineered facilities at NMCS.
- Construct and operate a new control and operations building at NMCS to facilitate manned operations at the Facility to include installation of a potable water tank and septic system.
- Temporary use of up to four temporary laydown areas during construction.

Facility Location: The facility encompasses approximately 5,472 acres in Columbia County.

Maps of the approved site boundary and proposed pRFA13 changes are included in this notice below. For more detailed maps, including of proposed changes, please see pRFA13 Figures 1 and 2 via the project webpage at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/MST.aspx> or visit our online mapping tool at <https://tinyurl.com/EFSCmap>.

Energy Facility Siting Council Review Process:

Overview

The site certificate amendment process is a consolidated, comprehensive siting process. The certificate holder must demonstrate that the facility, with the proposed changes, meets all applicable Council standards authorized by Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 469.501 and set forth in Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapters 345, Division 22, 24 and 27 as well as all other applicable Oregon statutes, rules and standards.

Preliminary Request for Amendment

The current phase consists of staff, in coordination with applicable state agencies, local government and tribal governments, reviewing the amendment

request, to ensure there is information adequate for Council to make findings and where necessary, to impose conditions, regarding compliance with all applicable laws and Council standards.

Complete Request for Amendment

Under OAR 345-027-0363(5), a request for amendment is complete when the Department finds that the certificate holder has submitted information adequate for the Council to make findings or impose conditions regarding all applicable laws and Council standards.

Draft Proposed Order (DPO)

This document is staff's initial recommendation to EFSC, who are the final decision makers, on whether or not each applicable standard is met. The DPO will include staff's analysis of the amendment request as well as comments received from state agencies, local governments and tribal governments. The DPO will include recommended findings of facts, conclusions or law and may include new and/or amended conditions.

Issuance of the DPO will initiate a public comment period.

Under Type A review, in addition to the written public comment period there will be a public hearing which includes an opportunity for oral comments. At that time, to preserve your right to request a contested case proceeding and any subsequent appeal of EFSC's decision, you must comment during the public comment period on the DPO, either orally at the public hearing or in writing during the comment period.

Following the conclusion of the comment period on the DPO, EFSC will review the DPO and all submitted comments and provide their comments to the Department.

Proposed Order

Following the conclusion of the DPO comment period, the Department must issue a Proposed Order, the staff's second recommendation to EFSC. Changes made from the DPO to the Proposed Order are based on the comments of the Council and any other comments made before the close of the public comment period on the DPO.

Contested Case

To determine that a request justifies a contested case, the Council must find that the request raises a significant issue of fact or law that is reasonably likely to affect the Council's determination that the facility, with proposed changes, meets the applicable laws and Council standards.

Final Order

Following the Contested Case proceeding, or the Proposed Order phase if no requests for a Contested Case are received and granted by EFSC, EFSC will issue a Final Order either approving or rejecting RFA13. If approved, an Amended Site Certificate will be issued.

For more information, please visit:

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

Receipt of this Notice:

Please note that you may be receiving this notice for multiple reasons:

1. You own property within or adjacent to (within 500 feet of) the property on which the site boundary is located. You will automatically receive all future notices on this facility.
2. You have requested to receive paper notices on the Mist Facility. If you wish to be removed from this mailing list, please contact Nancy Hatch.
3. You have previously signed up via GovDelivery/ClickDimensions or by contacting ODOE to receive notices related to the Mist Facility or to receive 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 Sarah Esterson, Senior Siting Analyst, at the phone, fax, email address or mailing address listed below:

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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 Mist Facility, and the certificate holder's pRFA13 are available online at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/MST.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 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 Sarah Esterson using the contact information listed above.

3) In hardcopy: A hard copy of pRFA13 is available for public inspection at:

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

Please contact Sarah Esterson 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: Facility Regional Location/Location of Proposed Changes

