

PUBLIC NOTICE



Boardman Solar Energy Facility

Receipt of Preliminary Request for Amendment 1 of Site Certificate

Summary:

Date Notice Issued: January 13, 2021

Site Certificate Amendment Request: Boardman Solar Energy LLC (certificate holder) seeks approval from the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) to extend the construction commencement and completion deadlines.

Facility Location: Both Morrow and Gilliam counties

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.

Review Process: Certificate holder requests review under the Type B amendment process, which is being evaluated by Oregon Department of Energy (Department) staff.

Introduction: On January 7, 2021, the Department, staff to Council, received preliminary Request for Amendment 1 (pRFA1) for the Boardman Solar Energy Facility site certificate. In pRFA1, the certificate holder includes a request that the amendment be processed under Type B review per OAR 345-027-0357(8).

Description of Facility (Approved): The Boardman Solar Energy Facility is an approved 75 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) facility in Gilliam and Morrow counties, located within a site boundary of approximately 798 acres. The facility has not yet been built. Construction must begin by February 23, 2021 and be completed by February 23, 2024, unless extension of the deadlines is approved by Council through review of the amendment request.

Description of Amendment Request: Preliminary Request for Amendment 1 (pRFA1) seeks 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>.

Current and Next Review Phase: The current preliminary request for amendment phase consists of staff reviewing the request to ensure there is information adequate for Council to make findings or impose conditions on all applicable Council standards. Once the amendment request is determined complete by staff, staff will issue a Public Notice and Draft Proposed Order (initial staff recommendation), notifying members of the public of a comment period on the complete amendment request and Draft Proposed Order.

Receipt of this Notice:

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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.

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

