

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Golden Hills Wind Project

### Notice of Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 6

**Summary:**

Date Notice Issued: January 20, 2021

Staff Recommendation: In the proposed order staff recommends the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) approve RFA6 and grant an amended site certificate, subject to existing and recommended amended conditions.

Site Certificate Amendment Request: Construction completion deadline extension; modify micrositing corridor area; and amend previously imposed site certificate conditions.

Facility Location: Sherman County

Amendment Review: This amendment request is being processed under Type B review which does not include an opportunity to request a contested case proceeding.

**Description of Facility (Under**

**Construction/Approved):** The Golden Hills Wind Project is approved to include up to 400 megawatts (MW) of wind energy facility components (up to 125 wind turbines with a maximum blade tip height of 650 feet) within a 29,500 acre site boundary in Sherman County. The facility is approved to be developed in phases. The first phase, currently under construction, includes an Operations and Maintenance building. The remaining approved facility components must be constructed by June 18, 2021, unless extension of the construction completion deadline is approved by Council through review of the amendment request.

**Proposed Changes in Amendment Request:**

RFA6 seeks Council approval to extend the construction completion deadline by 18 months from June 18, 2021 to December 31, 2022; add approximately 534 acres to the facility micrositing corridor to adjust the final location of access roads and collector lines; and amend preconstruction conditions to align with phased construction schedule, modify language of 9 previously imposed site certificate conditions related to the Council's Historic, Cultural, and Archeological standard and 1 previously imposed site certificate condition related to the Council's Fish and Wildlife Habitat standard.

**Facility Location:** The Golden Hills Wind Project is located in Sherman County, between the cities of Wasco and Moro, both east and west of U.S. Highway 97. A map of the facility site boundary is included in this notice. For a detailed map, please see Figure 1 in RFA6 on the facility

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

**EFSC Review Process:** The amendment request is being processed under "Type B" review, per OAR 345-027-0368 and -0372. The proposed order considers all comments received on the record of the draft proposed order within EFSC jurisdiction. The proposed order recommends approval of the changes proposed in RFA6 and issuance of an amended site certificate.

EFSC will review the proposed order at its January 22, 2021 meeting to be held remotely with opportunity for attendance via teleconference (phone) or WebEx (internet log-in). 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 Council's final order granting or denying the amendment request is as described in OAR 345-027-0372(5) and Oregon Revised Statute 469.403. For more information relating to EFSC standards, please visit: <http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/Siting-Standards.aspx>

**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 Golden Hills Wind Project. If you wish to be removed from this mailing lists, please contact Sarah Esterson.
3. You have previously signed up via GovDelivery/ClickDimensions or by contacting ODOE to receive notices related to the Golden Hills Wind Project 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 Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor, at the phone number, email address, or mailing address listed in this notice.

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

**1) Oregon Department of Energy's webpage:**

More details on the Golden Hills Wind Project, including the certificate holder's Type B Review Amendment Determination Request (Type B Review ADR), Department's Type B Review ADR Determination, RFA6, Draft Proposed Order and Proposed Order are available online at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/GHW.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 Golden Hills Wind Project as well as any or all other energy facilities and events under EFSC jurisdiction. For more information, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ODOE-EFSC>.

**3) In hardcopy:** Hard copies of the Type B Review ADR, RFA6, Draft Proposed Order and Proposed Order are 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.

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Figure 1: Golden Hills Wind Project – Site Boundary and Proposed Expanded Micrositing Corridor Areas

