



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility Notice of Intent and Public Information Meeting

**Summary:**

Notice Date: March 14, 2024

Newspaper Notice: March 20, 2024  
The Dalles Chronicle/Columbia Gorge News

Proposal: 201 megawatts (MW) of wind and solar photovoltaic generation components with battery storage

Proposed Facility Location: Northeastern Wasco County

Public Comment Deadline: **May 3, 2024**. See page 2 for information about how to submit comments.

In Person and Remote Public Informational Meeting:  
Date: April 3, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM – In person Meet and Greet and 1 on 1 questions with Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE or Department) and applicant

6:00 PM - Presentation/Webinar  
By ODOE and applicant followed by Q&A and comments

Location: Dufur K-12 School Gymnasium  
802 NE 5th Street  
Dufur, Oregon 97021

Participate Remote Via Webinar (6:00 PM):  
<https://odoe.webex.com/odoe/j.php?MTID=m0d8026d9e69bd571f59da49c54c79da4>  
Webinar number: 2344 806 3389  
Webinar password: EFSC (3372 from phone)

Join by phone: +1-408-418-9388 United States Toll  
Access code: 2344 806 3389

**Applicant:** Summit Ridge Wind, LLC a wholly owned subsidiary of Aypa Power, LLC.

**Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility and Summit Ridge Wind Farm:** As proposed, the Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility (SRREF) is similar to the facility approved in the Summit Ridge Wind Farm Site Certificate, and as proposed to be amended in preliminary Request for Site Certificate Amendment 6 (pRFA6). However, on February 14, 2024, the Department received a request to withdraw pRFA6 and terminate the Summit Ridge Wind Farm Site Certificate. The Department has received the Application to Terminate the Summit Ridge Wind Farm site certificate and a public notice was issued on March 13, 2024. (See the Summit Ridge Wind Farm project page for more information).

**Proposed Facility Description:**

Main facility components

- 32 wind turbines with a maximum blade-tip height of 648 feet
- Up to 178,507 solar modules on racking systems and posts, within an 8-foot-high perimeter fence, on up to 474 acres

Related or supporting facilities

- Battery energy storage system on up to 10 acres equaling up 201 MW
- Solar switching station and alternating current station
- 230 kV collector/step up substation on 3.6 acres
- Point of interconnect (POI) substation at a new Boyd Ridge switchyard owned by Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)
- 28 miles of 34.5 kilovolt (kV) above and below-ground collection system
- 10,000 square foot Operation and Maintenance building on 3.6 acres

- 8-miles of 230-kV overhead transmission line, on 140 foot H-frame or monopole structures
- Three permanent meteorological towers 383 feet in height
- Approximately 10.2 miles of new access roads; 13 miles of road improvements
- Staging area on 8.3 acres
- Temporary batch plant on 2 acres

More detailed information about proposed facility components and related or supporting facilities is available in NOI Exhibit B.

**Proposed Facility Location:** The proposed facility site is located in Wasco County, approximately 17 miles southeast of The Dalles and 8 miles east of Dufur.

A map of the proposed facility site boundary is attached to this notice and more maps are available in NOI Figures 1 – 8 at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/SRREF.aspx>

There is also an online mapping tool with this and all other energy facilities regulated by the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC or Council) at:

[https://tools.oregonexplorer.info/OE\\_HtmlViewer/index.html?viewer=renewable&layerTheme=efsc](https://tools.oregonexplorer.info/OE_HtmlViewer/index.html?viewer=renewable&layerTheme=efsc)

**EFSC Review Process Overview:** The site certificate process is a consolidated, comprehensive permitting process with several opportunities for public participation and comment. The applicant must demonstrate that the proposed facility meets the standards established by the Council in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 345, as well as all other applicable Oregon statutes, rules and standards. The Department serves as staff to the Council and conducts much of the application review process.

**Notice of Intent:** On January 26, 2024 the Department received a complete Notice of Intent to File an Application for Site Certificate (NOI) for the proposed facility. Submitting the NOI is the first step in the process of obtaining a site certificate. The NOI includes information about the site and characteristics of the proposed facility and discusses potential impacts from construction and operation of

the proposed facility. The NOI, and any comments on the NOI from the public, state agencies, local governments, or Native American Tribes will be used to establish the legal standards and evidentiary requirements for the review of the Application for Site Certificate (ASC) in the Project Order.

*Land Use Standard:* The applicant may choose to meet the Council's Land Use Standard, OAR 345-022-0030, by obtaining land use approval from the affected local governments or by seeking a determination of compliance from Council. In the NOI the applicant has indicated that it intends to seek a determination from Council.

If the applicant chooses to obtain local land use approval later in the process, any person interested in land use issues should participate in the affected local governments' land use processes if they are not yet complete.

*Public Comments:* This notice initiates the public comment period on the NOI. Comments are encouraged to help the Department and the applicant identify issues and concerns early in the process.

**Comments must be received by May 3, 2024 to be considered in the development of the Project Order.**

The Department is now accepting public comments through an online portal. The portal is intended to provide a convenient option to participate in Council proceedings. The portal can be accessed at: <https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/SitingPublicComment/>

To comment on this project, select "Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility NOI" from the drop-down menu and follow the instructions. You will receive an email confirmation after submitting your comment.

Written comments may also be submitted by mail, e-mail, or by fax. Please send comments to:

Oregon Department of Energy  
ATTN: Kathleen Sloan, Senior Siting Analyst  
550 Capitol Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301  
Phone: (971) 701-4913

Fax: (503) 373-7806

Email: [kathleen.sloan@energy.oregon.gov](mailto:kathleen.sloan@energy.oregon.gov)

*Please Note:* Submitting comments does not automatically register you to receive notices. If you would like to receive notices for this or any other siting project, please sign up here: <http://web.energy.oregon.gov/cn/a6n53/subscribe>

*Informational Meeting:* The Department will host a public informational meeting on the NOI to provide additional opportunities for the public to learn about the proposed facility and the state siting review process, provide written or oral comments, and ask questions. Details on the date, time, and location of the meeting are provided on page 1 of this notice.

The informational meeting is not a public hearing, and participation in the informational meeting is not required to establish eligibility to participate in the contested case proceeding.

#### Project Order

Based on the Department's review of the NOI and all comments received during the NOI comment timeframe, the Department will issue a Project Order establishing the state and local standards and criteria that must be met for Council to issue a site certificate.

#### Preliminary Application for Site Certificate

An applicant has two years from the date of submitting the NOI to submit their preliminary application for site certificate.

During this phase, the Department, along with applicable state agencies, local governments and tribal governments will review the preliminary application to ensure it is complete.

#### Complete Application

Under OAR 345-015-0190(5), an ASC is complete when the Department finds that the applicant has submitted information adequate for Council to make findings or impose conditions on all applicable Council standards.

This phase will include another public notice and public informational meeting. However, there is no

public comment timeframe associated with this phase.

#### Draft Proposed Order

The Draft Proposed Order contains the Department's initial recommendation to Council, who are the final decision makers, on whether each applicable standard is met. The Draft Proposed Order will include staff's analysis of the request as well as comments received from state agencies, local governments, and tribal governments. The Draft Proposed Order will include recommended findings of facts, conclusions or law and conditions of approval.

Issuance of the Draft Proposed Order will initiate a public comment period. In addition to the written public comment period, there will be an opportunity for oral comments at one or more public hearings to be held in the vicinity of the proposed facility. In order to preserve your right to request to participate in the contested case proceeding and any subsequent appeal of the Council's decision, you must comment either orally at the public hearing or in writing during the comment period on the Draft Proposed Order.

Following the conclusion of the comment period, Council will review the Draft Proposed Order and all submitted comments, and will provide their comments to the Department.

#### Proposed Order

Taking into consideration all the comments received, the Department will issue a Proposed Order, staff's second recommendation to Council. Council will appoint a Hearing Officer to conduct a contested case hearing on the Proposed Order.

#### Contested Case

The purpose of the contested case proceeding is for an impartial hearing officer to evaluate properly raised issues and make a recommendation to Council on those issues. Only people who commented on the Draft Proposed Order may request to participate in the contested case proceeding.

Final Order

Following a contested case proceeding, Council shall issue a Final Order either approving or denying the proposed facility.

For more information, please visit:

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

**Receipt of this Notice:**

You are receiving this notice because:

1. You own property within 500 feet of the property on which the proposed facility would be located. You will automatically receive all future EFSC notices for this facility if the site boundary remains the same.
2. You have previously signed up to receive notices from ODOE and EFSC. You will automatically receive all future email notices per your request, unless you unsubscribe. You may unsubscribe at: <http://web.energy.oregon.gov/cn/a6n53/subscribe>

**More Information:**

Additional information about the proposed facility and the EFSC review process can be obtained:

Online: More details on the Summit Ridge Renewable Energy Facility including an electronic copy the NOI are available online at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/SRREF.aspx>

Resources describing the State Siting Process, including “Oregonians Guide to Siting and Oversight of Energy Facilities” are available at:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/>

By Email: Subscribe to receive email updates on the proposed facility or other energy facilities at:

<http://web.energy.oregon.gov/cn/a6n53/subscribe>

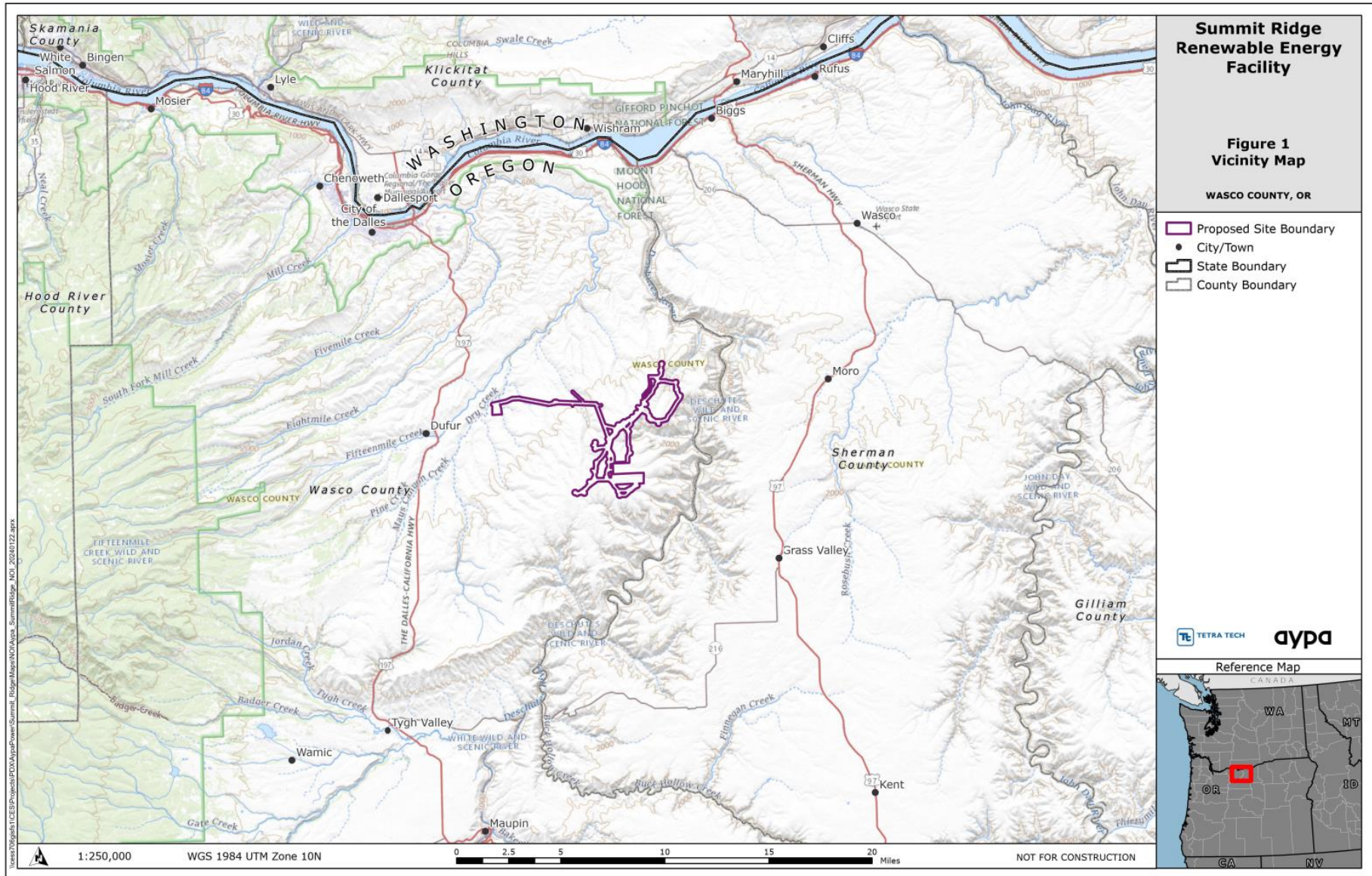
At the Oregon Department of Energy: The NOI and other materials are available for public inspection at the following location at no cost:

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

Please contact the Department to arrange viewing of the NOI. Printed copies will be provided at reasonable cost upon request to the Department.

**Accessibility information:** The Oregon Department of Energy is committed to accommodating people with disabilities. If you require any special physical or language accommodations, or need information in an alternate format, please contact Nancy Hatch at 503-428-7905, toll-free in Oregon at 800-221-8035, or by email at [nancy.hatch@energy.oregon.gov](mailto:nancy.hatch@energy.oregon.gov)

**ATTACHMENT 1: LOCATION OF PROPOSED SUMMIT RIDGE RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY**



**ATTACHMENT 2: PROPOSED SUMMIT RIDGE RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY LAYOUT**

