



# ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

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## Energy Facility Siting Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

**Thursday September 19, 2024 4:30 PM**  
**Friday September 20, 2024 8:30 AM**

**Clatskanie PUD Community Room**  
**495 E. Columbia River Hwy**  
**Clatskanie**

### Thursday WebEx Webinar Information:

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**Please Note:** Every effort will be made to consider items as they are indicated. However, the Council agenda and the order of agenda items are subject to change.

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### Roll Call, Opening Remarks and Agenda Modifications

- A. Consent Calendar (Action & Information Item)** – Approval of August 22-23, 2024 Meeting Minutes; Council Secretary Report; and other routine Council business.
- B. Review of Mitigation Plan Amendments (Action Item)** – Ash Woods, Compliance Officer, will present recommendations for amending the requirements of Habitat Mitigation Plans governed by the Site Certificates of Golden Hills Wind Project, Leaning Juniper IIA Wind Power Facility, Leaning Juniper IIB Wind Power Facility and Montague Wind Power Facility.
- C. (5:30 P.M.) Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility: Draft Proposed Order on Request for Amendment 13 (Public Hearing)**
  - 1. Overview of Existing Facility and Proposed Changes: Kathleen Sloan, Senior Siting Analyst, will provide an overview of changes proposed by Northwest Natural Gas Company in Request for Site Certificate Amendment 13 and the evaluation presented in the Draft Proposed Order. The facility and proposed changes are in Columbia County.
  - 2. Public Hearing Overview: Kent Howe, Chair, acting as the Presiding Officer will explain the legal requirements for providing comments on the record and will facilitate the public hearing.

3. **Public Hearing:** Interested individuals will have an opportunity to provide oral testimony on Request for Amendment 13 and the Draft Proposed Order. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department through the close of the public hearing. The duration of the time for individual commenters will be 7 minutes, but that may be lengthened or shortened based on the number of people who comment.

## Anticipated Recess at 7:00 PM

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## Roll Call, Opening Remarks, and Agenda Modifications

- D. **Wagon Trail Solar Project, Application for Site Certificate: Proposed Order Review, Possible Material Change Hearing and Public Notice of Possible Hearing to Adopt Final Order (ORS 469.370(7)) (Action Item)** – Chase McVeigh Walker, Senior Siting Analyst will present Council with the Hearing Officer Order concluding the contested case, and the Department’s Proposed Order for Council’s adoption, modification or rejection as the Final Order. Should Council make any material changes to the Proposed Order, per ORS 469.370(7), the applicant will be provided an opportunity to comment on the material changes. The Wagon Trail Solar Project is a 500 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic energy generation facility proposed in Morrow County.
- E. **Wheatridge Renewable Energy Facility East, Construction Compliance Update (Information Item)** – Ash Woods, Compliance Officer and Ryan Hill, NextEra Energy Resources’ Senior Project Manager, will describe status and response of compliance issues identified since construction commencement in June 2024.
- F. **Public Comments (Information Item)** – This time is reserved for the public to address the Council regarding any item within Council jurisdiction that is not otherwise closed for comment, including the Sunstone Solar Project Draft Proposed Order and the Contested Case Rulemaking.

Per OAR 345-011-0020, the Chair establishes the duration of the time for individual commenters at 7 minutes but may lengthen or shorten that timeframe as the length of the meeting and timing and duration of other Council business dictate.

- G. **Sunstone Solar Project, Council Review of the Draft Proposed Order on Application for Site Certificate (Information)** – Christopher Clark, Senior Siting Analyst will present Council with the Draft Proposed Order, issues raised in comments received on the record of the public hearing, and applicant responses, for their review and comments to staff for consideration in the Proposed Order. The Sunstone Solar Project is a proposed 1,200 MW (proposed facility; formerly Echo Solar Project) solar photovoltaic energy generation facility, to be located in Morrow County.

- H. Contested Case Rulemaking Final Decision (Action Item)** – Tom Jackman, Rules Coordinator, will present Council with the proposed permanent order for the Contested Case Rulemaking, which includes a review of public comments, for their review and possible final decision. This rulemaking proposes to amend the Council’s rules for the contested case process, found in OAR 345, Division 15. This update is designed to improve the clarity and organization of the rules, while revising some procedural requirements to improve the efficiency of the contested case process.
- I. Tribal Government Rulemaking Initiation (Action Item)** – Tom Jackman, Rules Coordinator, will present Council with a proposal to set the scope of the rulemaking and begin the informal process for this rulemaking. The idea of this rulemaking is to encourage early communication with tribal governments to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the siting process as it relates to identifying and protecting resources important to tribal governments.
- J. Review of EFSC’s Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation Standard (OAR 345-022-0115) (Information Item)** – Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor, will provide an update on implementation of the Council’s Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation standard, and will present other wildfire-related rules and policies, and associated outcomes, of other agencies in the western region.

**Anticipated Adjournment at 4:40 PM**

**Anticipated Future Energy Facility Siting Council Meeting:**

- **October 24-25, 2024**

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