



ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL

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Energy Facility Siting Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

Friday January 17, 2025 8:30 AM

**Oregon Department of Energy
550 Capitol St. NE
Salem, OR 97301**

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Roll Call and Opening Remarks

- A. Consent Calendar (Action Item & Information Item)** – Approval of December 13, 2024 minutes; Council Secretary Report; and other routine Council business.
- B. (9:00 AM) Application Process Rulemaking Phase 2 (Public Hearing)** – Tom Jackman, Rules Coordinator. Staff will host a hearing for public comment on this rulemaking.
 - 1. Public Hearing Overview: Tom Jackman, acting as the Presiding Officer, will explain the legal requirements for providing comments on the record and will facilitate the hearing.
 - 2. Public Hearing: Interested individuals will have an opportunity to provide oral testimony on Contested Case rulemaking and the proposed rule language. Written comments may also be submitted to the Department through the close of the public hearing.
- C. Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility RFA13 (Action Item)** – Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor. The Mist Underground Natural Gas Storage Facility is an operating facility in Columbia County. Request for Amendment 13 seeks approval to construct and operate pipelines at four undeveloped reservoirs; three new natural-gas fired compressors; two replacement natural-gas compressors; underground collector line; control and operations building; three temporary laydown areas and one permanent laydown/storage area.

Council will review four requests for contested case. If a contested case request or requests are granted, Council will provide the next steps for initiating a contested case proceeding for the issues

granted. If the contested case requests are denied, the Council will proceed to review of the Proposed Order and will either adopt, modify or reject the Proposed Order as the Final order.

D. Public Comment Period (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.

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.

E. 2025 Rulemaking schedule (Action Item)

- 1) Thomas Jackman, Rules Coordinator will present the proposed 2025 Rulemaking Schedule, which will include the following for each proposed rulemaking: a summary; recommendations for how to obtain public input; and a draft schedule.
- 2) The Council will allow members of the public an opportunity to provide oral comments related to rulemaking priorities for 2025.
- 3) The Council will provide direction to the Department of its rulemaking priorities for 2025.
- 4) Amendment of Site Certificates - 5 Year Review

F. Fish and Wildlife Habitat Standard Review (Information Item) – Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor and Jeremy Thompson, ODFW Energy Coordinator. Council will receive a presentation about the standard; new ODFW data, policy and guidance; and information regarding habitat mitigation area and plan requirements for EFSC jurisdictional energy facilities.

G. Siting Division, Compliance Program Update (Information Item) – Duane Kilsdonk, Compliance Officer, Sarah Esterson, Senior Policy Advisor and Bibi Bartley, Operations and Policy Analyst. Council will receive an update on the status of the compliance program including energy facilities in the preconstruction and construction phase; and of operational facilities and 2024 inspection results. Council will also receive an update on the forecasted resource needs and 2025 program goals.

H. Madras Solar Energy Facility, Council Review of Draft Proposed Order (Information Item) – Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Siting Analyst. Council will review the Draft Proposed Order on Site Certificate Amendment 1 of the Madras Solar Energy Facility (DPO), and issues raised in comments received on the record of the DPO public hearing. The site certificate authorizes construction and operation of a 63 megawatt (MW) solar facility in Jefferson County. The amendment request seeks approval to extend the construction commencement deadline by 3 years.

Anticipated Adjournment at 2:30 p.m.

Anticipated Future Energy Facility Siting Council Meetings:

- February 20-21, 2025
- March 20-21, 2025

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