

PUBLIC NOTICE

Buckley Solar Facility

Notice of Intent and Public Informational Meeting

Summary:

Notice Date: September 10, 2024

Newspaper Notice:

The Times-Journal: September 12, 2024

Columbia Gorge News: September 18, 2024

Proposal: 1,200-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation facility with 1,200-MW battery energy storage system (BESS).

Proposed Facility Location: Sherman County

Public Comment Deadline: 5 p.m. PT on **October 10, 2024**. See page 2 for information about how to submit comments.

In Person and Remote Public Informational Meeting:

Date: October 1, 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 - Presentations/Webinar
By ODOE and applicant followed by
Q&A and comments

Location: Grass Valley Pavilion
233 N Mill St.
Grass Valley, Oregon 97029

Participate via webinar (6:00 PM):

<https://tinyurl.com/EFSC-BSFNOI-INFO>

Webinar number: 2662 526 3005

Webinar password: EFSC (3372 from phone)

Join by phone: +1-650-479-3208 United States Toll
Access code: 2662 526 3005

Applicant: Buckley Solar, LLC (applicant), a subsidiary of Clenara, LLC.

Proposed Facility Description:**Main facility components**

- 1,200 MW solar PV power generation facility
- 1,200 MW BESS with up to 4 hours of discharge capacity.

Related or supporting facilities

- Up to 3 collector substations
- Up to 3 500 kilovolt (kV) overhead transmission lines connecting collector substations to the Bonneville Power Administration's existing Buckley Substation.
- Electrical collection system, including underground and overhead 34.5 kV collector lines.
- Operations and Maintenance (O&M) building with storage
- Access and Service Roads
- Perimeter fencing and gates
- Temporary construction areas
- Temporary workforce housing (potential)

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

Proposed Facility Location: Sherman County, approximately 9 miles east of Tygh Valley and 8 miles southwest of Grass Valley. The facility is proposed to be located within a 7,852 acre (12.3 sq. miles) site boundary on privately owned land zoned F-1 (Exclusive Farm Use).

A map of the proposed facility site boundary is attached to this notice and more maps are available in the NOI at: <http://tinyurl.com/EFSC-BSF>.

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

https://tools.oregonexplorer.info/OE_HtmlViewer/index.html?viewer=renewable&efsc=Buckley%20Solar%20Facility

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 August 16, 2024, the Department received a 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 October 10, 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 "Buckley Solar 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: Christopher Clark, Senior Siting Analyst
550 Capitol Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
Phone: (503) 871-7254
Fax: (503) 373-7806
Email: christopher.clark@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. The applicant has indicated that it intends to submit the pASC in May 2025.

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 facility including an electronic copy the NOI are available online at:
<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/BSF.aspx>

Resources describing the state siting process, including the “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

ATTACHMENT 1: LOCATION OF PROPOSED BUCKLEY SOLAR FACILITY

