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PUBLIC NOTICE

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line
Informational Meetings on the Complete Application for Site Certificate

Summary:

Date Notice Issued: October 3, 2018

Introduction:

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), staff to the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC), received an Application for Site Certificate (ASC) from Idaho Power Company (IPC or applicant) to construct and operate the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line. The proposed facility would be a 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line approximately 273 miles in length, spanning five counties in Oregon and one in Idaho. Under Oregon law, the applicant must obtain a site certificate from EFSC before constructing and operating the proposed facility. ODOE determined the ASC complete on September 21, 2018 and the applicant submitted and filed a final ASC on October 3, 2018. A map of the proposed facility is included at the end of this notice. Specific proposed locational maps can be found in the ASC, Exhibit C.

ODOE webpage: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilitiesafety/facilities/Pages/B2H.aspx>Applicant webpage with landowner maps: <http://www.boardmantohemingway.com/LandownerMaps.aspx>

Public Informational Meetings:

ODOE will hold a series of public informational meetings with the applicant to provide the public with more information about the proposed facility and the EFSC review process. The informational meetings will include a presentation starting at 5:30 p.m. ODOE and applicant representatives will be available after the presentation to answer specific questions.

County: Malheur
Date: Monday, October 15, 2018
Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Location: Four Rivers Cultural Center, 676 SW 5th Ave, Ontario, OR

County: Umatilla
Date: Thursday, October 18, 2018
Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Location: Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate, Pendleton, OR

County: Baker County: Morrow
Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2018
Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Location: Community Connections - Baker County Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St, Baker City, OR

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2018
Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Location: Sage Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman, OR

County: Union
Date: Wednesday, October 17, 2018
Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Location: Blue Mountain Conference Center, 404 12th St, La Grande, OR

The informational meetings are not public hearings and will not include public testimony or on-the-record public comments. Opportunity for written or oral testimony will be provided at a later date – during the draft proposed order (DPO) public comment period and public hearings – following issuance of the draft proposed order, as described below.

Description of Proposed Facility:

The applicant proposes to construct and operate a 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line approximately 273 miles long. The proposed transmission line and proposed alternative routes would cross five counties in Oregon, extending from a proposed switching station near Boardman, Oregon to the existing Hemingway Substation located in Owyhee County, Idaho. The major components of the proposed facility would include the 500-kV transmission line, removal of 12 miles of existing 69-kV transmission line, rebuilding of 0.9 mile of a 230-kV transmission line, and rebuilding of 1.1 miles of an existing 138-kV transmission line. The applicant is also proposing four alternative routes to the proposed route, totaling approximately 33.3 miles of transmission line. Related or supporting facilities would include the switching station, communication stations, new access roads and the modification of existing access roads. The proposed facility also includes temporary construction staging areas ("multi-use areas"), and temporary pulling and tensioning sites.

Location of Proposed Facility:

The proposed transmission line and proposed alternative routes would cross five counties in Oregon including Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker, and Malheur counties. A map of the proposed facility is included at the end of this notice. Specific proposed locational maps can be found in the ASC, Exhibit C.

EFSC Review Process:

The site certificate process is a consolidated, comprehensive siting process. The applicant must demonstrate that the proposed facility meets EFSC standards established under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 469.501 and set forth in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapters 345, division 22, 23, and 24, as well as all other applicable Oregon statutes, rules and standards. ODOE serves as staff to EFSC and conducts the application review process. The proposed Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line is an energy facility subject to EFSC jurisdiction under the definition in ORS 469.300(1)(a)(C). As such, the proposed facility must receive a site certificate from EFSC before construction can begin. EFSC has jurisdiction on all lands in Oregon except Tribal Government controlled land; the facility must receive EFSC approval even on land owned by the federal government.

Upcoming Review Phases:

ODOE is currently preparing the draft proposed order (DPO), which will include staff's analysis of the application, based on ODOE's review of the ASC as well as comments received from state agencies, Tribal governments, and local governments identified as reviewing agencies or special advisory groups under EFSC's rules and statutes. Based on staff's analysis, the DPO will include a recommendation to EFSC of approval or denial of the site certificate. The DPO will include recommended conditions of approval for EFSC's consideration. Following issuance of the DPO, ODOE will open a public comment period and EFSC will conduct a public hearing in each of the five counties where the facility is proposed. At that time, to preserve your right to participate in the contested case proceeding and subsequently appeal EFSC's decision, you must provide written comment during the public comment period on the DPO, including oral or written testimony on the record of any of the public hearings. ODOE anticipates issuing the DPO during the first quarter of 2019. The Department will issue notice of the public hearing and comment period when it issues the DPO. As described above, the October 2018 informational meetings are not public hearings. For more information on EFSC standards, please visit:

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

Receipt of this Notice:

Please note that you may be receiving this notice for multiple reasons:

1. You own property within or adjacent to (within 500 feet) the site boundary. You will automatically receive all future EFSC notices for this facility.
2. You have previously signed up via GovDelivery to receive notices related to the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line or all EFSC project-related notices. You will automatically receive all future notices per your GovDelivery choices, unless you unsubscribe via GovDelivery.
3. You are the owner of real property normally used for sleeping, or normally used as schools, churches, hospitals or public libraries within one half mile from the site boundary (noise sensitive property).
4. You requested to receive notices by mail and/or electronic delivery during the joint scoping meetings with ODOE, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service in August 2010. If you would like to be removed from the mailing list, please contact the project siting analyst.

More Information:

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

1) Oregon Department of Energy's webpage:

More details on the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line application for site certificate (ASC) is available online at: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilitiesafety/facilities/Pages/B2H.aspx>

Additional resources to help you participate in the state siting process can be found at: <http://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilitiesafety/facilities/pages/default.aspx>

2) Updates by email/mail:

Subscribe to GovDelivery, a self-managed, automated email system that sends notices and updates on the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line as well as any or all other energy facilities and events under EFSC jurisdiction. For more information, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/EFSC-email>.

To receive notices by U.S. Mail, please contact Kellen Tardaewether.

3) In hardcopy:

Hard copies of the proposed Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Application for Site Certificate are available for public inspection at:
Oregon Department of Energy
550 Capitol Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

4) Electronic copies of the application may be viewed or downloaded at:

Baker County Public Library, 2400 Resort St., Baker City;
Oregon Trail Library District, 200 S. Main St., Boardman;
Cook Memorial Library, 2006 4th St., LaGrande;
Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton;
Ontario Community Library, 388 SW 2nd Ave, Ontario

Accessibility information:

The Oregon Department of Energy is committed to accommodating people with disabilities. For the review of the application or attendance at any of the information meetings, if you require any special physical or language accommodations, or need information in an alternate format, please contact Esther Kooistra at 503-378-3895, toll-free in Oregon at 800-221-8035, or email to esther.kooistra@oregon.gov. For any other accommodation needed to attend an informational meeting, please contact ODOE as soon as possible so we may provide the accommodation.

Figure 1: Proposed Facility Location

