

**HH-5746
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line
Public Hearings on the Draft Proposed Order and Request for Comments

Summary:

Date Notice Issued: May 22, 2019

Comment Deadline:

July 23, 2019, 5 p.m. (PDT)

Location of Proposed Facility:

The proposed Boardman to Hemingway Transmission line would be a 500 kilovolt, high-voltage electric transmission line. The proposed facility would cross five counties in Oregon: Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Baker, and Malheur.

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 (applicant) to construct and operate the proposed 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. The applicant filed the complete ASC on October 3, 2018. ODOE issued a draft proposed order (DPO) on the ASC on May 22, 2019. The DPO recommends EFSC approve the ASC and issue a Site Certificate, subject to the conditions listed in the order. The purpose of this notice is to notify the public of the public hearings and open comment period extending through July 23, 2019.

The Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line ASC and the DPO are available online: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/B2H.aspx>

Public Hearings and Public Comment Period:

EFSC will hold a public hearing on the draft proposed order in each of the counties the proposed facility crosses. Each hearing will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will include a brief project introduction by ODOE staff and directions from an independent hearing officer, appointed by EFSC, from the Oregon Office of Administrative Hearings. The opportunity for public testimony will begin at approximately 5 p.m.

<p>County: Malheur Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 Time: 4:30 – 8 p.m. Location: Four Rivers Cultural Center, 676 SW 5th Ave, Ontario, OR 97914</p>	<p>County: Baker Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 Time: 4:30 – 8 p.m. Location: Baker City Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall 2005 Valley Ave, Baker City, OR 97814</p>	<p>County: Union Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 Time: 4:30 – 8 p.m. Location: Blue Mountain Conference Center, 404 12th St, La Grande, OR 97850</p>
<p>County: Umatilla Date: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 Time: 4:30 – 8 p.m. Location: Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate, Pendleton, OR 97801</p>	<p>County: Morrow Date: Thursday, June 27, 2019 Time: 4:30 – 8 p.m. Location: Port of Morrow, Riverfront Room 2 Marine Dr NE, Boardman, OR 97818</p>	

Description of the 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 miles of transmission line. Related or supporting facilities would include a switching station ("Longhorn 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. A map of the proposed facility is included at the end of this notice. Specific proposed locational maps are available on the project webpage in the ASC, Exhibit C.

EFSC Review Process:

The site certificate process is a consolidated, comprehensive review. 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(11)(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.

Public Hearings and Comment Period:

A series of public hearings on the DPO will be held in the vicinity of the proposed facility at EFSC meetings at the above listed times, dates, and locations. Written comments to be included in the record of the public hearings must be received by ODOE no later than July 23, 2019 at 5 pm (PDT). Written comments may be submitted prior to, during, and after the public hearings by mail, email, hand-delivery or fax to the hearing officer, in care of:

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Written or oral comments may also be provided at the public hearing(s). EFSC will not accept comments on the ASC or on the DPO after July 23, 2019 at 5 p.m. (PDT), the close of the record of the public hearings for the proposed facility.

To be eligible to participate in a contested case on this ASC or DPO, a person must raise an issue either in person at the public hearing(s) or in a written comment submitted on or after May 22, 2019 and received by ODOE before the record closes on July 23, 2019 at 5 p.m. (PDT). Even if a person commented before May 22, 2019, that person must raise an issue(s), either in person at the public hearing(s) or in writing during the comment period to be eligible to participate in the contested case. For consideration in the contested case, issues raised must be within the EFSC's jurisdiction and must be raised with sufficient specificity so that EFSC, the Department, and the applicant understand the issue being raised and are afforded an opportunity to respond to the issue. To raise an issue with sufficient specificity, a person must present facts that support the person's position on the issue. See Oregon Administrative Rule 345-015-0016(3).

EFSC Decision Process:

Following the public hearings and after the close of the record of the hearings on the draft proposed order, EFSC will review the DPO and public hearing comments during a scheduled EFSC meeting. Following its review, either at that meeting or at a subsequent meeting, EFSC will direct staff to prepare and issue a proposed order, and issue a notice of contested case. Following the contested case, EFSC will issue a final order on the ASC. The Siting Division Public Guide contains information on the EFSC process, including the contested case process. To view this information on ODOE's website, please use the following link: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Documents/Fact-Sheets/EFSC-Public-Guide.pdf>

Receipt of this Notice:

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

1. You own property 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.

Additional Information:

- 1) **Oregon Department of Energy's webpage:**
More details on the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line application for site certificate and the draft proposed order: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/B2H.aspx>
Additional resources to help you participate in the state siting process: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities-safety/facilities/Pages/Fact-Sheets.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., La Grande;
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. If you require any special physical or language accommodations to review the ASC or DPO, 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 or participate in the hearing(s), please contact ODOE as soon as possible so we may provide the accommodation.

Figure 1: Proposed Facility Location

