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**Cascade Renewable Transmission
EFSEC Docket No. 230002
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS AND
LAND USE CONSISTENCY HEARINGS
NOVEMBER 17, 18, and 19, 2025**

Description of Proposal: On October 6, the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) received an Application for Site Certification (ASC) from Cascade Renewable Transmission, LLC (Applicant) for proposals to construct and operate a high-voltage direct current (HVDC) 400-kilovolt (kV), 1,100-megawatt (MW) electric transmission facility. The facility would interconnect the existing Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Big Eddy 500-kV alternating current (AC) substation, located near The Dalles, Oregon (Eastern Interconnection), and the existing Portland General Electric (PGE) Harborton 230-kV AC substation, located in Portland, Oregon (Western Interconnection). The Cascade Renewable Transmission project (Project) would be constructed primarily in the bed of the Columbia River in both Oregon and Washington, with approximately 40.2 route miles located in Washington and approximately 58 route miles and two converter stations located in Oregon. The Project includes exiting and re-entering the Columbia River in Washington to place approximately 7.6 miles of overland buried transmission cable in Washington, primarily in road right of way, to avoid the Bonneville Locks and Dam. The ASC and other materials are posted on the EFSEC website:

<https://efsec.wa.gov/facilities/cascade-renewable-transmission>.

Proponent: Cascade Renewable Transmission, LLC

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Lead Agency: EFSEC

SEPA Threshold Determination Required: A threshold determination is required to determine whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. The threshold determination will be made based on the probable project impacts identified in the information presented in the ASC. A threshold determination of non-significance (DNS) may be issued if the SEPA responsible official (EFSEC Director) determines there will be no probable significant adverse environmental impacts. An EIS is not required if a DNS is issued.

Meeting Locations: The Public Information and Land Use Consistency Hearings will be held both in person and virtually via Microsoft Teams in each county along the proposed project route. You may attend the meeting in person at one of the following locations:

- **November 17 - Clark County**
 - Black Pearl on the Columbia
56 S 1st Street
Washougal, WA 98671
- **November 18 - Skamania County**
 - Hegewald Center
710 SW Rock Creek Drive
Stevenson, WA 98648
- **November 19 - Klickitat County**
 - Mountain View Grange #98
1085 N Main Avenue
White Salmon, WA 98672

You may also attend online or by phone using the information below:

- **November 17 - Clark County**
 - Meeting URL: https://bit.ly/CRTmeetings_Clarkcounty
Dial-in number: (833) 322-1218
Conference ID: 126 002 227#
- **November 18 - Skamania County**
 - Meeting URL: https://bit.ly/CRTmeetings_Skamaniacounty
Dial-in number: (833) 322-1218
Conference ID: 462 826 495#
- **November 19 - Klickitat County**
 - Meeting URL: https://bit.ly/CRTmeetings_Klickitatcounty
Dial-in number: (833) 322-1218
Conference ID: 779 190 101#

Additional information about the venues, such as maps and directions, can be found on our website: <https://efsec.wa.gov/facilities/cascade-renewable-transmission>.

To facilitate these remote meetings, EFSEC would like to invite speakers to sign up ahead of the meeting. Anyone wishing to speak during the Public Information Hearings or the Land Use Hearings, please notify EFSEC by phone at (360) 664-1345 or email at efsec@efsec.wa.gov before 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to each meeting.

Public Comment: Public comments will be accepted during both the Public Information and Land Use Consistency Hearings. If you are unable to attend the hearings, please send your comment in writing to efsec@efsec.wa.gov or at the EFSEC office mailing address below. An online database will also be open during the meeting at <https://comments.efsec.wa.gov/> for submission of written comments.

The schedule for each evening is as follows:

Open House: 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.: The Applicant and EFSEC staff will be available to answer questions about the Project and the EFSEC review process.

Informational Public Hearings: 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. or last speaker whichever comes first:

As required by RCW 80.50.090(1) and WAC 463-26-025 EFSEC will hold a Public Informational Hearing each evening. During these hearings, EFSEC Staff and the Applicant will introduce themselves. The Counsel for the Environment, an Assistant Attorney General appointed by the Washington Attorney General, will be introduced and will explain the duties of this position. The Applicant and EFSEC staff will then make presentations. Following the presentations, the public will be invited to provide comments. To allow as many speakers as possible, speakers will have limited minutes to provide comments, and any additional comments will be directed to be submitted online or postal mail. Duration of speaking time will be announced at the meeting, depending on the number of speakers signed up.

Land Use Consistency Hearings: (date), 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. or last speaker, whichever comes first: As required by RCW 80.50.090 (2) and WAC 463-26-035 at approximately 7:00 p.m., EFSEC will hold a Land Use Hearing. During these hearings, the public will be given an opportunity to provide testimony regarding the proposed Project's consistency and compliance with land use plans and zoning ordinances. To allow as many speakers as possible, speakers will have limited minutes to provide comments, and any additional comments will be directed to be submitted online or postal mail. Duration of speaking time will be announced at the meeting, depending on the number of speakers signed up.

Note: The Land Use Consistency Hearings will begin no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Informational Public Hearings, which may end before 7:00 p.m.

For information regarding the Project please contact Maria Belkina, EFSEC Siting Specialist, at maria.belkina@efsec.wa.gov.

If you have special accommodation needs or need language translation services to provide your comment, please contact EFSEC staff at (360) 664-1345 or send an email to efsec@efsec.wa.gov.

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