



NOTICE OF PREAPPLICATION REQUEST FILING for the Cascade Renewable Transmission Project

On December 20, 2023, Cascade Renewable Transmission, LLC (CRT; Preapplicant) submitted a Preapplication Plan and Preapplication Request for the Cascade Renewable Transmission Project in accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 463-61-040 and WAC 463-61-050, respectively, to the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (WA EFSEC).

This letter serves as notice to landowners within three hundred feet of the proposed corridor, such notice mailed to the address of record on file with the applicable county auditor, notifying the landowner of its rights in the EFSEC process. The Applicant does not possess eminent domain authority.

Description of Proposed Project: The proposed project is a (320-kilovolt [kV] or 400-kV) high-voltage direct current (HVDC) 1,100-megawatt (MW) electric transmission facility interconnecting 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).

From the interconnections, the cables would be buried underground in Oregon to the edge of the Columbia River on each end, and in the bed of the Columbia River in Oregon and Washington. The visible structures (converter stations and short segment of overhead transmission) are proposed in Oregon. The terrestrial project component in Washington includes approximately 7.5 miles of underground buried cable to bypass the dam, locks, juvenile fish passage, and tribal fishing areas at the Bonneville Dam. The terrestrial component of the project in Washington is located in public right-of-way (ROW) along Washington State Route 14 (SR 14), Ash Lake Road, and Fort Cascades Drive.

The project is proposed to help the Pacific Northwest meet renewable energy policies while maintaining system reliability. Much of the renewable energy is being developed on the east side of the Cascade mountains; this project will enable the delivery of the renewable energy to electricity users in cities to the west. Additional information about the proposed project can be found at [Cascade Renewable Transmission](#).

Preapplication and Application Process: Before certain energy facilities can be sited, constructed, or operated in Washington, an application must be submitted to the WA EFSEC. There is a mandatory preapplication process for siting electrical transmission facilities, which includes an initial consultation meeting with WA EFSEC, depositing an application fee, preparing and filing a Preapplication Plan and a Preapplication Request, providing stakeholders notice of the preapplication request (this letter), public informational meetings, and negotiations to designate a corridor.

Once the preapplication process is complete, the WA EFSEC certification (siting review) process can begin, which includes submittal of an application to WA EFSEC, application review by WA EFSEC, an initial public meeting, a land use consistency hearing, an environmental impact statement (EIS) according to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements, adjudicative proceedings and permits review, and ultimately a recommendation to the Governor of Washington.

Tentative Schedule: The Preapplicant anticipates submitting an application to Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (WA EFSEC) in early to mid-2024. Facility construction is targeted to



commence in 2026, subject to issuance of a site certificate from the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (OR EFSC), site certification from WA EFSEC, and a record of decision (ROD) from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The start of commercial operation is targeted for the end of 2028, though the Applicant will try to bring the facility online earlier, if achievable. The construction period for the entire project would be 2.5 years. The converter stations would be built at the same time beginning in July 2026 and finishing in December 2028. Construction of the underground transmission cable in Washington would take approximately 5 months, from December 2027 to April 2028. The in-river transmission cable installation would occur in two campaigns from roughly November 2026 to February 2027 and November 2027 to February 2028 to follow the in-water work windows on the Columbia River for Oregon and Washington.

Copies of this Notice: Copies of this notice have been filed with the following counties and cities which are traversed by the proposed transmission line.

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Planning Department
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Third Floor
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City of Bingen
City Hall
112 N. Ash St.
P.O. Box 607
Bingen, WA 98605

City of Stevenson
City Hall
7121 East Loop Road
P.O. Box 371
Stevenson, WA 98648

Skamania County
Community Development
170 NW Vancouver Ave.
P.O. Box 1009
Stevenson, WA 98648
(509) 427-3900

City of Camas
City Hall
616 NE 4th Ave.
Camas, WA 98607

City of Vancouver
City Hall
415 W. 6th St.
Vancouver, WA 98660

Clark County
Community Development
1300 Franklin St.
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Vancouver, WA 98666-9810
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City of North Bonneville
City Hall
214 CBD Mall Dr.
P.O. Box 7
North Bonneville, WA 98639

City of Washougal
City Hall
1701 C Street
Washougal, WA 98671

City of White Salmon
City Hall
100 N. Main St.
P.O. Box 2139
White Salmon, WA 98672

Next Steps: WA EFSEC will hold public information meetings within 60 days of the filing of the Preapplication Request and send out a separate notice communicating the date, times, and locations of the informational public meetings.