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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE AND

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

For the Cascade Renewable Transmission (CRT)

Date: April 28, 2026

Lead Agency: Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC)

Agency Docket Number: EF-23002

EFSEC is [requesting public comments](#) on the scope of environmental impacts it should consider in its review of the proposed Cascade Renewable Transmission project in Clark, Skamania, and Klickitat counties. Comments can be submitted in writing or at a virtual public meeting to be held on May 27, 2026.

Agencies, affected Tribal Nations, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), a tool for identifying and analyzing probable adverse environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives. EFSEC requests comments on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that the project may require.

Project Description: The Cascade Renewable Transmission project is a proposed (320-kilovolt [kV] or 400-kV), high-voltage direct current (HVDC) 1,100-megawatt (MW) electric transmission facility. The project would interconnect the existing Bonneville Power Administration Big Eddy Substation near the Dalles, Oregon and the Portland General Electric Harborton Substation in Portland, Oregon. The project would be located primarily within the Columbia River, with portions extending into both Washington and Oregon. Aboveground structures, including converter stations and a short segment of overhead transmission are proposed for Oregon. In Washington, the project component consists of approximately 7.5 miles of underground buried cable to bypass dam, locks, juvenile fish passage, and tribal fishing areas at the Bonneville

Dam. This segment would be located within public rights-of-way (ROW) along State Route 14 (SR 14), Ash Lake Road, and Fort Cascades Drive.

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EIS Required: EFSEC and the Applicant have agreed an EIS under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c) will be prepared.

EFSEC has identified the following environmental elements for detailed analysis in the EIS:

- Wildlife/Habitat
- Visual/Aesthetics
- Land Use
- Hazardous Materials
- Cumulative Impacts
- Socioeconomic impacts

Environmental elements which require additional information before determining the level of analysis in the EIS include:

- Air
- Water (wetlands, water quality, and water resources)
- Vegetation
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Environmental Health
- Noise
- Light and Glare
- Historic Resources
- Cultural Resources

Materials Available for Review: An environmental checklist, the application, studies, plans prepared by the applicant (appendices), and other materials related to environmental impacts are available on Project website:

- [Cascade Renewable Transmission | EFSEC](#)

Physical copies of the materials can also be found at the following libraries:

- Washington State Library
- For Vancouver Regional Libraries (Stevenson Community Library, North Bonneville Library, White Salmon Valley Library, Goldendale Community Library, Vancouver Community Library)

Public Comment Period: Comments will be accepted from May 1, 2026 through June 1, 2026.

How to Submit Comments:

Online: <https://comments.efsec.wa.gov>

By mail (postmarked by June 1, 2026): Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, WA 98504

Open comment virtual meeting: Wednesday May 27, 2026 (5:00 PM – 7:00 PM PDT)

Meeting link: https://bit.ly/CRT_ScopingCommentHearing

Dial-in number: +1 564-999-2000

Conference ID: 797 121 623#

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