

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL**

**State Environmental Policy Act
EFSEC Docket No. 181034**

**NOTICE OF ISSUANCE FOR THE DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT (PEIS)**

March 31, 2025

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This notice is to advise the public that the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) is issuing a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS or Programmatic EIS) for electrical transmission facilities with a nominal voltage of 230 kilovolts (kV) or greater on March 31, 2025.

EFSEC, under the direction of the Washington State Legislature and in accordance with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 43.21C.405, has prepared the Draft Programmatic EIS to assess probable significant adverse environmental impacts associated with high-voltage transmission facilities, and to identify avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures.

This Draft Programmatic EIS, which can be found at <https://www.efsec.wa.gov/energy-facilities/transmission-programmatic-eis>, evaluates potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the construction, operation and maintenance, and upgrade or modification of transmission facilities across Washington State. The analysis includes elements of the natural and built environment specified under RCW 43.21C.405(3) and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-444.

Public Information Meeting: April 8, 2025, 5 – 8 PM or last speaker, whichever comes first:

On April 8, 2025, a public informational meeting will be held featuring a presentation of the Draft Programmatic EIS materials. This meeting will provide an overview of the project, outline key findings, and offer an opportunity for the public to ask questions and learn more about the proposed project before submitting formal comments. No comments will be taken at the public informational meeting.

The Public Information Meeting will be held virtually, and may be attended via Microsoft Teams, or via phone:

- Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/TransmissionPEIS-InfoMtg>
- Call-in number: +1 (253)-372-2181, Conference ID: 365313874#

Public Comment: The public is invited to review and comment on the Draft Programmatic EIS during the 30-day public comment period beginning March 31, 2025, and ending April 30, 2025, at 5 PM. Comments may be submitted through the following methods:

- Online: <https://comments.efsec.wa.gov/>
- By mail: EFSEC Attn: Draft PEIS, P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, WA 98503-3172

Public Comment Hearings: April 22 and April 24, 2025, 5 – 8 PM or last speaker, whichever comes first: Public comment will also be taken at two hearings for the Draft Programmatic EIS.

The Public Comment Hearings will be held virtually, and may be attended via Microsoft Teams, or via phone:

Tuesday, April 22, 2025, 5 – 8 PM:

- Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/TransmissionPEIS-PubCmt1>
- Phone: +1 (253)-372-2181, Conference ID: 642414255#

Thursday, April 24, 2025, 5 – 8 PM:

- Meeting link: <https://bit.ly/TransmissionPEIS-PubCmt2>
- Phone: +1 (253)-372-2181, Conference ID: 251028216#

Following the public comment period, all comments will be reviewed and considered in the preparation of the Final Programmatic EIS. Responses to comments will be included in the Final Programmatic EIS.

To facilitate this meeting, EFSEC would like to invite speakers to sign up ahead of the meeting. Anyone wishing to speak during the public meetings should please notify EFSEC by phone at (360) 664-1345 or email at efsec@efsec.wa.gov before 5:00pm on April 24, 2025.

NOTE: The request for speaker sign up is the only change to this notice and the planned meeting.