
PUBLIC NOTICE

Carty Generating Station

Information Meeting and Request for Comments on the Application for Site Certificate

May 24, 2011

Introduction

The Oregon Department of Energy (Department) has received an Application for Site Certificate (ASC) from Portland General Electric Company (PGE) to construct and operate a combined-cycle generating plant and approximately 18-mile transmission line near Boardman, Oregon.

The proposed facility, the Carty Generating Station, will produce up to 900 megawatts (MW) of electrical power. According to Oregon law, PGE must obtain approval (Site Certificate) from the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (Council) before building and operating the Carty Generation Station.

The Department deemed the application complete and filed on May 10, 2011.

The Department invites the public to submit comments and/or attend the information meeting if you have any questions or concerns. Representatives from the Department and PGE will be on hand to explain the project and answer questions. The information meeting is not a formal public hearing.

Comment Period:

May 24, 2011 through
June 24, 2011 (5:00 p.m.)

Information Meeting:

Date: June 14, 2011
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location:

Port of Morrow
Riverfront Center
Well Springs Conference Room
2 Marine Drive
Boardman, OR 97818

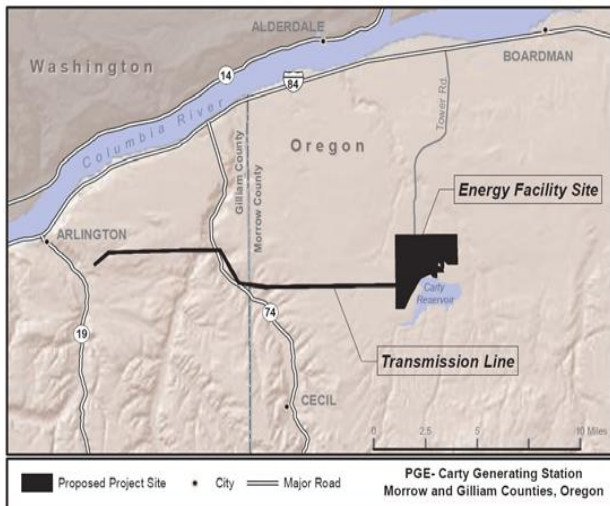
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Where is the proposed facility located?

The proposed Carty Generating Station would be located about 13 miles southwest of Boardman, Oregon, adjacent to the Boardman coal-fired plant (also operated by PGE) in Morrow County. Access to the site is from the Tower Road interchange on Interstate 84 (exit 159). The Carty Generating Station would also include a transmission line approximately 18 miles long (to the west into Gilliam County) that would be located within the right-of-way of the existing 500-kilovolt (kV) Boardman to Slatt transmission line.

The site boundary would encompass approximately 2,400 acres, including the transmission line. The actual generating facility – including proposed buildings, structures, evaporation ponds, and switchyard – would be located on approximately 90 acres.

The map above shows the general project location. More detailed maps can be found in the Carty Generation Station application. Selected portions of the application are on the Oregon Department of Energy website at www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/review.shtml

Application review process

The Energy Facility Siting Council’s site certificate process is a consolidated permitting process that includes the review of applicable regulations of other state agencies. The Department serves as staff to the Council and conducts the application process for site

certificates. This notice explains how members of the public can provide comments to the Department during the review process.

The proposed facility must meet Council standards and must comply with statewide land use planning goals. In accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 469.504(4), PGE has elected to have the Council make the land use determination. The Council will review the application for compliance with Morrow and Gilliam county land use ordinances. If the facility does not comply with local ordinances, or with the applicable statewide planning goals, the Council may allow an exception.

The proposed Carty Generating Station also must comply with the Council’s carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions standard. PGE proposes to comply with the CO₂ standards of Oregon Administrative Rules 345-024-0550 and OAR 345-024-0590 by providing offset funds to The Climate Trust, as allowed by OAR 345-024-0560(3) (“monetary path”).

Description of the Carty Generating Station

The proposed Carty Generating Station is a combined-cycle generating plant fueled by natural gas that would produce up to 900 MW of electrical power. The applicant proposes to construct the Carty Generating Station in two stages. Each stage would involve construction of a combination of high-efficiency combustion turbine generators, heat recovery steam generators, and steam turbine generators – collectively called a “block.”

In each block, the combustion turbine engines produce electricity by burning natural gas within a combustion chamber. The exhaust from the combustion chamber goes through the turbine section and produces electrical power.

In addition to the two generating blocks, the proposed facility would include administrative and water treatment buildings, a new switchyard with generator transformers, and up to four evaporation ponds.

Upon completion, the facility would consume about 150 million cubic feet of natural gas per day. Natural gas would be supplied to the facility through a lateral pipeline that would be connected to an

existing pipeline operated by the Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation (GTN). The lateral pipeline is not included within the scope of the ASC because it is intended to be permitted, owned, and operated by GTN and is outside the jurisdiction of the Council. Natural gas pipelines are permitted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

What happens next?

The Department will review the application and comments from the public, state agencies, tribes, local governments and others interested in the project. After the close of the comment period, the Department will prepare responses to the comments received and begin preparation of its recommendations to the Council.

The Department will then issue a "Draft Proposed Order." The Draft Proposed Order includes the Department's proposed findings and recommendations to the Council. If the Department recommends that the Council issue a site certificate, the Draft Proposed Order will include recommended site certificate conditions. **The final opportunity for public comment will be announced when the Department issues the Draft Proposed Order.**

The Department will open a public comment period and conduct a public hearing on the Draft Proposed Order. If you want to preserve your right to participate in the contested case proceeding or subsequent appeals of the Council's decision, you must provide oral or written comment on the Draft Proposed Order.

The Department's website describes the Council's site certificate review and approval process in detail. The website also describes the standards the applicant must meet to obtain a Site Certificate. Please see the Department's website at www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/process.shtml.

How do I get more information and review related documents?

You can review and download documents about the Carty Generating Station project, including selected parts of the application, on the Department's website at www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/review.shtml or

visit the Salem or Hermiston offices of the Oregon Department of Energy listed on the first page (please call ahead for an appointment). The Department has also sent this notice and a copy of the application to the local library. Please call the library or check the website for operating hours.

Document Review Location

Boardman Library
200 South Main Street
Boardman, OR 97818
(541) 481-2665
Web: www.oregontrail.plinkit.org

You can also call, write, fax, or e-mail the Department's Project Officer for the proposed facility:

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The Project Officer can assist you with information about the Site Certificate process and the proposed facility. The Project Officer can also accept your written comments about the proposed facility.

How do I submit my comments?

You can submit your comments by writing, faxing, or e-mailing the Department's Project Officer. You can also submit your comments to the Department's Salem office at the address on page 1 of this notice. Written comments on the application may be submitted any time from May 24 through June 24, 2011, including at the public meeting on June 14. (see page 1).

Accessibility information

The Department is committed to accommodating people with disabilities. Please notify us of any special physical or language accommodations or if you need information in an alternate format. To make these arrangements, contact Meiko Kristiansen at (503) 378-3895, toll-free in Oregon at (800) 221-8035, fax to (503) 373-7806, TTY 800-735-2900, or e-mail to meiko.kristiansen@odoe.state.or.us.