



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Klamath Falls Bioenergy Facility

Notice of Public Hearing and Request for Comments on the Klamath Falls Bioenergy Facility Draft Proposed Order

January 9, 2012

Introduction

Klamath Falls Bioenergy, LLC has applied for an energy facility site certificate from the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (Siting Council) for the proposed Klamath Falls Bioenergy Facility. The application was deemed complete and filed by the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) on June 30, 2011. ODOE serves as staff to the Siting Council.

On January 9, 2012, ODOE issued a Draft Proposed Order recommending that the Siting Council issue a site certificate for the Klamath Falls Bioenergy Facility, subject to the conditions included in the order. The Draft Proposed Order (DPO) contains a description of the proposed facility and describes the potential impacts of construction and operation. The DPO also includes recommended Siting Council findings regarding compliance with Oregon energy facility siting standards, and recommended site certificate conditions. ODOE has scheduled a public hearing on January 31, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in Klamath Falls.

Date this Notice Issued:

January 9, 2012

Comment Period:

January 9, 2012 through
February 10, 2012 (5:00 p.m.)

Public Hearing:

Date: January 31, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location:

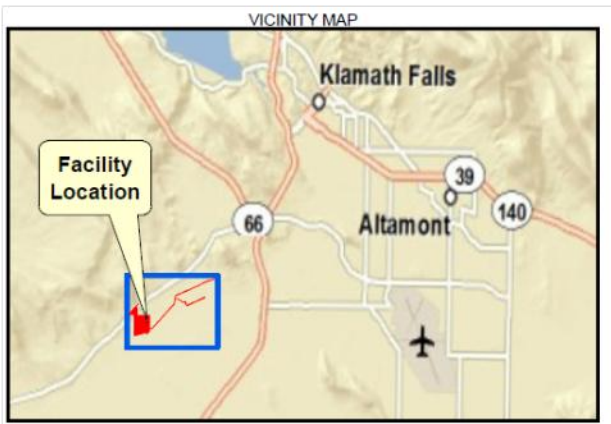
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Where is the proposed facility located?

The proposed facility site is located near the City of Klamath Falls. The site is just south of the Keno Rural Fire District facility located at 8000 Highway 66, Klamath Falls (approximately two miles southwest of the existing Klamath Cogeneration Plant and Klamath Generation Peaker Plant). The site boundary would encompass approximately 113 acres (including a 5.8-acre utility corridor extending northeast from the generation plant site). The map above shows the general project location. The Klamath Falls Bioenergy application for site certificate contains more detailed maps. The application is posted on the Oregon Department of Energy website at www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/review.shtml, and a copy is available for review at the Klamath County Library.

Description of the Klamath Falls Bioenergy Facility

The proposed Klamath Falls Bioenergy Facility will burn biomass (wood waste) in a fluidized bed boiler to produce steam to drive a turbine generator that will produce up to 42 megawatts (MW) of electrical power. The biomass will be collected from nearby timberlands and trucked to the project site. The applicant estimates that the facility will have an average of 87 biomass truck deliveries per 10-hour day, six days per week, and approximately 12 truck trips per week to remove boiler ash.

The fuel will be unloaded and stored in an outdoor fuel pile until it is burned. The major facility components include the fuel handling system,

boiler building, steam turbine generator, cooling tower, nitrogen oxide reduction system and baghouse (for air pollution control), exhaust stack, transmission line, natural gas and water supply lines, and an electrical switchyard and substation. The proposed facility also includes an ash storage area, chemical storage area, truck fueling station, administration building, shop and warehouse facilities, and a water storage and fire suppression system. Wastewater and storm water will be directed to onsite evaporation ponds. A more detailed description of the facility is included in Exhibit B of the application.

This is an Important Public Hearing

You must comment on the DPO in person at the January 31, 2012 public hearing or in writing by the February 10, 2012 comment deadline to be eligible to participate in the next phase of the Siting Council's site certificate process—the contested case proceeding. **Even if you have commented earlier in the process, you must raise your issues at the hearing or in writing to be eligible to participate in the contested case.** Issues must be within the Siting Council's jurisdiction, relate to applicable siting standards and be stated specifically enough so that the Siting Council can respond to those issues. To raise an issue with sufficient specificity, you must present facts that support your position on the issue.

How do I submit my comments?

You can submit your comments by writing, faxing, or e-mailing ODOE's Project Officer by the close of the comment period at 5:00 p.m. on February 10, 2012, or by hand delivery at the public hearing. You may comment in writing any time during the DPO comment period, by speaking at the hearing, or by bringing your written comments to the hearing. Written comments will receive the same consideration as comments given in person at the hearing.

The comment period for the Klamath Falls Bioenergy Draft Proposed Order will close at 5:00 p.m. on February 10, 2012.

What Happens Next?

After the close of the DPO comment period, ODOE will present the DPO to the Siting Council for review at a regularly scheduled council meeting. ODOE will report to the Siting Council on any public comments received during the comment period, including comments made at the public hearing. Following the council meeting and review of comments, ODOE will make revisions to reflect its final recommendations to the Siting Council, and then issue the Proposed Order and a Notice of Contested Case.

ODOE will send the Notice of Contested Case to all persons who commented during the DPO comment period. The Notice will include instructions about requesting "party status" to participate in the contested case proceeding. At the conclusion of the contested case proceeding, the Siting Council will take final action on the application at a public meeting.

ODOE's website describes the Siting 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 Oregon Department of Energy's website at www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/.

How do I get more information and review related documents?

The Draft Proposed Order is available on the ODOE website at: <http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/announce.shtml>

Copies of the application and the Draft Proposed Order are also available for public inspection at the following locations. Please call ahead for an appointment at ODOE locations.

Oregon Department of Energy, Salem office:
625 Marion St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Oregon Department of Energy, Hermiston office:
395 E. Highland Ave.
Hermiston, OR 97838

Klamath County Library
126 South 3rd Street
Klamath Falls, OR 97601
Phone: 541-882-8894

<http://www.klamathlibrary.plinkit.org/>

Department of Energy Project Officer

You may also call, write, fax, or e-mail ODOE'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.

Accessibility information

ODOE is committed to accommodating people with disabilities. Please notify us of any special physical or language accommodations, or if you need information in an alternative format.

To make these arrangements, contact Meiko Kristiansen in ODOE's Salem office at (503) 378-3895, toll-free in Oregon at (800) 221-8035, fax to (503) 373-7806, or e-mail to: meiko.kristiansen@state.or.us. TTY users should call the Oregon Relay Service at 711.