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Cascade Renewable Transmission
EFSEC Docket No. 230002
NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
ON UPDATED LAND USE CONSISTENCY INFORMATION

Description of Proposal: On October 6, the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) received an Application for Site Certification (ASC) from Cascade Renewable Transmission, LLC (Applicant) for a proposal to construct and operate a high-voltage direct current (HVDC) (400-kilovolt [kV]), 1,100-megawatt (MW) electric transmission facility. The facility would interconnect with 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). The Cascade Renewable Transmission project (Project) would be constructed primarily in the bed of the Columbia River in both Oregon and Washington, with approximately 40.2 route miles located in Washington and approximately 58 route miles and two converter stations located in Oregon. The Project includes exiting and re-entering the Columbia River in Washington to place approximately 7.6 miles of overland buried transmission cable in Washington, primarily in road right of way, to avoid the Bonneville Locks and Dam.

Proponent: Cascade Renewable Transmission, LLC

Purpose of This Public Comment Period: EFSEC held public informational and land use consistency hearings for the Project in November 2025. Since those hearings, EFSEC has received additional and revised land use information from the Applicant, including expanded jurisdiction-specific information and revised figures. EFSEC is opening this 30-day public comment period to seek input on the recently received land use information before the Council considers the next steps in its land use consistency review.

Comments should focus on whether the updated information accurately and completely addresses the proposed Project's consistency and compliance with applicable local comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances. Commenters may also identify information they believe is missing, unclear, or requires further review.

Land Use Materials Available for Review: The recently received land use materials, and revised figures, are available on the Cascade Renewable Transmission project webpage: https://efsec.wa.gov/facilities/cascade-renewable-transmission.

Public Comment Period: The public comment period opens on **Monday, July 27, 2026**, and closes at **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2026**. Comments received after the deadline may not be included in the staff summary.

Public comments may be submitted in writing by email, mail, or through EFSEC's online comment database:

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

Email: comments@efsec.wa.gov

Mail: EFSEC, PO Box 43172, Olympia, WA 98503-3172

For information regarding the Project please contact Maria Belkina, EFSEC Siting Specialist, at maria.belkina@efsec.wa.gov. If you have special accommodation needs or need language translation services to provide your comment, please contact EFSEC staff at (360) 664-1345 or send an email to efsec@efsec.wa.gov.

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