

To: Persons interested in Cascade Wind Project

From: Adam Bless, Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE)

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Subject: Fall 2007 Update on Cascade Wind Application Review

On April 10, 2007, UPC Oregon Wind LLC (UPC) submitted an Application for Site Certificate (ASC) for a proposed 60 megawatt wind generation facility. The proposed site is at Seven Mile Hill, near The Dalles, Oregon. The project is called the Cascade Wind Project.

UPC seeks an Energy Facility Site Certificate from Oregon's Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) serves as staff to EFSC and will review the application for compliance with state standards and land use requirements.

#### **First round of "completeness" comments issued**

On June 7, 2007, the Department sent a Request for Additional Information (RAI) to Cascade Wind. We stated that the application as submitted was not complete, and asked Cascade Wind to answer questions from ODOE and other state agencies such as the Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and Wasco County. In the RAI we also included nearly 100 completeness comments from members of the public. We identified common issues in the comments from the public and directed the applicant to respond to those issues.

#### **Cascade Wind Response to the Request for Additional Information**

Cascade Wind sent its first response to this RAI on October 2, 2007.

We have sent a copy to The Dalles Public Library at 722 Court Street for public review. We have asked UPC to post this response on their website, [www.cascadewind.com](http://www.cascadewind.com).

We also post updates on the review process at our ODOE website,

[http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/review.shtml#Cascade\\_Wind\\_Project](http://www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/review.shtml#Cascade_Wind_Project)

#### **Further Information Expected**

In some places, the October 2, 2007 response states that UPC is in the process of responding to ODOE's questions and will provide a supplement. Therefore, we expect further supplemental information. We will make these supplemental responses available, as they arrive.

**Request for Public Comments**

ODOE is happy to receive public comments at any time during the review. However, we are asking reviewers and interested public to comment on this RAI response by November 9, 2007.

One of the responses is a noise report in French. ODOE will make a translation available. As we receive further application supplements from UPC, we will make them available as well.

**To Comment or Request Further Information**

Please feel free to contact ODOE with questions or comments about either the project or the siting process. Email is an acceptable way to comment. The ODOE contact for this project is:

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