



**KLICKITAT COUNTY  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

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August 23, 2019

RE: Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement  
Lund Hill Solar Project

Dear Interested Persons:

Aurora Solar, a wholly owned subsidiary of Iberdrola Renewables, Inc. proposes to construct and operate the Lund Hill Solar Project (Project) in unincorporated Klickitat County, 6.5 miles southwest of Bickleton, Washington. The Project would consist of solar panels, electrical collector lines, inverters, transformers, and a substation, generating up to 150 megawatts of solar energy.

A draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was issued in April 2019, for a 30-day comment period. The public comment period on the draft EIS began on May 1, 2019 and ran through May 31, 2019. Klickitat County Planning Department has now issued the Final EIS, which reflects departmental consideration of comments received on the draft EIS. The purpose of the final EIS is to identify key, adverse, environmental issues that may result from the proposed Project. The focus of the final EIS is to analyze the issues as they pertain to the proposal and to respond to comments received.

The Department appreciates the contributions made by the reviewers of this EIS. If you would like a copy of the final EIS, please contact the Planning Department at (509) 773-5703 or electronically at [planning@klickitatcounty.org](mailto:planning@klickitatcounty.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mo-chi Lindblad".

Mo-chi Lindblad  
Planning Director  
SEPA Responsible Official

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF  
THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FEIS) AND  
ADOPTION NOTICE FOR  
LUND HILL SOLAR PROJECT  
EOZ2018-01 AND SEP2018-22**

**DATE OF ISSUANCE:**

August 23, 2019

**PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE:**

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Lund Hill Solar Project (Project) is being released for public review.

**PROPONENT:**

Aurora Solar, LLC (Applicant), a wholly owned subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables, Inc.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

- The Project would consist of a 150-megawatt solar energy facility adjacent to several existing wind facilities (i.e., Big Horn to the north and west, Juniper Canyon to the northeast, and White Creek and Harvest Wind to the southwest). The EOZ permit application included the solar energy facility described and evaluated in this EIS, along with a battery energy storage unit that was subsequently removed from the plans.
- The Project area consists of approximately 1,871 acres of private and state lands located within a 4,513-acre “solar facility siting area” within the Energy Overlay Zone (EOZ).
- The proposed Project would consist of a solar array along with supporting facilities located within the Project area, as follows:
  - Solar modules and racking system.
  - Low-voltage cabling that would connect the solar strings to inverters to convert panel output from direct current to alternating current. Additional cabling would connect the inverters to transformers that would step up the voltage to 34.5 kV for the collector cable lines.
  - A 34.5-kV collector cable system linking the solar inverters and transformers to each other and ultimately to the collection substation. The collector cable system would be underground as much as possible; however, it would be constructed overhead for portions where necessary to avoid sensitive environmental areas such as streams and wetlands, and to minimize ground disturbance when spanning topographical features.
  - A 5-acre collector substation power transformer to step up the voltage from 34.5 kV to 230 kV for transmission.
  - An overhead 230-kV interconnection from the collector substation to the existing Juniper Canyon 230-kV transmission line that delivers power to the BPA Rock Creek Substation.
  - An O&M building (up to 5,000 square feet), parking, and laydown areas constructed on a 10-acre site.

- Permanent, unpaved access roads within the Project area that would provide access along the perimeter of the Project area, in between solar strings, to the collector substation, and to the O&M building.
- A Project area perimeter fence. The fencing would be up to 8 feet tall.

**LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:**

The Project area is located approximately 6.5 miles southwest of Bickleton, Washington. The Solar Facility Siting Area would overlap with portions of the Big Horn and Juniper Canyon wind facilities. A list of legal description of properties proposed for use in the Project is on file with Klickitat County Planning Department.

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The final EIS includes a number of updates and revisions made to the DEIS, including corrections and modifications to the draft EIS text in response to comments received regarding the Project and the draft EIS.

**ADOPTION AND INCORPORATION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

The Klickitat County Energy Overlay FEIS (Sept. 2004) is adopted as part of this FEIS, as explained in the notice of adoption issued with this notice. The following five additional EISs on wind development projects within the County are incorporated by reference: (1) Windy Point II Wind Energy Project EIS; (2) Harvest Wind Project EIS; (3) Imrie Wind Project EIS; (4) Juniper Canyon Wind Project EIS and (5) School Section Wind Project EIS.

**AVAILABILITY OF FEIS COPIES (Including EIS's Adopted and Incorporated by Reference):**

Copies can be reviewed or obtained at the Klickitat County Planning Department.

**APPEAL:**

Any appeals of this decision must be filed under the County SEPA ordinance's provision for appeals of an EIS. Any appeal is therefore due no later than twenty-one days from the date of final EIS issuance. Appeals shall be in writing and filed with the County Auditor. Appeals shall state with specificity the basis for the appeal and the errors to be asserted to the Board. Appeals shall not be deemed complete without payment of the appeal fee applicable to Class C projects, payable to the Klickitat County Planning Department.

**APPEAL PERIOD ENDS:**

Appeal of the FEIS may be filed until September 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

**WAC 197-11-965 Adoption notice  
for the  
Lund Hill Solar Energy Project**

Adoption for (check appropriate box)  DNS  EIS

**Description of current proposal:** The Lund Hill Solar Project (the “Project”) is a proposed solar energy generation facility consisting of solar panels, electrical collector lines, inverters, transformers, and a substation. The Project would have a maximum total generating capacity of 150 megawatts (MW).

**Proponent:** Aurora Solar, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Iberdrola Renewables, Inc.

**Location of current proposal:** The project consists of a 150-MW solar energy facility located in Klickitat County, 6.5 miles southwest of southwest of Bickleton, Washington, in Klickitat County.

**Title of documents being adopted:**

- 1) *Klickitat County Energy Overlay Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Klickitat County, Aug. 2003); and*
- 2) *Klickitat County Energy Overlay Final Environmental Impact Statement (Klickitat County, Sept. 2004), as supplemented by Addenda, (the draft and final Overlay EISs are referred to jointly as the “EOZ FEIS”).*

**Agency that prepared documents being adopted:** Klickitat County Planning Department.

**Date adopted documents were prepared:** Issue dates are provided above.

**Description of documents (or portion) being adopted:**

EOZ FEIS. The EOZ FEIS is a programmatic environmental impact statement that was prepared to examine environmental impacts, alternatives, and mitigation measures for development of energy projects generally, including wind energy projects, at various locations within Klickitat County and under various permitting procedures. Based on the EOZ FEIS, Klickitat County adopted its Energy Overlay Zone ordinance, which designated areas of the County where wind energy projects could be permitted outright through an administrative process subject to specified development, use and construction standards. The Lund Hill Wind Energy Project is located within the designated EOZ area and proposes to incorporate the EOZ standards. Additional reviews have since been completed for wind development within the County, including avian/bat cumulative impacts analysis, which were added to the FEIS by Addendum. It is the County Planning Department’s intent that the EOZ EIS be considered in reviewing wind development applications.

The adopted documents are supplemented by an environmental impact statement for the Project.

**If the documents being adopted have been challenged (WAC 197-11-630), please describe:**

The adequacy of the EOZ FEIS was challenged in 2005 in an appeal to the Klickitat County Board of County Commissioners. The County and the appellants reached a settlement before a decision on the merits, and the appellants withdrew their appeal.

The documents are available to be read during normal business hours at Klickitat County Planning Department, 228 West Main Street, Goldendale, Washington.

We have identified and adopted these documents as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The documents meet our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

***Incorporation by Reference***

*This FEIS also incorporates by reference the following environmental review documents:*

- Windy Point II Wind Energy Project EIS (March – 2009)
- Harvest Wind Project EIS (March - 2009)
- Imrie Wind Project EIS (June – 2009)
- Juniper Canyon Project EIS (January - 2010; Addendum September -2010)
- School Section Project EIS (September - 2010)

The documents are on file with the Klickitat County Planning Department.

**Name of agency adopting documents:** Klickitat County Planning Department

**Contact person, if other than responsible official** N/A

**Responsible official:** Mo-chi Lindblad

**Position/title:** Klickitat County Planning Director **Phone:** (509) 773-5703

**Address:** 228 West Main, MS: CH-17, Goldendale, WA 98620

**Date:** August 23, 2019 **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



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