


SF-299 and EFSC NOI

- Idaho Power will be submitting a revised SF299 to re-start the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process
 - SF299 is the standard government form titled “*Application for Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities on Federal Lands*”
 - BLM requires that Idaho Power indicate one *proposed* line route in the application. Alternative routes are also allowed.
- A Notice of Intent will be filed with the Oregon Department of Energy, Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC)
 - The EFSC NOI will be submitted after we submit the revised SF-299 but before the NEPA scoping meeting


21



NEPA/EFSC Timeline

- Idaho Power has completed the following steps following selection of the Eastern Route as the Proposed Route
 - Submit draft SF-299 and Plan of Development (POD) to the BLM and Forest Service – April 9, 2010
 - Review draft SF-299 and POD with BLM and Forest Service – April 15, 2010


22



NEPA/EFSC Timeline

- The BLM and Forest Service are continuing their review of the draft SF-299 and POD. Once Idaho Power receives their comments, we anticipate the following:
 - Submit SF-299 and POD to the BLM and Forest Service – Spring 2010
 - BLM publishes Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register to start the 60-day scoping period – Summer 2010
 - Idaho Power submits Notice of Intent (NOI) to EFSC – Spring 2010
 - Public scoping meetings will be held jointly with BLM and EFSC at multiple locations – Summer 2010


23



NEPA Process

- The NEPA process is broken into 4 major steps,
 - Notice of Intent (NOI)
 - Draft Environmental Impact Statement (dEIS)
 - Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
 - Record of Decision
- Notice of Intent/Scoping
 - BLM issues public notice that it is preparing an EIS
 - Publication of NOI in the Federal Register initiates a minimum 30-day public scoping/comment period
 - Idaho Power expects scoping period to be 60 days


24



NEPA Process

- **Draft Environmental Impact Statement**
 - BLM develops alternatives to address the issues and concerns identified during scoping
 - BLM issues the draft EIS which documents the social and environmental effects analysis of the proposed action and alternatives
 - BLM provides a minimum 60-day public review and comment period on the draft EIS
 - BLM will hold public meetings during this stage.


25



NEPA Process

- **Final Environmental Impact Statement**
 - BLM releases the final EIS, which includes the agency's response to comments on the draft EIS
 - Final EIS identifies the agency's preferred alternative
 - BLM provides a minimum 30-day availability period
- **Record of Decision**
 - BLM decides on whether or not to approve the requested action


26



EFSC Process

- The EFSC process is broken into 7 major steps,
 - Notice of Intent
 - Project Order
 - Application for Site Certificate
 - Draft Proposed Order
 - Proposed Order
 - Contested Case Hearing
 - Final Order

27



EFSC Process

- Notice of Intent
 - The NOI initiates public comment period on the proposal and allows agencies and affected local governments to identify applicable requirements and special issues of concern
 - ODOE will hold public information meetings during this phase
 - The NOI is not an application to construct the facility – it merely states the applicant’s intention to submit an application in the future
- Project Order
 - ODOE issues the Project Order which identifies applicable statutes, rules and ordinances and defines the impact analysis areas


28



EFSC Process

- Application for Site Certificate
 - Idaho Power submits its application which describes the facility, its anticipated impacts and how it will meet EFSC's standards. Idaho Power must indicate the final proposed corridor, but has the option to request a site certificate that includes more than one corridor
 - Idaho Power must comply with all local land use requirements and indicate which land use permitting route they will take, either the local jurisdictional land use approval process, or the EFSC land use permitting process, where EFSC acts in place of the local jurisdictions and makes the decision on compliance with local land use requirements


29



EFSC Process

- Draft Proposed Order
 - ODOE requests comments from the public and from other state and local agencies, and will issue a Draft Proposed Order recommending approval or denial of the application
 - ODOE holds public hearings on the Draft Proposed Order
 - Anyone can raise issues or objections to the Draft Proposed Order in writing or at the public hearings. *Failure to comment in person or in writing on the record of this hearing precludes participation in the subsequent contested case and the right to appeal EFSC's final decision*
 - Since the EFSC process also serves as the land use process, the public hearings also serve as the land use hearings for this project


30



EFSC Process

- **Proposed Order**
 - ODOE issues the Proposed Order based on comments from EFSC, the public and other government agencies
- **Contested Case Hearing**
 - The contested case hearing is a formal hearing and only those persons who commented on the Draft Proposed Order may participate in the contested case
- **Final Order**
 - EFSC decides whether it will issue the site certificate

31



Next Steps



Next Steps in Process

- Idaho Power plans to submit SF299 to re-start the NEPA process after BLM has reviewed the Plan of Development
- After the BLM Notice of Intent is published in the Federal Register, A Notice of Intent will be filed with the Oregon Department of Energy, Energy Facility Siting Council
 - Note, the BLM NOI and EFSC NOI are different documents with different meanings
- Idaho Power will continue working with the community members throughout the project. We will send out periodic communications to Community Advisory Process members concerning the status of both the NEPA and EFSC processes

33

Additional Information

- www.boardmantohemingsway.com
 - Project information
 - Links to BLM, Oregon Department of Energy, Idaho Power
 - Comment forms



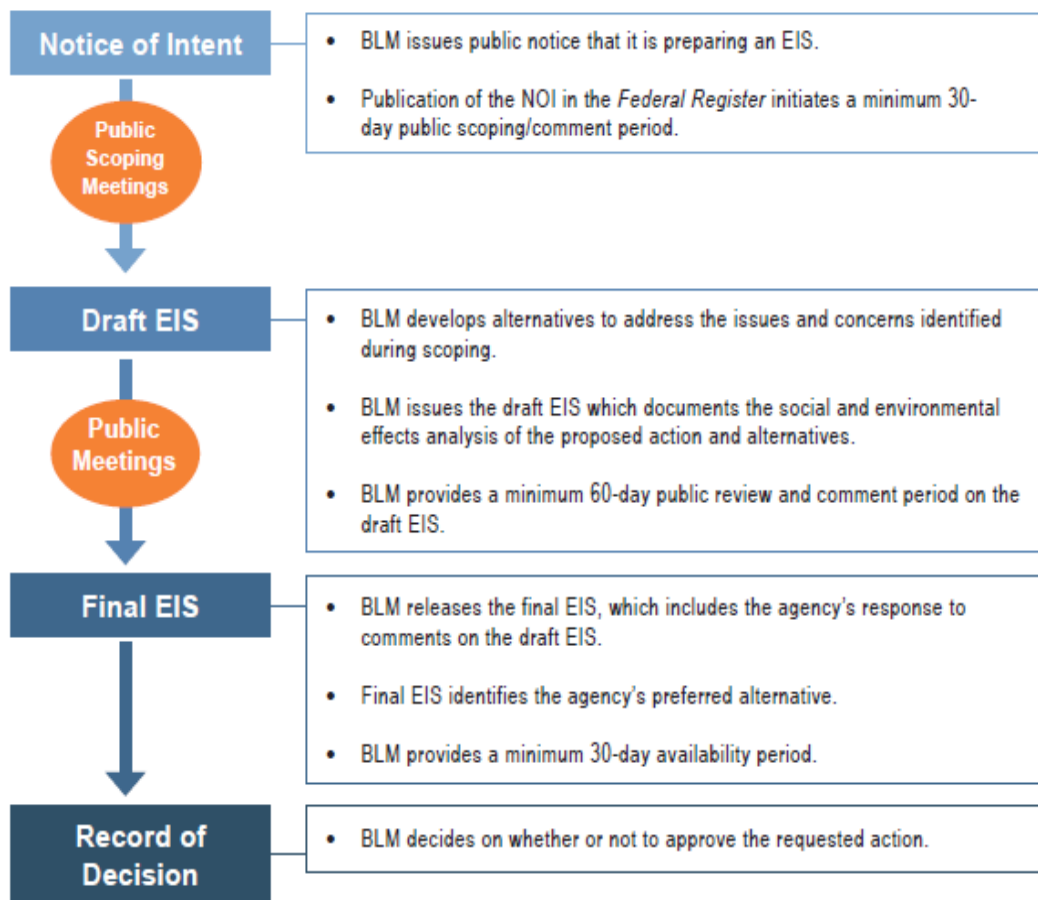
NEPA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires agencies to undertake an assessment of the environmental effects of their proposed actions prior to making decisions. Two major purposes of the NEPA environmental review process are:

1. Citizen involvement
2. Better informed decisions

The NEPA process began on the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project when Idaho Power submitted a proposal for a right-of-way from the BLM to construct a 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line across portions of federally-managed public lands. The BLM has issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) on this project.

The following flowchart shows the key points within the NEPA process. For more information, check out *A Citizen's Guide to the NEPA* at http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/nepa/Citizens_Guide_Dec07.pdf.



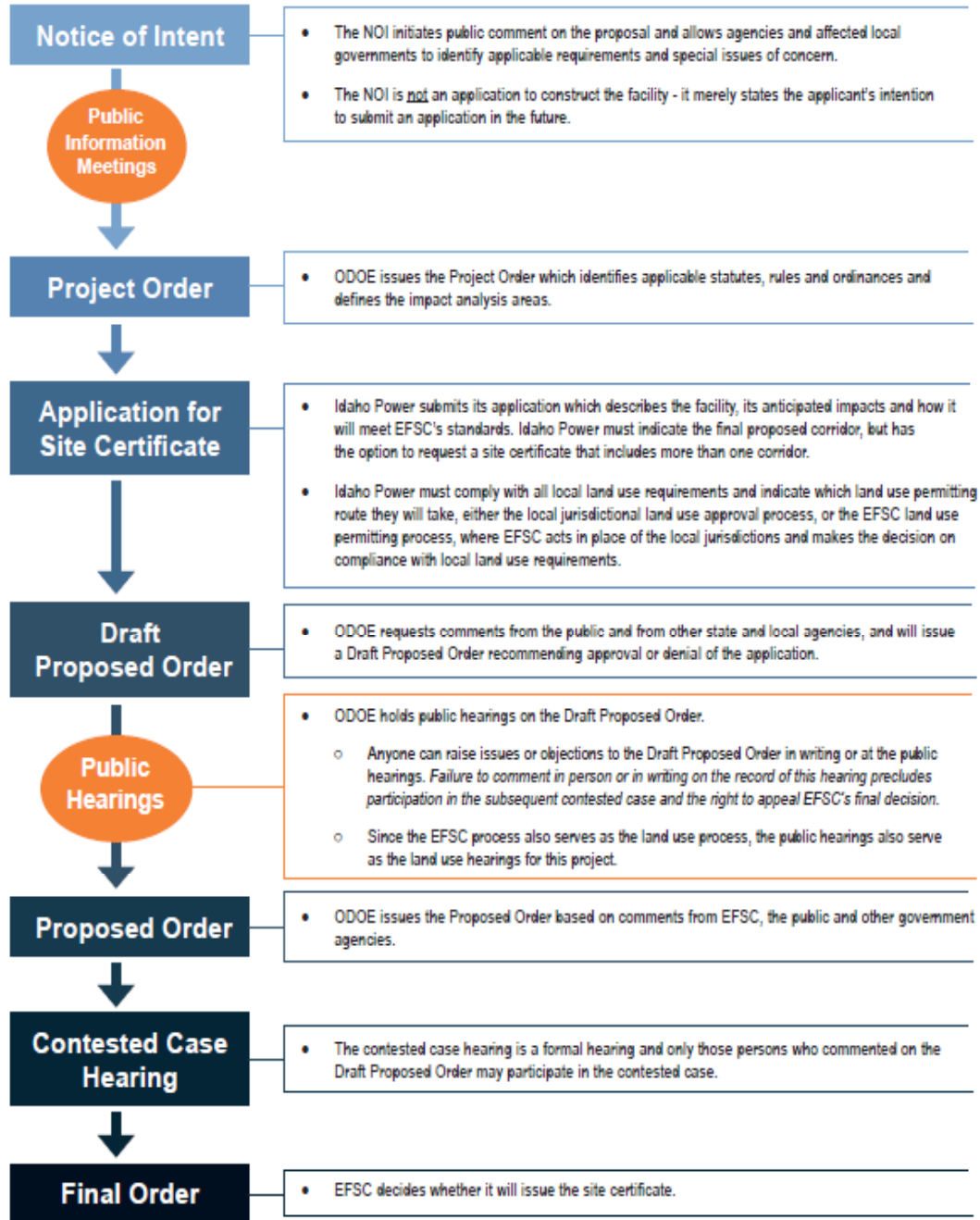
9/18/08

EFSC Process

The Oregon Department of Energy-Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) Site Certificate process is a consolidated permitting process that includes regulations of Oregon state and local agencies. You can participate in the process by:

1. Attending a public information meeting about the Notice of Intent.
2. Submitting comments about Idaho Power's application.
3. Attending the public hearing on the Proposed Draft Order.

ODOE provides public notices following each step of the EFSC process. The diagram below outlines the process.



9/18/08

Community Advisory Process Evaluation

Boardman to Hemingway Project
North Project Advisory Team Meeting #6
April 29, 2010

Name: _____

1) What ways would you like Idaho Power to continue to involve you in the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project?

2) Do you have any questions about the upcoming federal and state processes?

(Continued on back)

Appendix 3: Team Input

**Proposed Route Comment Form Responses
 Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project
 North Project Advisory Team Meeting #6
 April 29, 2010 Boardman, Oregon**

# of comment sheet	Name	Do you have any comments or questions about the proposed route?	Other comments.
1	Ralph Morter	<p>I do not agree that people who have not participated in the process until now should be able to come in and throw a fit. Speaking specifically the southern alternative route into the coal fire plant, a couple of people have suggested the route be moved to Baker Road. So as not to impact them. Baker Road is not a good alternative as it is one of the few stretches of land in this part of Morrow County that has irrigation on both sides.</p> <p>Also rearranging the route to accommodate future, proposed or pipe dreamed wind projects is not justifiable. Wind projects are part of the reason for this line. The people benefitting from wind projects should expect to participate in the consequences.</p>	
2	Alan Insko	<p>Hopefully we can convince you of moving the line across our place (2 ½ mile, map 14-15, see 7,8,9) about 1000' south making the job you make in sections 11,1,s34E back in sec 7,1SS33E. Same owners, moves line farther back away from their farmsteads, still on hillside below ridge line, does not change length of line, does not appear to change difficulty or number of towers. It appears your real challenges remain near Baker City and near the bombing range.</p>	
3	Joe and Donna Rietmann	<p>*Letter received:</p> <p>Dear Mr. McCarthy,</p> <p>I recently attended a Boardman to Hemingway project advisory meeting in Boardman, Oregon. I would like to voice my support for the primary route in Morrow County.</p> <p>After the meeting I learned that several of the land owners along the proposed alternative route in Morrow County are planning to suggest a change in the alternative route to follow Baker Lane.</p> <p>My wife and I own property on Baker Lane in Morrow County. Our residence is located at 70595 Dave Reitmann Road, approximately ¼ mile south of Baker lane. We own property adjacent to Baker lane on the south for 2 ½ miles and on the north of Baker lane for ½ mile. We have center pivot irrigation on both sides of Baker lane and grain storage facility in two locations directly off of Baker lane.</p> <p>We are opposed to using Baker lane as an alternative route for many reasons, the primary reasons are that five residents would be directly affected by the Baker Lane Route and three irrigated farms</p>	

# of comment sheet	Name	Do you have any comments or questions about the proposed route?	Other comments.
		<p>would be affected by the route.</p> <p>The current alternative route affects no residences.</p> <p>One suggestion to limit impact on farm use, would be to continue the alternative route straight west from section 27 through section 28, T2N R24E. This would limit the impact on the Doherty farm.</p> <p>We have enclosed a copy of Map 57 from your web site and indicated the proposed route change, the proposed change does not impact our farm and is offered as an observation by a farmer as to the impact on farming operations.</p> <p>The current alternative route impacts no residents or irrigated farming and is very much preferred by us. Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Joe and Donna Reitmann</p>	

Community Advisory Process Evaluation Comment Form Responses
Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project
North Project Advisory Team Meeting #6
April 29, 2010 Boardman, Oregon

# of comment sheet	Name	What ways would you like Idaho Power to continue to involve you in the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project?	Do you have any questions about the upcoming federal and state processes?	In your opinion, what has worked well and not so well with Idaho Power's Community Advisory Process?
1	Karl Smith			Private landowners are the easy route for this power line. Why waste our time when what we say makes no difference. i.e. 70 % private land 30% public.
2	Ralph Morter	Advisory board position. Keep emails coming. I think advisory committees should remain intact until a route is finalized.	When does process start – what date? How can I stay involved in the process? Spell out process so citizens can stay involved.	Worked well – being able to get answers or to engage in a discussion about the issues.
3	Alan Insko	Please keep us informed of any/all public meetings.	The one page flow-charts are good! It is my understanding that these two processes are not interactive. This is very unfortunate but typical of governmental agencies!	The process has worked as well as possible in dealing with the public. Unfortunately the process attracts the “negative”, “anti” crowds whose lives are virtually unaffected other than they are users of power. The “most effected”, those very close to or whose property it will cross, do not get involved early enough in the process. Don't have a solution to either. The nature of the culture. Locally it is hard to sell the benefit of a major interstate intertie other than possible cash flow to the property owner effected. Hopefully the process has revealed how ridiculously overdone the endangered species power has become.