

# **Ohio Power Siting Board Staff Report of Investigation**

**Case Number:** 14-1396-EL-BGA (amends 12-2959-EL-BGN)

**Project:** Amendment to Oregon Clean Energy Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need

**Applicant:** Oregon Clean Energy, LLC

**Report Date:** September 19, 2014

**Waiver Requests:** None

**Inspection Date(s):** September 17, 2014

**Staff Assigned:** C. Cunningham, C. Burri, G. Zeto

**Summary of Staff Recommendations (see report text for discussion):**

Application:  Approval     Disapproval     Approval with Conditions

Waiver:  Approval     Disapproval     Not Applicable

## **Project Amendment Description**

The Applicant is proposing two changes to the Certificate granted on May 1, 2013 in case number 12-2959-EL-BGN that would require the addition of new permanent and temporary property to the project area. The first change would be the relocation of the switchyard to an approximately 7.5 acre property adjacent to the north of the certificated facility. The second change is a proposal to add a temporary construction trailer and parking lot, also adjacent to the north of the certificated facility.

## **Amendment Review**

The newly proposed switchyard and construction trailer would be located on agricultural land just south of the Bayshore - Monroe 345 kV (kilovolt) transmission line. The new switchyard location would not create new significant land use, recreational, cultural, aesthetic, wildlife or ecological impacts as these properties are substantially similar to the property previously certificated for the generation facility.

## **Recommended Findings**

Staff recommends that the Board find that the proposed amendment to the Certificate poses a minimal social and environmental impact.

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