

PLANNING COMMISSION CHECK-OFF SHEET FOR UTILITY FACILITIES NECESSARY

TRANSMISSION LINES & TOWERS (LESS THEN 200 FEET IN HEIGHT) IN EFU & GF ZONES:

Utility Facilities Necessary for Public Service: include wetland waste treatment systems but do not include commercial facilities for the purpose of generating electrical power for public use by sale, or transmission towers over 200 feet in height.

Land Use Decision: UCDC 152.617 (II) (7)

- Show that reasonable alternatives have been considered and that the facility must be sited in an exclusive farm use zone due to one or more of the following factors:
1. Information provided in the technical and engineering feasibility;
 2. The proposed facility is location dependent. (It must cross land in one or more areas zoned for exclusive farm use in order to achieve a reasonably direct route or to meet unique geographical needs that cannot be satisfied on other lands.)
 - (A) Show a lack of available urban and non-resource lands;
 - (B) Due to availability of existing rights of way.
 - (C) Due to public health and safety concerns; and
 - (D) Show it must meet other requirements of state and federal agencies.

Costs associated with any of the factors listed above may be considered, but cost alone, including the cost of land, may not be the only consideration in determining that a utility facility is necessary for public service.

- The owner of a utility facility approved under this section shall be responsible for restoring, as nearly as possible, to its former condition any agricultural land and associated improvements that are damaged or otherwise disturbed by the siting, maintenance, repair or reconstruction of the facility.
- Mitigate and minimize the impacts of the proposed facility, if any, on surrounding lands devoted to farm use in order to prevent a significant change in accepted farm practices or a significant increase in the cost of farm practices on surrounding farmlands.
- Submit map of the transmission route

Note: Any proposed extension of a sewer system as defined by OAR 660-011-0060(1) (f) in an exclusive farm use zone shall be subject to the provisions of OAR 660-011-0060. Furthermore, the provisions of this section do not apply to interstate natural gas pipelines and associated facilities authorized by and subject to regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

SITING REQUIREMENTS:

- Covenant Not to Sue
- Weed Control Plan
- Preservation Plan addressing: existing vegetation, water resources, wildlife habitat, other significant natural resources, and historical & cultural sites
- Design towers to discourage bird perching and nesting.
- Fire Prevention & Response Plan
- County Road Use Agreement, Crossing and Access Permits
- ODOT (access, crossing, etc.) permits
- DEQ storm water permit
- Riparian Setbacks

OTHER SITING REQUIREMENTS THAT MAY APPLY:

- Easement agreements
- Proof of Insurance
- Construction Plan¹:
 - Licensed contractor
 - Relevant certifications
- Interconnect Agreement²
- Decommissioning Plan:
 - Irrevocable Letter of Credit
 - Bonding

PERMITS:

County Approval Permits:

- Land Use Approval (Land Use Decision)
- County Crossing & Access Permit(s) or Public Works Agreements
- County Zoning Permit

Other (Possible) Agency Permits and/or approvals:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FAA | <input type="checkbox"/> ODFW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> US Army (Corps) | <input type="checkbox"/> DSL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOR & Irrigation District (crossing agreements) | <input type="checkbox"/> BCD |

¹ All transmission lines, whether constructed by utilities such as BPA, PacifiCorp, etc., or by investor utilities are required to be constructed in accordance with the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC).

² Utilities (BPA, PacifiCorp, etc.) will allow interconnect by power generators only where the transmission line has been constructed to the NESC and 24-hour monitoring is in place prior to power supplying the grid.