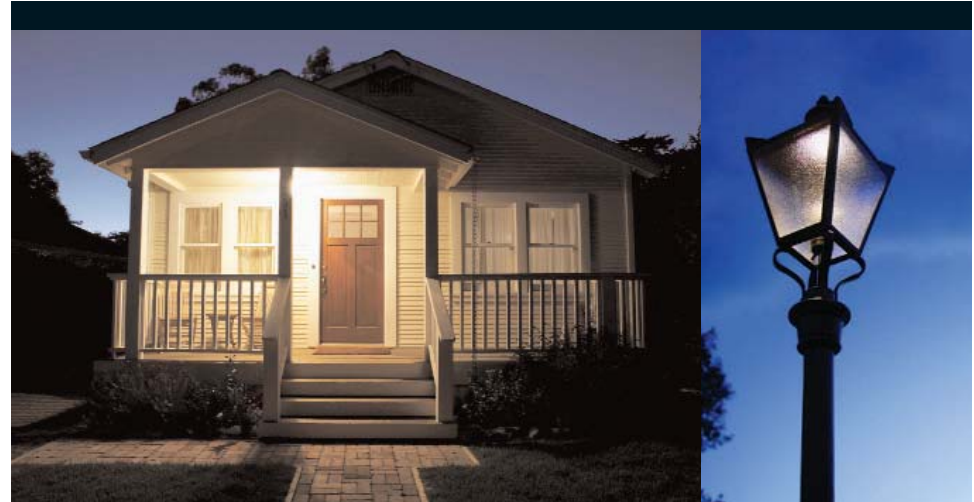


PGE takes first step in seeking approval for **Cascade Crossing**



Portland General Electric has filed permit applications with the state and federal agencies responsible for reviewing PGE's proposed Cascade Crossing Transmission Project. This is the first step in two distinct, required government processes that will last nearly three years, with several opportunities for public input.



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As the lead federal agency, the U.S. Forest Service will coordinate the preparation of the environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act and related environmental laws with cooperating agencies. The Oregon Department of Energy and the Energy Facility Siting Council will determine whether the proposed project meets their standards under the state's energy facility siting process.

To help shape its proposal, PGE held open houses in October 2009 and March 2010, to gather input from property owners and others. PGE also has met with elected officials, non-governmental organizations and other groups to gather their feedback and answer questions about the project.

Public participation is a key component of both the NEPA and EFSC processes. In late June/July, the state and federal agencies will host public scoping meetings throughout the project area to explain the permitting processes and receive public comment.

- Watch your mailbox for a joint letter from the state and federal governments, which provides details about the June/July public meetings and options for providing comments.
- Visit www.cascadecrossingproject.com, a new website shared by ODOE, the U.S. Forest Service, BLM and PGE. At this site, you can submit a formal comment to all participating government agencies. You also can learn more about the proposed project, the permitting processes and opportunities for public input, and view interactive maps of lands that may be affected by the proposed project.

What is Cascade Crossing?

Cascade Crossing is a transmission project PGE is proposing to construct, maintain, and operate to help meet Oregon's growing energy needs, enable development of more renewable power projects and enhance reliability of the region's electrical grid. The project would connect new and existing electricity power sources east of the Cascades to the Willamette Valley. If approved, construction would begin in 2013 and the project would be operational in 2015.

The proposed project consists of three elements:

- A new 210-mile 500 kV transmission line running from Boardman to Salem. PGE's applications show a proposed corridor, about 90 percent of which would be parallel and adjacent to existing transmission lines. The applications also show other corridors that may be considered. All these corridors are preliminary; public input and environmental reviews will help determine a final proposed route.
- Three new substations east of the Cascades, and upgrades to existing substations.
- Possible upgrades to existing electrical lines in Salem and the Willamette Valley. This could include upgrading PGE's existing 230 kV transmission line from Salem to Oregon City, and installing new wire on existing subtransmission lines in a portion of east Salem.



There are several ways you can learn more about the project and provide input.

- Visit PGE's website at www.portlandgeneral.com/cascadecrossing.
- Visit the shared project website at www.cascadecrossingproject.com.
- Email PGE at cascadecrossing@pgn.com
- Call PGE's toll-free number at **1-877-268-2287**. Leave a message with your contact information and someone will get back to you shortly.