



Executive Order 25-25 FAQ

What is this Order in response to?

Solar and wind companies face a strict July 4, 2026 deadline to start construction and qualify for federal clean energy tax credits. Projects must enter into service within four years to get full benefits. If they miss the July deadline, projects must be put online by December 31, 2027 to qualify for tax credits.

What does this Order seek to accomplish?

These federal tax credits make clean energy projects significantly more affordable, accelerating Oregon's transition away from fossil fuels. Without expedited permitting, shovel-ready solar and wind projects may miss the July deadline, potentially losing millions in federal funding that would otherwise reduce electricity costs and advance our climate goals.

What does the Order specifically direct state agencies to do?

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) and the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC):

- Identify projects that must begin construction by July 4, 2026 and subsequent process changes that would be of greatest assistance to meeting the deadline for federal tax credits.
- Prioritize siting approval processes for projects that must commence construction by the federal deadline on July 4, 2026, and accelerate permit reviews and processes.

The highest priority should be given to projects that have secured power purchase and interconnection agreements and can demonstrate the project will provide benefits to Oregon ratepayers.

Public Utility Commission (PUC):

- Accelerate utility Request for Proposal (RFP) timelines and procurement of clean energy resources.
- When someone wants to build a solar farm or wind farm, they need to study how it will connect to the existing electrical grid. This is called an "interconnection study." Staff will suggest that the Commission consider using outside contractors to study how solar and wind power projects connect to the electrical grid.

How many solar companies are in the pipeline for permitting?

The Order directs ODOE and EFSC to identify projects that must begin construction by July 4, 2026 and prioritize siting approval processes for projects that must commence construction by the federal deadline on July 4, 2026.

What is the purpose behind the expiration date for the Order?

The tax credits on the table that are set to expire can fund between 30 and 50 percent of most solar and wind projects. For solar and wind projects to feasibly access federal clean energy tax credits, projects must begin construction by July 4, 2026 and enter into service within four years. The July 4, 2026 deadline and four-year development period create an urgent but temporary window for executive action. Governor Kotek is directing agencies to streamline permitting processes specifically to help projects meet this federal cutoff. Once the deadline passes, these emergency permitting changes will no longer be needed.

The full text of the Order can be found [here](#).