

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE OHIO POWER
SITING BOARD'S REPORT TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE
POWER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM.

CASE NO. 21-796-EL-UNC

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on July 14, 2021

{¶ 1} Pursuant to R.C. 4906.105, the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) is required to submit a report to the General Assembly as to whether the current requirements for the planning of the power transmission system and associated facilities investment in Ohio are cost effective and in the interest of consumers. The Board is directed to complete the report in consultation with JobsOhio and to hold at least one public meeting. The report is due to the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2021.

{¶ 2} The report may include recommendations for legislative changes, including, specifically, regarding the following criteria:

- (a) Whether the definition of a major utility facility should include an electric transmission line of a design capacity at or above 69 kilovolts and associated facilities the costs of which are recovered as a transmission asset by the transmission owners;
- (b) Whether the criteria for an accelerated certificate application should be modified;
- (c) Whether the certification process is sufficiently transparent;
- (d) Whether the board should require the following for, or determine if the following apply to, a transmission project certification application:
 - (1) That alternative transmission projects were considered;

- (2) That the project was competitively bid or compared to the results of a competitive bid;
- (3) That the project has been considered in the context of the utility's larger transmission plan;
- (4) That the project has been considered in the context of the regional transmission planning process of PJM Interconnection, LLC;
- (5) That the project could not have been deferred or redesigned to achieve the same operational result at a lower overall cost;
- (6) That the project has provided historical information for an existing transmission project or information for a planned or proposed project.

{¶ 3} At this time, the administrative law judge concludes it is appropriate to provide interested stakeholders an opportunity to submit comments regarding whether the current requirements for the planning of the power transmission system are cost effective and in the interest of consumers and to specifically address the criteria described above. Therefore, all interested stakeholders are invited to submit written comments in this proceeding by August 4, 2021.

{¶ 4} It is, therefore,

{¶ 5} ORDERED, That written comments be filed by August 4, 2021. It is, further,

{¶ 6} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon JobsOhio, PJM Interconnection, LLC, the Independent Market Monitor for PJM, all electric distribution utilities, and all parties of record.

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/s/ Nicholas J. Walstra

By: Nicholas J. Walstra
Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry ordering that written comments be filed by August 4, 2021 electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Nicholas Walstra, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board