

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 September 24, 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} On July 14, 2021, the administrative law judge issued an Entry eliciting comments from interested stakeholders 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. Comments were due by August 4, 2021. Thereafter, timely comments were submitted by Ohio Power Company and AEP Ohio Transmission Company, Buckeye Power, Inc., Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. and Dayton Power and Light Company, Industrial Energy Users-Ohio, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, American Municipal Power, Inc. and Ohio Municipal Electric Association, Ohio Energy Group, the Independent Market Monitor for PJM, and the Ohio Manufacturers' Association Energy Group.

{¶ 4} On September 24, 2021, Board Staff filed a proposed draft of the report.

{¶ 5} The Board requests comments from interested stakeholders to assist in the review of the proposed draft. Comments should be filed, via electronic filing or in hard copy, by October 8, 2021. Reply comments should be filed by October 15, 2021.

{¶ 6} Additionally, pursuant to R.C. 4906.105, the Board will hold a public meeting regarding the report on October 21, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. At that time, the Board will hear feedback from interested stakeholders regarding the report. The meeting will be held at the offices of the Board, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-B, Columbus, Ohio. Interested stakeholders should register at the lobby desk and then proceed to the 11th floor in order to participate in the meeting. To allow broader access to the meeting, it will be webcast. Persons wishing to view the workshop via the internet should visit www.youtube.com/user/PUCOhio.

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That written comments regarding the proposed report be filed by October 8, 2021, and that reply comments be filed by October 15, 2021. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That a public hearing be held on October 21, 2021, in accordance with Paragraph 6. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon JobsOhio, PJM Interconnection, LLC, all electric distribution utilities, and all parties of record.

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

/s/ Nicholas J. Walstra

By: Nicholas J. Walstra
Administrative Law Judge

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Summary: Administrative Law Judge Entry ordering that written comments regarding the proposed report be filed by October 8, 2021, and that reply comments be filed by October 15, 2021 and that a public hearing be held on October 21, 2021, in accordance with Paragraph 6 electronically filed by Heather A. Chilcote on behalf of Nicholas Walstra, Administrative Law Judge, Ohio Power Siting Board