



Ohio Sunset Review Committee

Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name: Ohio Power Siting Board

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives:

The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) is responsible for reviewing requests for certificates and is the sole entity entitled by statute to issue certificates of environmental compatibility and public need for certain major utility facilities, including certain types of electric generation facilities, electric transmission lines, and natural gas pipelines.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff:

Agency workload is largely dependent on the number and complexity incoming applications. Large volumes of applications can also necessitate an increase in the number of dedicated staff.

2015-2019 OPSB Applications Filed:

2015: 56

2016: 101

2017: 106

2018: 92

2019: 105

Dedicated staff: Typically, 8-10, but can vary based on application volume.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding:

Staff time dedicated to each project is tracked and billed to the project. Additional expenses may be assessed to the project developer on an ongoing basis.

Revenues are received from application fees and from amounts billed to applicants for OPSB expenses incurred during staff's evaluation. Application fees are based on the nature of the project.

Appropriations:

FY17: \$581,618

FY18: \$581,000

FY19: \$1,095,185

FY20: \$1,095,185

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any:

The OPSB is made up of 11 members, seven voting members and four non-voting members.

Voting members include: PUCO Chairman, the directors, or designees, of the Development Services Agency, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and a member of the public who is an engineer and appointed by the governor.

Non-voting members include: two Ohio House of Representative members appointed by the speaker of the house and minority leader; two Ohio Senate members appointed by the president of the Senate and minority leader.

Agency directors serving as OPSB members receive no compensation. The public member and members of the General Assembly receive a per diem rate established by statute.

Per diem expense:

FY16: \$1,418.56

FY17: \$2,229.46

FY18: \$3,920.20

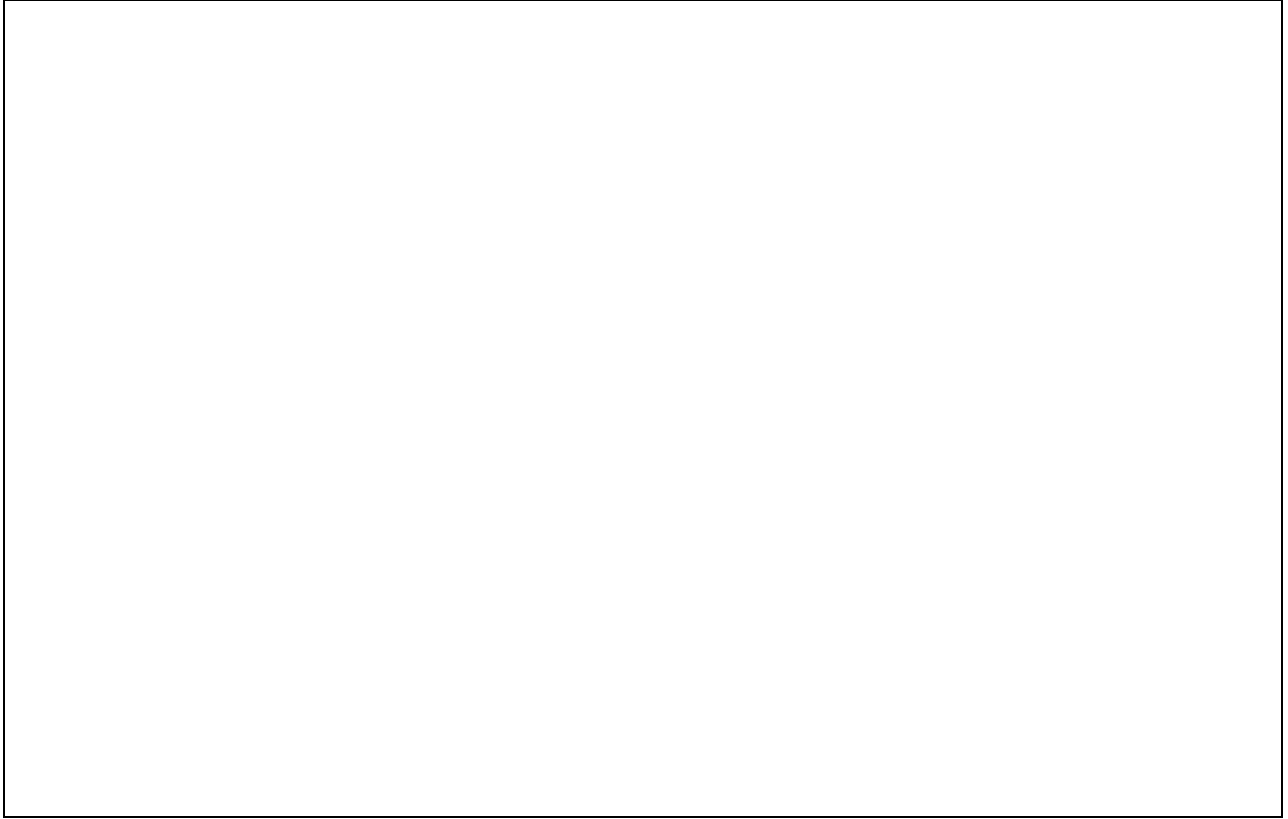
FY19: \$3,529.26

Agency-recommended legislative changes to improve organizational efficiency:

OPSB is currently reviewing its administrative rules as part of the five-year rule review process. The process is expected to include opportunities for stakeholders to informally and formally interact with OPSB staff to discuss ideas for rules changes. While OPSB is completing a comprehensive review, OPSB is interested in three broad topics: 1) enhancing public participation and OPSB process enhancements, 2) application and technical requirements, 3) and certificate monitoring and compliance.

Also, as the General Assembly continues discussions on House Bill 246, the OPSB is prepared to discuss any legislative changes deemed necessary to improve public participation in the process.

Additional notes:

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