



## Ohio Sunset Review Committee

### *Agency Questionnaire*

Agency Name Underground Technical Committee

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

Ohio law requires that a person contact the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) at least 48 hours in advance of a digging project. Once OUPS has been notified, underground facilities will be marked for free.

The PUCO has been assigned, by the General Assembly, the duties of enforcing Ohio's damage prevention laws. Parties may file complaints with the PUCO that will be investigated.

Following the investigation, PUCO will forward the information to the Underground Technical Committee (UTC), a committee made up of individuals with knowledge and experience in safe excavation, who ultimately decide if a compliance failure occurred and determine an appropriate consequence.

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

In calendar year 2018, the UTC met five times and decided 50 cases. In calendar year 2017, the UTC met five times and decided 37 cases.

The UTC also submits an annual report to the General Assembly detailing the Committee's work throughout the year.

Dedicated staff: 2

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

UTC's source of funding is through user registration fees. Fines issued by the UTC are used for the grant programs required by ORC 4913.27.

Fines Issued:

CY17: \$500

CY18: \$1250

Appropriations

FY17: \$495,000

FY18: \$316,000

FY19: \$316,000

FY20: \$316,000

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

The UTC consists of one member from the following stakeholder groups:

- Natural gas transmission pipeline industry; appointed by President of the Senate
- Natural gas distribution industry, appointed by Speaker of the House
- Electric utilities, appointed by the Governor
- Electric cooperatives, appointed by the speaker of the House
- Statewide organization representing independent oil and gas producers, appointed by President of senate
- Telephone industry, appointed by the Governor
- Cable service providers, appointed by the President of the Senate
- Locators of underground utility facilities, appointed by the Speaker of the House
- Municipal corporations, appointed by the Governor
- Department of Transportation, appointed by the Governor
- The general public, appointed by the Governor
- Hazardous liquids pipeline industry, appointed by the Governor
- Designers, developers, or surveyors, appointed by the Governor
- Four members of the commercial excavator industry, appointed by the Speaker, House Minority Leader, Senate President, and Senate Minority Leader

The UTC members do not receive any compensation.

Agency-recommended legislative changes to improve organizational efficiency:

Currently, the UTC is not requesting any changes.

Additional notes: