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NARUC Partnership Program
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Ohio Power Siting Board
Siting Considerations

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Stakeholder and Public Input



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Public Participation

- Formal
 - Intervention by Public Officials
 - Township Trustees, County Commissioners, City Officials, etc.
 - Notice Required
 - Intervention by persons impacted
 - Request for intervention
 - Counsel required



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Public Participation

- Informal
 - Written submissions to the Board
 - Toll-free Phone Inquiries
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 - Speaking opportunities at Public Hearing
 - Sworn Testimony
 - Unsworn





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Process

- Pre-Application meetings and conferences
- **Pre-Application Public Informational meetings**
- Application submitted
- Completeness Review
- Letter of Completeness
- Proof of Service
- Board Entry establishing Filing Date & Hearing schedule
- **Public Notice published by Applicant**
- Staff Report
- **Public Hearing**
- Adjudicatory Hearing
- Board Decision
- Appeal Process



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- Filings of notices with local officials
- Filings of applications at local libraries
- Written notice to directly impacted landowners of upcoming meetings/hearing



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OPSB Requirements...

Provide the following public interaction information for each of the site/route alternatives:

- A list of counties, townships, villages, and cities within one thousand feet on each side of the centerline or facility perimeter
- A list of the public officials contacted regarding the application, their office addresses, and office telephone numbers
- Description of the program or company/public interaction planned for the siting, construction, and operation of the proposed facility.
- Description of any insurance or other corporate program for providing liability compensation for damages to the public resulting from construction or operation of the proposed facility
- Description of how the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity
- Estimate of the increase in tax revenues as a result of facility placement
- Description of the impact of the facility on regional development, referring adopted regional development plans.



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PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

Applicant's public information program for this project included:

- written correspondence with local officials
- written correspondence with residents
- meetings with local officials
- meetings with local residents
- information posters and brochures
- newspaper notices
- a public information open house



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The poster

Included:

- a map showing the proposed route alternatives
- information on the location and time of the open house

Placed:

- in five commercial businesses local to the project area
- major grocery store
- service stations
- local market convenient stores





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The information brochure

Provided:

- a project description
- a summary of routing and siting
- purpose and need
- schedule
- construction sequence
- power line safety
- easement acquisition
- property restoration.



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Applicant also....



mailed letters to nearby property owners notifying them of recently acquired property locations that would be used to build the project.





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Importance of.....

Up-front homework

It's all about....

- Public Relations
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