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**Review of**  
**The Ohio Power Siting Board Process**

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## Ohio Power Siting Board

To support sound energy policies that provide for the installation of energy capacity and transmission infrastructure for the benefit of the Ohio citizens, promoting the state's economic interests, and promoting the environment and land use.



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## Ohio Power Siting Board

- Created in 1972
- Ohio Revised Code  
Chapter 4906
- Independent Board under PUCO in 1981



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## Member Agencies

- Public Utilities Commission of Ohio - Chairman
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- Ohio Department of Development
- Ohio Department of Health
- Ohio Department of Agriculture
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Public Member
- Four Legislative Members
  - 2 from Ohio House of Representatives
  - 2 from the Ohio Senate



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## Major Utility Facility

- A generating plant of 50 megawatts or more;
- An electric transmission line of 125 kilovolts or more;  
or
- A gas or natural gas transmission line capable of transporting gas at more than 125 pounds per square inch of pressure



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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



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## **Process** (cont.)

- 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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## Public Participation

- Pre-Application Public Informational meetings
- Informal
  - Written submissions to the Board
  - Testimony at Public Hearing
    - Sworn
    - Unsworn





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## Public Participation (cont.)

- 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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## The Board's Decision

- The need for the facility;
- The probable environmental impact of the proposed facility;
- Whether the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact considering the technology that is available and the nature and economics of the various alternatives;



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## The Board's Decision (cont.)

- That the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving Ohio and interconnected systems, and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
- The facility will comply with all air and water pollution control and solid waste disposal laws and regulations;



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## The Board's Decision (cont.)

- The facility will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity;
- The facility's impact on agricultural lands; and
- The facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices.



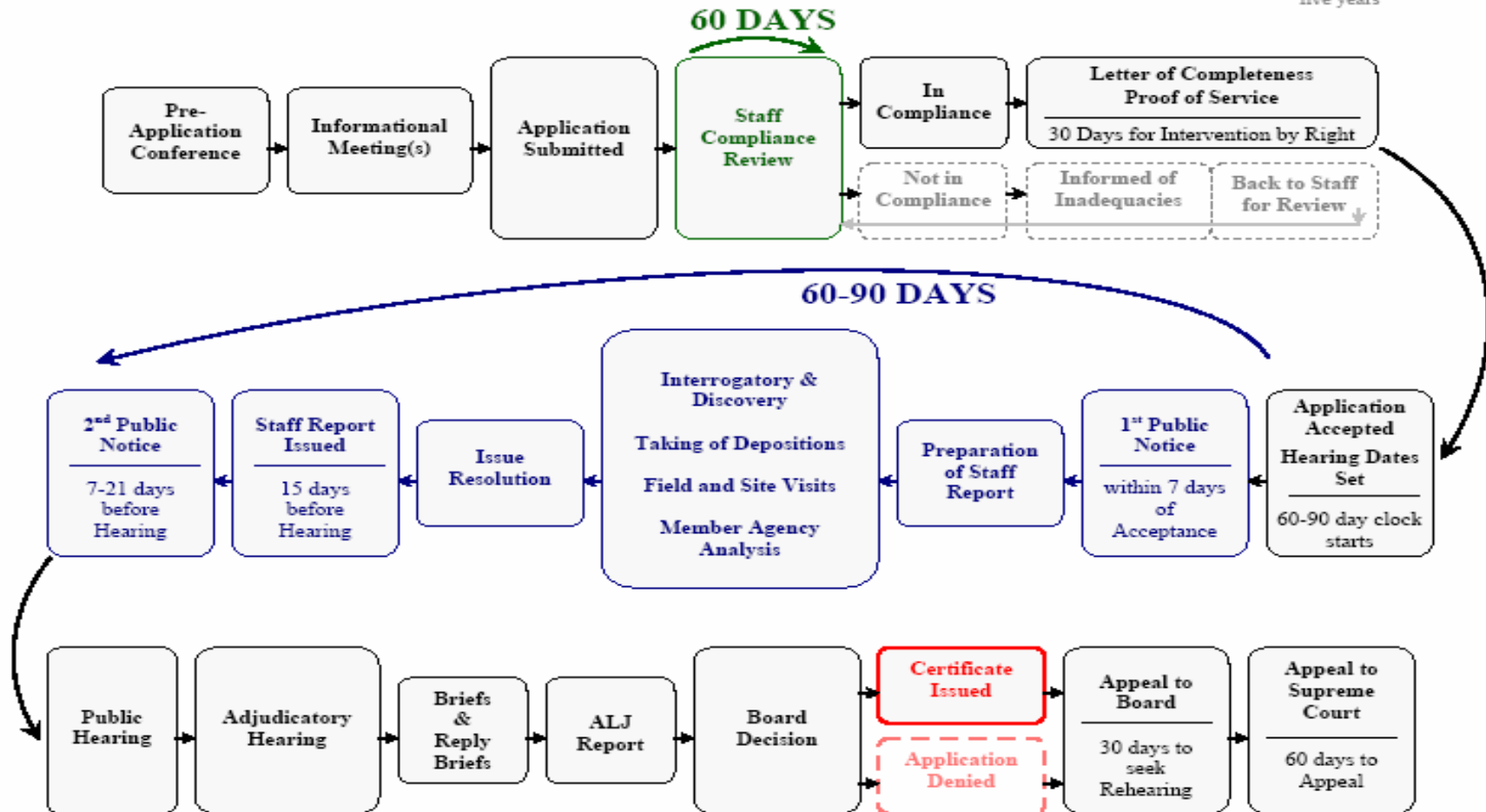
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## OHIO POWER SITING STATUTE PROCESS FLOWCHART\*

\* This is a working DRAFT which may be subject to administrative review every five years



**BOARD MONITORS CONSTRUCTION AND FIRST TWO YEARS OF OPERATION OF FACILITY**  
Conditions of Certificate Apply for Life of Facility



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