



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4906-4-06 Economic impact and public interaction.

Effective: [May 30, 2024](#)

(A) The applicant shall state the current and proposed ownership status of the proposed facility, including leased and purchased land, rights-of-way, structures, and equipment.

(B) The applicant shall provide information regarding construction costs. Examples of relevant construction cost information include:

(1) Estimates of applicable capital and intangible costs for the facility and various applicable alternatives that is classified according to federal energy regulatory commission uniform system of accounts prescribed by the public utilities commission of Ohio for utility companies, unless the applicant is not an electric light company, a gas company or a natural gas company as defined in Chapter 4905. of the Revised Code (in which case, capital and intangible costs classified in the accounting format ordinarily used by the applicant in its normal course of business). Examples of relevant cost estimates include:

(a) Land and land rights.

(b) Structures and improvements.

(c) Substation equipment.

(d) Poles and fixtures.

(e) Towers and fixtures.

(f) Overhead conductors.

(g) Underground conductors and insulation.



(h) Underground-to-overhead conversion equipment.

(i) Pipes.

(j) Valves, meters, boosters, regulators, tanks, and other equipment.

(k) Right-of-way clearing and roads, trails, or other access.

(l) Any other material cost items.

(2) A comparison of the total costs (per kilowatt for generation facilities or per mile for electric power transmission lines and gas pipelines) with the applicant's similar facilities, and explain any substantial differences.

(3) A tabulation of the present worth and annualized cost for capital costs and any additional cost details as required to compare capital cost of alternates (using the start of construction date as reference date), and describe techniques and all factors used in calculating present worth and annualized costs.

(C) The applicant shall provide information regarding operation and maintenance expenses.

Examples of information relevant to these expenses include:

(1) Applicable estimated annual operation and maintenance expenses for the first two years of commercial operation that is classified according to federal energy regulatory commission uniform system of accounts prescribed by the public utilities commission of Ohio for utility companies, unless the applicant is not an electric light company, a gas company or a natural gas company as defined in Chapter 4905. of the Revised Code (in which case the operation and maintenance expenses classified in the accounting format ordinarily used by the applicant in its normal course of business).

(2) A comparison of the total operation and maintenance cost (per kilowatt for generation facilities or per mile for electric power transmission lines and gas pipelines) with applicant's similar facilities and explain any substantial differences.



(3) A tabulation of the present worth and annualized expenditures for operating and maintenance costs as well as any additional cost breakdowns as required to compare alternatives, and describe techniques and factors used in calculating present worth and annualized costs.

(D) The applicant shall provide information regarding the economic impact of the project. Examples of relevant economic impact information include:

(1) An estimate of the annual total and present worth of construction and operation payroll.

(2) An estimate of the construction and operation employment and estimate the number that will be employed from the region.

(3) An estimate of the increase in county, township, and municipal tax revenue accruing from the facility.

(4) An estimate of the economic impact of the proposed facility on local commercial and industrial activities.

(E) The applicant shall provide information regarding public interaction. Examples of relevant public interaction information include:

(1) A description of the applicant's program for public interaction during the siting, construction, and operation of the proposed facility in the area in which any portion of such facility is to be located, including detailed information regarding the applicant's public information and complaint resolution programs as well as how the applicant will notify affected property owners and residents about these programs at least seven days prior to the start of construction.

(2) A description of any insurance or other corporate programs for providing liability compensation for damages, if such should occur, to the public resulting from construction, operation, or decommissioning of the proposed facility.

(3) An evaluation and description of the anticipated impact to roads and bridges associated with



construction vehicles and equipment delivery, and any measures that will be taken to improve inadequate roads and repair roads and bridges to at least the condition present prior to the project.

(4) A list of all transportation permits required for construction and operation of the project, and describe any necessary coordination with appropriate authorities for temporary or permanent road closures, lane closures, road access restrictions, and traffic control necessary for construction and operation of the proposed facility.

(5) Except as to electric power transmission lines and gas pipelines, applicant's description of the plan for decommissioning the proposed facility, including a discussion of any financial arrangements designed to assure the requisite financial resources. For a jurisdictional wind or solar facility, applicant's plan description should be consistent with sections 4906.21 to 4906.222 of the Revised Code and rule 4906-4-09 of the Administrative Code.

(6) A list of counties, townships, villages, and cities within the project area.

(7) A list of the public officials contacted regarding the application, including their office addresses, email addresses, and office telephone numbers.

(8) For an electric generation facility that applies for a certificate after the effective date of the adoption of this chapter, the following requirements apply.

(a) The applicant shall file a copy of the final complaint resolution plan on the public docket.

(b) At least seven days prior to the start of construction and at least seven days prior to the start of facility operations, the applicant shall notify via mail affected property owners and residents, including those individuals who were provided notice of the public informational meeting, residences located within one mile of the project area, parties to this case, county commissioners, township trustees, emergency responders, airports, schools, and libraries, as well as anyone who has requested updates regarding the project. These notices shall provide information about the project, including contact information and a copy of the complaint resolution plan.

(c) The start of construction notice shall include written confirmation that the applicant has complied



with all preconstruction-related conditions of the certificate, as well as a timeline for construction and restoration activities.

(d) The start of facility operations notice shall include written confirmation that the applicant has complied with all construction-related conditions of the certificate, as well as a timeline for the start of operations.

(e) During the construction and operation of the facility, the applicant shall submit to staff a complaint summary report by the fifteenth day of January and July of each year through the first five years of operation. The report shall include a list of all complaints received through the applicant's complaint resolution process, a description of the actions taken toward the resolution of each complaint, and a status update if the complaint has yet to be resolved, though the name and other personal identifying information can be redacted at the request of any complainant.

(f) The applicant shall file a copy of all preconstruction notices and complaint summaries on the public docket.