



Power Siting Board



- Before any company can build a “major utility facility,” the OPSB assures that it benefits Ohio’s citizens, promotes the state’s economic interests, and protects the environment and land use.
- Public and local government participation are strongly encouraged, but decision-making authority rests with the OPSB.
- If approved, the OPSB issues a certificate for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the facility.



Electric Generation

Solar farms
50 MW and greater

Wind farms
5 MW and greater

Fossil fuel plants
50 MW and greater

Electric Transmission

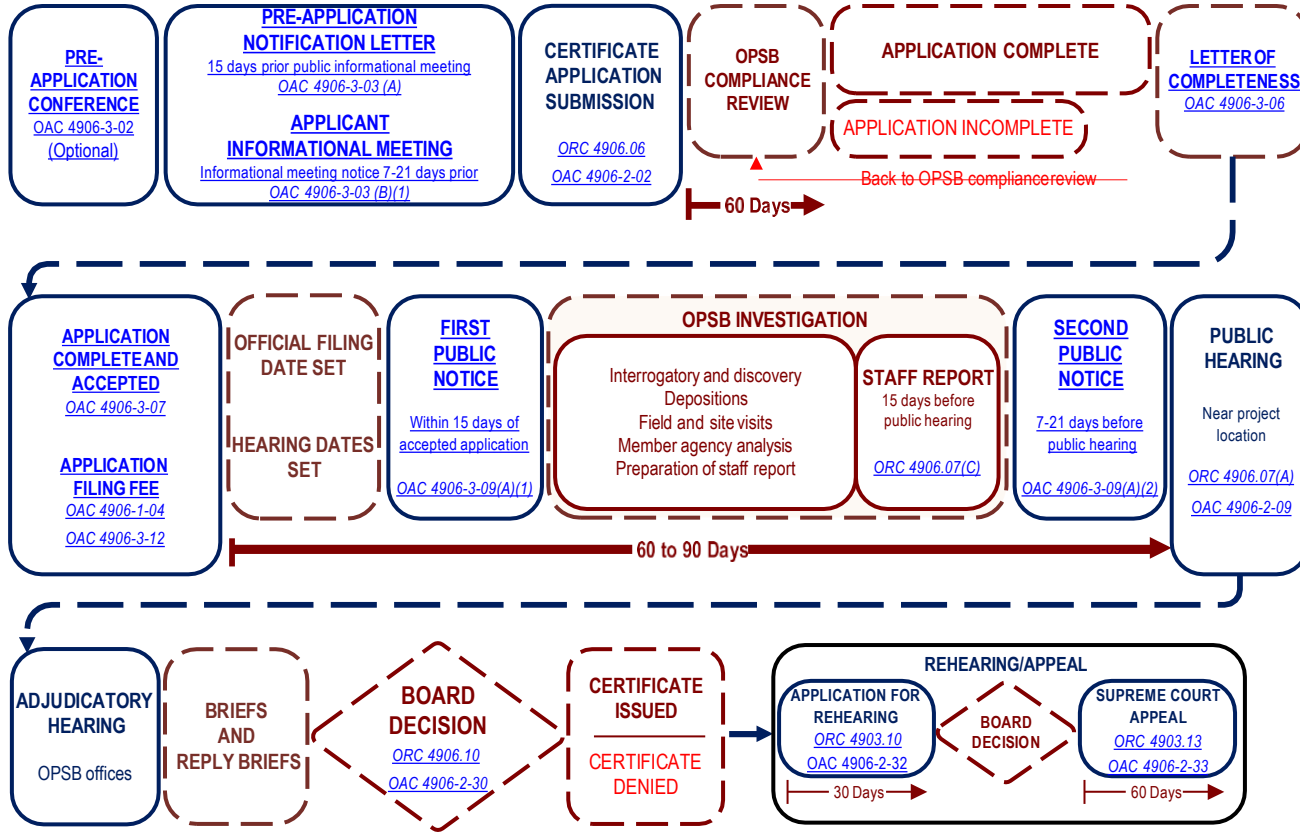
Lines and associated
facilities 100 kV and
greater

Natural Gas Transmission

Pipelines greater
than 500 feet in
length and 9 inches
in diameter

Maximum operating
pressure greater
than 125 psi





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Construction and operation are monitored by the OPSB



Public informational meeting

Developer educates community about project and gathers input to consider in developing its application. OPSB representatives provide info about siting process and public participation.

Public comments

Written comments are filed in the case where they inform the Board members and staff. Comments are accepted at any time after a case number is established.

Online: [OPSB.ohio.gov](https://opsb.ohio.gov)

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Local public hearing

Board obtains sworn statements from the public which are transcribed and become part of the official record that the Board considers before making its decision.

Held at least 15 days after staff publishes its report of investigation. Notification letters sent to property owners and local officials. Newspaper notice 7-21 before the hearing.

Adjudicatory hearing

The developer, OPSB staff, and parties to the case present testimony and evidence regarding the facility and cross examine each other. Intervention grants individuals and local governments the right to participate as a party in the adjudicatory hearing, file for rehearing, or appeal to the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Held approximately 2 weeks after the local public hearing. Property owners and local officials receive letters advising them of right to intervene.



- If a project is approved, the OPSB monitors construction and operation to ensure compliance with the certificate and any conditions.
- The developer must notify landowners prior to start of construction.
- The developer must establish a complaint resolution process to address concerns resulting from project construction and operation.
- OPSB can assist individuals who feel they are not obtaining a resolution from the developer.



OPSB Website

[OPSB.ohio.gov](https://opsb.ohio.gov)

- Case summary page
- Process information
- Calendar of events

Docketing information system

dis.puc.state.oh.us

- View case documents and public comments
- Subscribe for case notifications

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