

Guide to Creating an Effective Public Comment.



The following are suggestions for preparing effective public testimony or a written public comment.

Identify yourself and your relation to the docket.

- Are you a customer of the affected utility?
- Do you live in the project area?
- Do you operate a business that will be affected by the case?

Be specific about your concern.

- If you are concerned about effects on wildlife, what form of wildlife, and what are you concerned may happen?
- If you are concerned about effects on your quality of life, what parts of your life will be impacted?
- If you are concerned about environmental effects, who or what would be harmed if the environmental effects occur, and in what way?
- If you are concerned about a financial impact, how will the financial impact affect you? What will you need to change about your life if the impact occurs?

Explain the basis for your opinion and knowledge.

- Have you consulted similarly-situated members of the public?
- Have you done research, and if so, what did you research?
- Do you know of a similar outcome in a comparable situation?
- Do you have education or training in the subject on which you are commenting?
- Have you consulted experts on the subject?

Propose an alternative.

- If you do not like a planned construction site, propose a modification to the planned site that would reduce or eliminate the impact you are concerned about.
- If you do not like a perceived environmental impact, propose a way to reduce or eliminate the impact you are concerned about.
- If you do not like a perceived effect on your quality of life, propose a way to reduce or eliminate the effect on your quality of life.

For More Information

If you need more information about participating in PSC proceedings, or have questions about a specific docket, look at the PSC website, contact the docket coordinator, or call the PSC.

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