

Application Review Process



1 Applicant's Public Information Meetings
Public information meetings organized and sponsored by the applicant to obtain input prior to submitting a project application

2 Application Submission
An application is submitted to the PSC and reviewed for completeness. Copies of the application are distributed to all city, town, and village clerks in the project area, and to the public libraries in the affected counties.

3 PSCW Public Notification Letter
Letter notifies property owners, government officials, libraries, media, and other interested individuals that the review process is beginning.

4 PSCW Scoping Sessions in the Project Area
Attend any PSCW sessions held to obtain public input regarding the project and its environmental impacts.

5 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Prepared
Request a copy of the draft EIS or review it at local clerks' offices, public libraries, or from the PSC website.

6 Draft EIS Comment Period
Comment on the draft EIS during the 45-day comment period.

7 Final EIS Prepared
The PSCW completes a final EIS considering public comments and additional analyses. Request a copy or examine it at local clerks' offices, public libraries, or from the PSC website.

Technical Hearings

PSCW staff and other parties provide testimony and exhibits. The final EIS is submitted. The testimony presented becomes part of the record used by the Commission in making its decision.

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Public Hearings

A public hearing is held in the project area. Participate and give on-line, oral, or written testimony. The testimony presented becomes part of the record used by the Commission in making its decision.

9 Public Service Commission Decision
The Commission makes a final decision to approve, modify, or deny the project. Commission meetings are open to the public for observation.

Public Service Commission Issues an Order*

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The Commission's decision is described in a written order to the applicant.
** The applicant must obtain federal and state permits prior to beginning construction of any project approved by the Commission.*