

Public Utility High Voltage Electric Transmission Lines in PA

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2. Applications of NextEra Energy Transmission Mid-Atlantic, Inc. (NEET MA) relating to the MidAtlantic Resiliency Link Project (MARL Project) (slides 13-16, 22)
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Disclaimers

1. Any opinions expressed by the presenter are the personal opinions of the presenter and do not represent the official opinion of the Consumer Advocate.
2. Information contained in this presentation should not be construed as legal advice.

About the Pennsylvania Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA)



PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF
CONSUMER ADVOCATE

OCA Background

- Independent state agency created by the General Assembly in 1976 to give the **everyday consumer** a voice in public utility regulation.
- Enabling statute is found at 71 P.S. §§ 309-1 thru 309-8.
- Purpose is to represent and advocate for the overall interests of consumers in public utility regulation **to keep utility service affordable, reliable, reasonable, and safe.**

OCA Appears Before

OCA represents and advocates for the interests of PA utility consumers before the following bodies:



Public Utility Commission (PUC)



Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)



PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM)



State and Federal Courts

OCA is a Team of Advocates

Professional Attorneys and
Paralegals

Subject Matter Experts

OCA Team of
Advocates



Call Center Professionals
and Administrative
Professionals

Leadership

OCA Leadership: The Consumer Advocate



- The Consumer Advocate is appointed by the Attorney General to lead the agency, subject to confirmation by the PA Senate.
- Darryl Lawrence currently serves as the Consumer Advocate of Pennsylvania.
- Attorney General Dave Sunday nominated Darryl Lawrence in February 2025, and the Pennsylvania Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination in June 2025.

The Consumer Advocate's Core Responsibilities

- Represent the interests of utility consumers as a party before the PUC in any matter properly before the PUC and before any court or agency.
- Monitor and formally participate in all cases before the FERC, which impact the interest of Pennsylvania utility consumers.
- Determine the interests of consumers and if and how to advocate for those interests in any proceeding.
- In determining if and how to advocate, must consider the public interest, the resources available, and the substantiality of the effect of the proceeding on the interest of consumers.



electric



water/sewer



telephone



natural gas

About the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC)



PUC Background



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Chairman



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Vice Chair



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Commissioner



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Commissioner

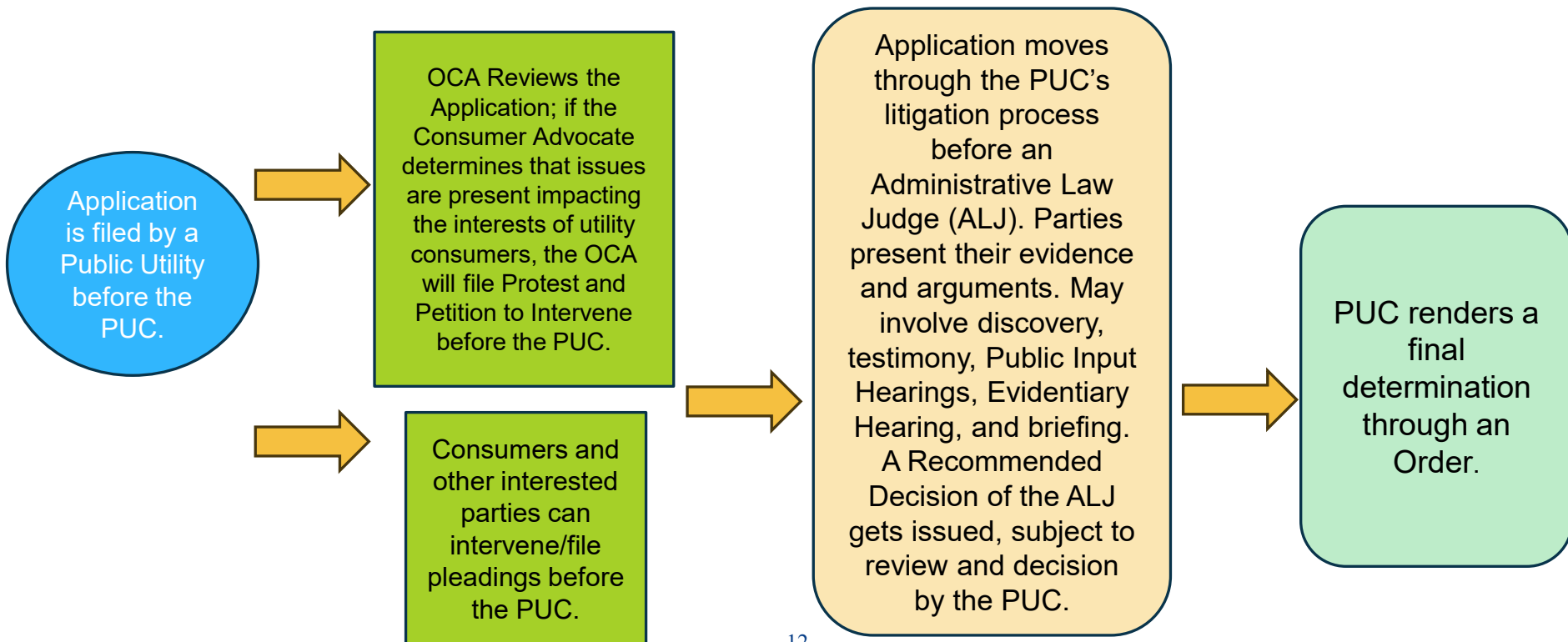
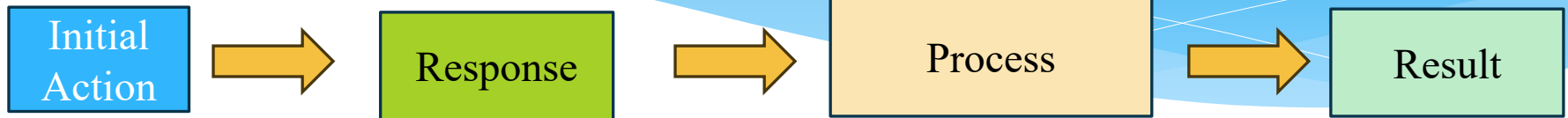


Ralph V. Yanora
Commissioner

Five PUC Commissioners as of 3/24/26

- PUC oversees and regulates public utilities.
- PUC provides due process for interested parties who are concerned with and challenging a public utility's filing.
- PUC is comprised of five commissioners appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Pennsylvania Senate, for five-year terms.

PUC is the Adjudicator while the OCA is an Advocate



Applications of NextEra Energy
Transmission Mid-Atlantic, Inc.
(NEET MA)
relating to the
MidAtlantic Resiliency Link Project
(MARL Project)



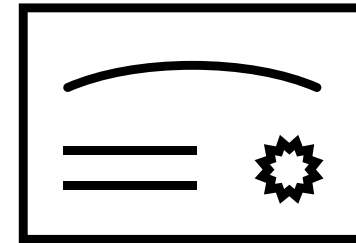
NEET MA's Applications Before the PUC

NEET MA filed two Applications relating to the MARL Project before the PUC:

Separate but
related
Applications

1. CPC Application

PUC Docket No. A-2026-3060921



2. Siting Application

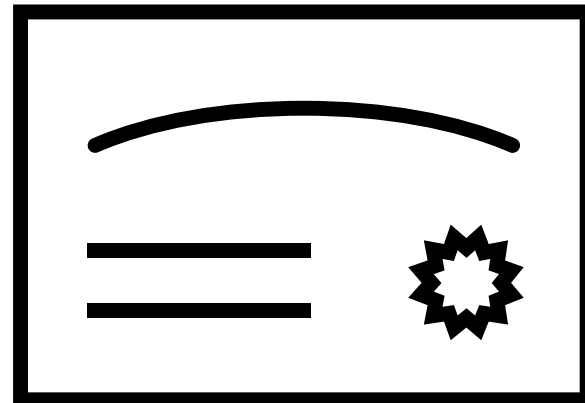
PUC Docket No. A-2026-3060856



NEET MA's Public Utility or CPC Application

- Requests PUC to grant Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) authority so that NextEra may begin Service as a Public Utility within (A-docket):
 - Greene County, and
 - Fayette County
- Requests PUC approval of certain affiliated interest agreements permitting NEET MA to receive support and construction services from its affiliates (G-dockets).
- Key Dates:
 - Filed: 3/3/26
 - *PA Bulletin* Publication date: 3/21/26
 - **Protest/Petitions to Intervene due: 5/1/26**

PUC Docket Nos.
A-2026-3060921
G-2026-3060941
G-2026-3060942



NEET MA's Siting Application

PUC Docket No.
A-2026-3060856



- Requests PUC authorization to site a 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (aka public utility facilities) associated with the MARL Project in:
 - Dunkard Township, Greene County and
 - Springhill Township, Fayette County
- Key dates:
 - Application Filed: 3/3/26
 - *PA Bulletin* Publication date: 3/21/26
 - **Protest/Petitions to Intervene due: 5/1/26**

Underlining Basis for Both Applications:

PJM's Decisions



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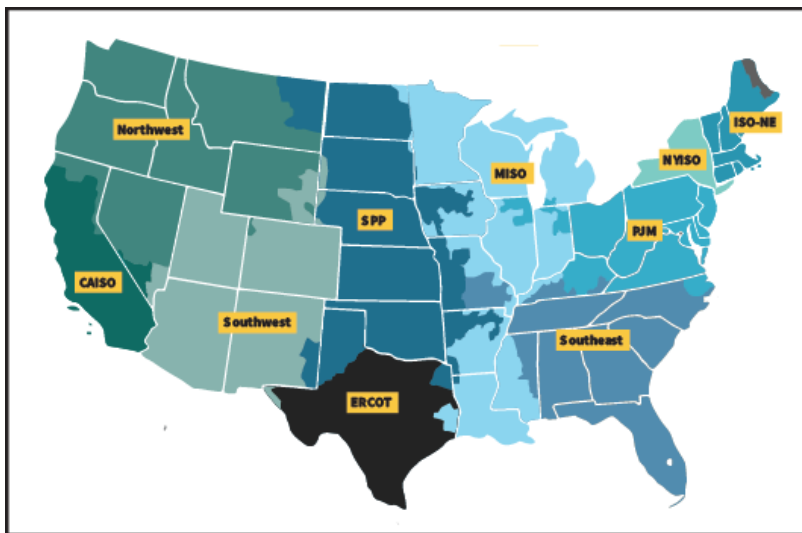


To address these reliability violations, PJM sought competitive proposals from transmission owners.



PJM's Board of Managers approved multiple transmission projects and improvements, including but not limited to the MARL Project.

What is PJM?



- PJM is a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) that is overseen by FERC.
- Areas served: 13 states + D.C. (including PA)
- People served: 67+ million
- As an RTO, PJM operates a competitive wholesale electricity market and manages the reliability of the interstate transmission grid.
- Referred to as the air traffic controller of the regional power grid that coordinates the movement of wholesale electricity across the 13 states + D.C.
- PJM does not own the transmission lines or generation power plants that it directs.

PJM RTEP

- PJM conducts the Regional Transmission Expansion Planning Process (RTEP) on an on-going basis to identify reliability needs for the Bulk Electric System and areas of transmission system constraint that are increasing wholesale market prices.
- The RTEP process results in projects that are submitted to the PJM Board of Managers for approval to be included in the Regional Transmission Expansion Plan.
- PJM is responsible for ensuring the reliability and security of the Bulk Electric System.



To Recap: the Underlining Basis for Both Applications is

PJM's Reliability Need Determination and Project Selection



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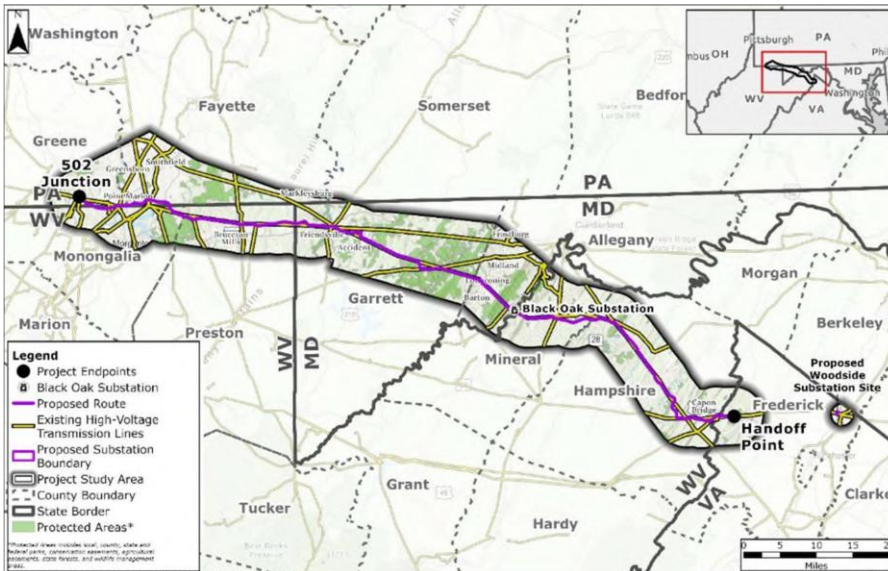


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The MARL Project



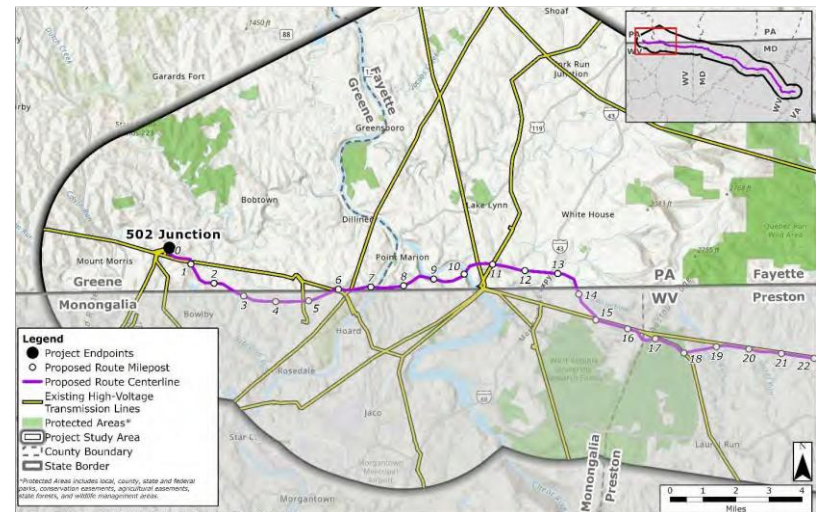
- The MARL Project involves the construction of a new 107.5-mile, bidirectional, 500kV transmission line.
- It traverses across Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Virginia.

Routes and Rights of Way for the 500 kV Transmission Line

- In its Siting Application, NEET MA has proposed a preferred route and alternative routes for the PA portions of the transmission line.
- NEET MA is proposing to construct this line using new rights of way, including, where possible, new right of way that parallels and abuts existing right of way.

PA Portions of the MARL Project = Approx. 10.7 miles

- The 500 kV transmission line will extend about **10.7 miles** in total within Pennsylvania borders.
- Starting from the existing 502 Junction Substation in Dunkard Township, Greene County, then extending for approximately **2.7 miles** to the West Virginia border,
- Then extending through West Virginia for 3.1 miles,
- Then re-entering Pennsylvania in Greene County,
- Then traversing through Greene and Fayette Counties for **8.0 miles** and proceeding back into West Virginia.



PA Portions of the MARL Project

- Will require the installation of approximately 44 structures with an average height of 145 feet.
 - Taller structures may be used in certain locations to maintain appropriate clearances for certain structures and existing utility facilities.
 - The spans between the structures will be approximately 1,258 feet.
- Will largely consist of steel lattice towers. In certain areas, steel monopoles may be used to better accommodate topographical construction, or land use constraints.
- Will be a single-circuit 500 kV transmission line.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



FAQs

Question 1: I am a landowner along one of the routes named in the Application (i.e., the proposed route or an alternative route). Can I get involved in these Applications?

Answer:

- Yes. You can decide to get involved either as a party or a non-party. We will discuss these options in more detail later in the presentation.

FAQs

Question 2: I am a renter along one of the routes named in the Application (i.e., the proposed route or an alternative route). Can I get involved in these Applications?

Answer:

- Yes. You can decide to get involved either as a party or a non-party. We will discuss these options in more detail later in the presentation.
- Even though a renter does not own the property, a tenancy is a substantial property interest under Pennsylvania law, and there are special protections for tenants in eminent domain proceeding, which indicate that a tenant should be able to intervene or file a protest. *See Amoco Oil Co. v. Commonwealth*, 629 A.2d 259, 261-62 (Pa. Cmwlth. 1993).

FAQs

Question 3: I am a property owner along one of the “alternative routes” identified in the Siting Application. I did not receive certified mail notice from the Applicant. Am I required to receive certified mail notice under the PUC’s regulations?

Answer:

- The PUC’s regulations do not require the Applicant to provide certified mail notice of its Siting Application to landowners along the alternative routes. See PUC Regulations at 52 Pa. Code §§ 52 Pa. Code 57.74(c)(1)(iv), 52.72(c)(4) and the PUC’s 1978 Rulemaking Order at 1978 Pa. PUC LEXIS 203, *16-17.
- While the PUC does not require the Applicant to provide certified mail notice to landowners along the alternative routes, the PUC was required to publish, and has published, notice of both Applications in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on March 21, 2026.

Question 4: If the PUC approves an alternative route, what happens to landowners along that alternative route who were not originally notified by certified mail and therefore may not have intervened by the 5/1/26 deadline? Would those landowners still have an opportunity to intervene?

Answer:

- Importantly, if, in the PUC's final order, the PUC decides to approve an alternative route for the transmission line, the PUC may treat its decision as binding on the landowners along the alternative route even though the landowners did not receive certified mail notice of the Siting Application. The PUC may, alternatively, order the utility to amend its application regarding the route, provide notice to landowners affected by the newly proposed route, and conduct limited hearings regarding that route prior to issuing an order which approves the siting application, including the newly proposed route. See PUC Regulations at 52 Pa. Code §§ 52 Pa. Code 57.74(c)(1)(iv), 52.72(c)(4) and the PUC's 1978 Rulemaking Order at 1978 Pa. PUC LEXIS 203, *16-17.
- After the PUC enters a final order, if it decides to approve a route – whether it is the Applicant's proposed/primary route or one of the alternative routes – at that point:
 - there will be no more opportunities to get involved in the Applications before the PUC if you have not already intervened or filed a protest and been granted party status by the ALJ.
 - the PUC's decisions in the final order can be challenged by appealing the PUC's final order to the Commonwealth Court. However, only parties that participated in the proceedings before the PUC can appeal the PUC's final order.
- After the PUC's final order is entered, the next step will be that landowners along the PUC-approved route would receive a notice via certified mail regarding the Applicant's initiation of an eminent domain proceeding related to condemnation of their property, and there would be an additional opportunity to get involved in that proceeding, but the eminent domain proceeding will not affect the PUC's determination of the approved route for the transmission line.

FAQs

Question 5: Land agents have approached me to acquire rights of way on my property. What should I know?

Answer:

- You should know two things.
- First, in its CPC Application, NEET MA seeks the PUC's approval to become a certificated public utility. However, unless and until NEET MA becomes a certificated public utility, it does not have the power of eminent domain to obtain right of way for the MARL transmission line.
- Second, NEET MA's land agents must follow the Company's code of conduct. (See next slide.)

NEET MA's Code of Conduct for Its Land Agents



This Code of Conduct applies to all communications and interactions with stakeholders, property owners, tenants and occupants of the real property by all land services employees and sub-contractors representing NextEra Energy Transmission subsidiaries.¹

Such activities may include, but are not limited to, the performance of all negotiations for the acquisition of right-of-way, survey permitting, coordination and support activities, environmental and cultural assessments, geotechnical studies and all other activities conducted on real property not specifically owned by NextEra Energy Transmission subsidiaries. The only objective of these activities is to obtain voluntary agreements from all parties involved.

Communication

All communications and interactions with stakeholders, property owners, tenants and occupants must be factually correct and made in good faith.

- » Make truthful and accurate statements.
- » Provide the party with the relevant contact information in case further communication is needed.
- » Follow-up in a timely manner on all commitments to provide additional information.
- » Acknowledge when the answer to a question is unknown but assure the party that the question will be investigated and the correct information will be provided later.
- » Follow up promptly with the party to provide corrected information if the initial provided details are found to be incorrect.
- » Provide maps and documents to keep the party properly informed.
- » Represent the status of the project accurately by acknowledging its pending authorization from regulatory and permitting bodies.
- » Send written communication when an agreement has been reached to ensure accuracy.

Confidentiality

All communications and interaction with stakeholders, property owners, tenants and occupants of the property are to remain confidential.

- » Discuss business dealings only with the appropriate party.
- » Focus on professional topics and project-related discussions.

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- *See Siting Application, Exhibit SP-3, attached to NEET St. No. 8, Direct Testimony of Sarah Powers*
- Available at:
- <https://www.nexteraenergytransmission.com/content/dam/neet/us/en/pdf/neetmidatlantic/MC-SC-Land-Agent-Code-of-Conduct-Fact-Sheet-NEET-v2.pdf>

Your Options to Participate in the Application Proceedings Before the PUC



Your Options to Participate

A. Become a Party

or

B. Do Not Become a Party



A. File a protest or petition to intervene and become a party to the case



B1. Submit an informal written objection letter or comment (without becoming a party to the case)



B2. Testify at a Public Input Hearing (without becoming a party to the case)



B3. Request a Property Visit (or Site View) along the Route

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Things to Consider

- **To Become a Party:**
 - You must file a pleading by May 1, 2026 (either a protest or a petition to intervene)
 - NEET MA has the right to file objections to your pleading.
 - If NEET MA objects to your pleading, you have the right to file an answer, due within 10 days of the objection.
 - The ALJ will decide if you can become a party.

Things to Consider

- **If You Become a Party:**
 - You get “one bite at the apple.”
 - You can ***either*** testify orally at the Public Input Hearings ***or*** provide written testimony in accordance with the procedural schedule that is set by the ALJ. It is one or the other, not both.
 - You have rights and responsibilities.
 - You must:
 - Adhere to the ALJ’s procedural schedule.
 - Answer discovery propounded by another party.
 - Use the rules of discovery to seek information.
 - Serve documents on all parties.
 - Submit evidence (testimony) and arguments (briefs) in accordance with the ALJ’s instructions.

Party Options:

- File a Protest
- File a Petition to Intervene



Protest

Formal pleading that states your objections and concerns over the Application.

52 Pa. Code §§ 5.51-5.53

To have standing to protest, a person must have a direct, immediate, and substantial interest in the subject matter of a proceeding. See [William Penn Parking Garage, Inc. v. City of Pittsburgh, 346 A.2d 269 \(1974\)](#)

The PUC's website provides instructions for filing a Protest:
<https://www.puc.pa.gov/electricity/transmission-lines/>

Required contents of Protest:

- (a) *Form*. A protest to an application must:
- (1) Set out clearly and concisely the facts from which the alleged interest or right of the protestant can be determined.
 - (2) State the grounds of the protest.
 - (3) Set forth the facts establishing the protestant's standing to protest.

[52 Pa. Code Section 5.52\(a\)](#)

Must include signed verification, per [52 Pa. Code Section 1.36](#), and a certificate of service, per [52 Pa. Code Section 1.57\(a\)](#)

Subject to preliminary objections by Applicant, which may be answered. Subject to a ruling by ALJ dismissing the Protest.

Petition to Intervene

A request to become a party to the case by showing a direct interest in the case.

52 Pa. Code §§ 5.71-5.74

A person can intervene so long as they meet one of the three requirements:

- A right conferred by statute of U.S. or Commonwealth;
- an interest which may be directly affected and which is not adequately represented by existing participants, and as to which the petitioner may be bound by the action of the Commission in the proceeding;
- or another interest of such nature that participation of the petitioner may be in the public interest.

[52 Pa. Code Section 5.72](#)

Required contents of Petition to intervene:

- (a) Petitions to intervene must set out clearly and concisely the following:
- (1) The facts from which the alleged intervention right or interest of the petitioner can be determined.
 - (2) The grounds of the proposed intervention.
 - (3) The petitioner's position regarding the issues in the proceeding.

[52 Pa. Code Section 5.73\(a\)](#)

Must include signed verification, per [52 Pa. Code Section 1.36](#), and a certificate of service, per [52 Pa. Code Section 1.57\(a\)](#).

Subject to preliminary objections by Applicant, which may be answered. Subject to a ruling by the ALJ denying the Petition or limiting the intervenor's participation.

Things to Consider

- **If You File a Petition to Intervene vs. Protest:**
 - Where there are two or more intervenors having substantially like interests and positions, the PUC or ALJ may, in order to expedite the hearing, arrange appropriate limitations on the number of attorneys who will be permitted to cross-examine and make and argue motions and objections on behalf of the intervenors.
 - 52 Pa. Code 5.76(a)

Samples at <https://www.oca.pa.gov/marl/> Page 1 – Captions, Name, and Contact Info

SAMPLE PROTEST

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and Fayette County, Pennsylvania :

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MidAtlantic, Inc., for All of the Necessary :
Authority, Approvals, and Certificates of Public : Docket No. A-2026-3060921
Convenience (1) to Begin to Furnish and Supply :
Electric Transmission Service in Greene County :
and Fayette County, Pennsylvania; (2) for :
Certain Affiliated Interest Agreements; and (3) :
for any Other Approvals Necessary to Complete :
the Contemplated Transactions :

PROTEST

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission), pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.51, *et seq.*, [Print Name of Protestant] _____ hereby files this Protest to the above-captioned Application(s). In support of this Protest, [Print Name of Protestant] _____ avers as follows:

1. **Name and contact information of the Protestant.** [Provide name and address of Protestant.]

2. **Name and contact information of Protestant's attorney.** [Provide names and addresses of Petitioner's attorneys. If none, clearly state "No attorney representation."]

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PETITION TO INTERVENE

Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission), pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.71 through 5.74, [Print Name of Petitioner] _____ hereby files this Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned Application(s). In support thereof, [Print Name of Petitioner] _____ states as follows:

1. **Name and contact information of the Petitioner.** [Provide name and address of Petitioner.]

2. **Name and contact information of Petitioner's attorney.** [Provide names and addresses of Petitioner's attorneys. If none, clearly state "No attorney representation."]

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Samples at <https://www.oca.pa.gov/marl/> Page 2 – Required Contents

SAMPLE PROTEST

3. **Set out clearly and concisely the facts from which the alleged interest or right of the Protestant can be determined.** 52 Pa. Code § 5.52(a)(1).

[Explain why the utility's proposals affect you and/or your interests. For example, you may have an interest in this proceeding as a utility ratepayer, a landowner, a resident near the facilities, and/or a business owner.] _____

4. **State the grounds of the Protest.** 52 Pa. Code § 5.52(a)(2).

[Explain why you are filing this Protest. For example, you may be concerned with how the Company's proposals will impact utility rates, your property interests, your health and safety, and/or business interests.] _____

5. **Set forth the facts establishing the Protestant's standing to protest the Applications.** 52 Pa. Code § 5.52(a)(3). *[Explain how the Siting Application and/or CPC Application will affect you, personally, and/or your interests. For example, you may be concerned that the utility's proposals for the locations of the lines will increase your rates, harm your land or property value, pose an unreasonable danger to health or safety, and/or cause financial harm to your business. In this regard, the PUC must make the following findings relating to the transmission facilities: (1) that there is a need for it; (2) that it will not create an unreasonable risk of danger to the health and safety of the public; (3) That it is in compliance with applicable statutes and regulations providing for the protection of the natural resources of this Commonwealth; and (4) That it will have minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the electric power needs of the public, the state of available technology and the available alternatives. [52 Pa. Code Section 57.76\(a\)](#)]* _____

SAMPLE PETITION TO INTERVENE

3. **Set out clearly and concisely the facts from which the alleged intervention right or interest of the Petitioner can be determined.** 52 Pa. Code § 5.73(a)(1).

[Explain why the utility's proposals affect you and/or your interests. For example, you may have an interest in this proceeding as a utility ratepayer, a landowner, a resident near the facilities, and/or a business owner.] _____

4. **State the grounds of the proposed intervention.** 52 Pa. Code § 5.73(a)(2).

[Explain why you are filing this Petition to Intervene. For example, you may be concerned with how the Company's proposals will impact utility rates, your property interests, your health and safety, and/or business interests.] _____

5. **State Petitioner's position on the issues in the proceeding.** 52 Pa. Code § 5.73(a)(3). *[Explain Petitioner's position on the issues in the proceeding. In this regard, the PUC must make the following findings relating to the transmission facilities in order to approve the Siting Application: (1) that there is a need for it; (2) that it will not create an unreasonable risk of danger to the health and safety of the public; (3) That it is in compliance with applicable statutes and regulations providing for the protection of the natural resources of this Commonwealth; and (4) That it will have minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the electric power needs of the public, the state of available technology and the available alternatives. [52 Pa. Code Section 57.76\(a\)](#)]* _____

Protest Letter DATE: 1/23/18

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
PA Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street
Harrisburg, PA 17120

: Subchapter G, for Approval of the
: Siting and Construction of the
: 230 kV Transmission Line Associated
: with the Independence Energy
: Connection-East Project in Portions
: of York County, Pennsylvania:
:

Re: Application of Transource Pennsylvania,
LLC filed Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57 :

: Docket No. A-2017-2640195

PROTEST

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.51, *et. seq.* and 66 Pa. C.S. Sections 1101, *et. seq.*, [REDACTED] files this Protest to the Transource Filing Docket No. A-2017-2640195. In support of this Protest, [REDACTED] avers as follows:

1. The name and contact information of the Protestant is as follows: [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]
2. I am the owner of three farms consisting of approximately 320 acres over which this proposed line will pass in [REDACTED] County, Pennsylvania.
3. The grounds for my protest of this proposal:
 - a. Limit my options for future farming enterprise
 - b. Devalue property that I have owned for decades
 - c. Curtail my right to the natural, scenic, historic, and aesthetic value of the environment in which I move and inhabit on a daily basis
4. This directly affects me by reducing the value of my farms, limiting my ability to fully develop my farms and by impacting the natural, scenic, historic and aesthetic values of the environment in which I move and inhabit on a daily basis.

WHEREFORE, [REDACTED] respectfully requests the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to investigate the filing, and impose a condition that all other existing rights of way and infrastructure should be utilized before any new power line projects are approved, and the Commission should deny the Transource filing.

Respectfully submitted, [REDACTED]

Signed: [REDACTED]

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SAMPLE PROTEST

9. Signature and Date

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature of Protestant]

[Print Name of Protestant]

Dated: [Insert Month Day, Year] _____

SAMPLE PETITION TO INTERVENE

9. Signature and Date

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature of Petitioner]

[Print Name of Petitioner]

Dated: [Insert Month Day, Year] _____

Required Certificate of Service

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Application of NextEra Energy Transmission :
 MidAtlantic, Inc., for All of the Necessary :
 Authority, Approvals, and Certificates of Public : Docket No. A-2026-3060921
 Convenience (1) to Begin to Furnish and Supply :
 Electric Transmission Service in Greene County :
 and Fayette County, Pennsylvania; (2) for :
 Certain Affiliated Interest Agreements; and (3) :
 for any Other Approvals Necessary to Complete :
 the Contemplated Transactions :

I hereby certify that I have this day filed electronically on the Commission's electronic filing system and served a true copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene upon parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant), in the manner and upon the persons listed below.

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Businesses

- The Commission's regulations, 52 Pa. Code § 1.21, found [here](#), require that parties that are not individuals representing themselves in their individual capacity (i.e., appearing *pro se*) must be represented by an attorney.
- Failure to retain an attorney can result in dismissal of the protest or intervention.

PUC eFiling

- <https://efiling.puc.pa.gov/>
- <https://efiling.puc.pa.gov/Faq>
- <https://efiling.puc.pa.gov/Accounts/Create?accountType=I>

Non-Party Options:

- Informal Objection Letter
- Submit Request to PUC for Public Input Hearings and Site Visits
- Testify at a Public Input Hearing



Informal Objection Letters

- Informal Objection Letters and Comments can be filed. You will not become a party to the case.
- Submit the letter by mailing it to the Commission or by submitting a letter via efilng, indicating the docket numbers, A-2026-3060921 (CPC Application) and A-2026-3060856 (Siting Application)
- If mailed to the PUC, send to the following address:
Matthew Homsher, Secretary
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Requests to be Heard and Seen

- You can make written requests for Public Input Hearings and/or Site Visits along the proposed route or alternative route. You will not become a party to the case.
- Submit the letter by mailing it to the PUC or by submitting a letter via efiling, indicating the docket numbers, A-2026-3060921 (CPC Application) and A-2026-3060856 (Siting Application)
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Public Input Hearings

- PUC will set the date, times, locations of Public Input Hearings in a published notice.
- In-person and virtual options.
- OCA will request that PIHs be scheduled in these cases.



Public Input Hearings Options



- You can choose to either:
 - testify under oath, or
 - make an unsworn statement.
- Members of the public can simply sit in and listen too.

Public Input Hearings: Sworn Testimony



- If you testify under oath:
 - The ALJ will call you and administer the oath (swear you in).
 - You will start your oral testimony.
 - After you conclude your oral testimony, lawyers for the parties and the ALJ can object to or ask you questions about your testimony.
 - Your testimony will be transcribed by the court reporter and will become part of the evidentiary record.
 - Parties in the case can rely on your testimony to support their position and arguments in the case.

Public Input Hearings: Unsworn Statement

- If you make an unsworn statement:
 - The ALJ will call you to speak but not swear you in.
 - You will begin your statement.
 - After you conclude your statement, lawyers for the parties cannot ask you questions.
 - Your statement will not be made part of the evidentiary record.
 - Parties in the case cannot rely on your testimony to support their position and arguments in the case.



Public Input Hearings: Issues Raised in Testimony

- Individuals can object to the Company's proposals for any relevant reasons.
- In past cases, public witnesses have raised such issues as:
 - The cost & need for the project
 - Safety & health concerns
 - Effects on the environment & the community
 - Effects on your individual property

Public Input Hearings: Members of the Press



- Members of the press, including TV and newspaper reporters, can attend.
- Is there any limitation?
 - Yes. The ALJs can impose limits.
 - Individual rights to control information about oneself or dissemination of one's image is also important.
 - If a person objects to being photographed, videotaped or recorded by a reporter, the ALJ may instruct the reporter to turn off equipment during that person's testimony.

Property Visits (Site Views)

- You can request property visits or site views along the proposed route.
- Treated similarly to requests for Public Input Hearings.
- It is the ALJ's/PUC's decision to schedule Property Visits/Site Views, if substantial public interest has been shown.

Property Visits (Site Views)

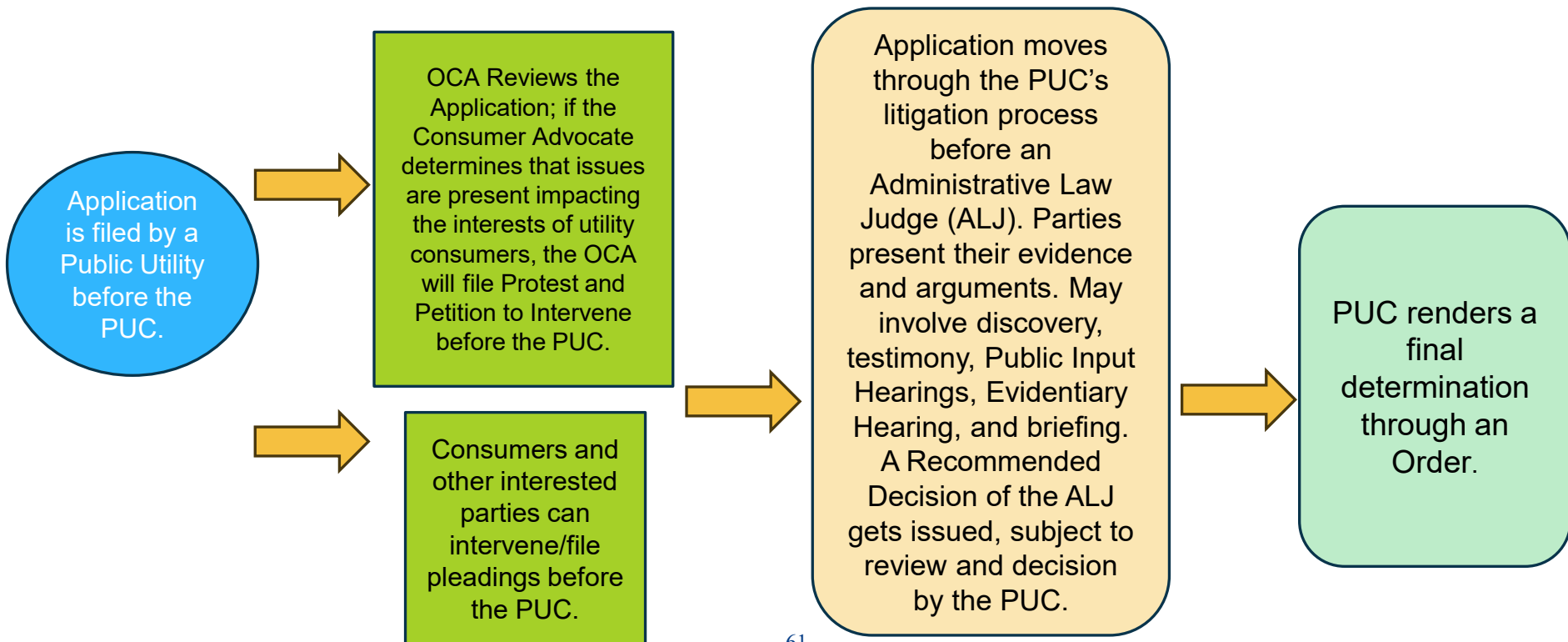
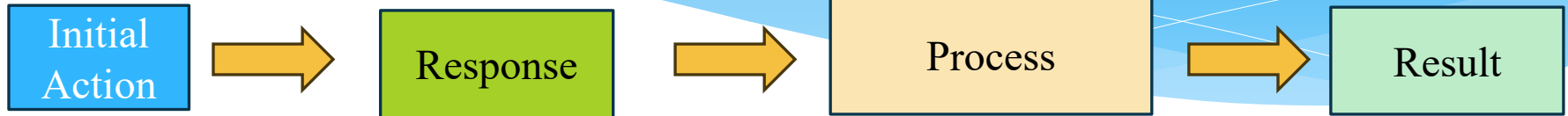
- **What to expect:**

- Property visits provide an opportunity for the ALJs, attorneys and other interested parties to visit a specific location, generally an affected landowner's property, to conduct an on-site hearing to view the property and hear the specific concerns relating to the potential effect of the proposed project on the location.
- In addition to the ALJs, a PUC photographer will be present to take photographs at appropriate sites, and those photographs will be admitted into the official record and available to the parties for reference in this proceeding.
- The ALJs and photographer will determine which photographs are appropriate although deference will be given to request of the property owners or representatives who must be present during the view or it will be skipped and not subject to rescheduling.
- A court reporter will be present to record the viewing and any comments made will be on the record. ALJs and counsel present may ask questions regarding features of the property or site.
- Documents/exhibits typically will not be accepted from the property owners during the site views.

If you decide to become a Party to the Application proceedings, Overview of the PUC Process



PUC Process



PUC Process



Relevant Statutes and Regulations



CPC Application to become a Public Utility

- **Statute:**
 - Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. §§ 1101-1103
 - Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 102, definition of “public utility” and interpretive PUC orders and case law
- To grant CPC authority to an applicant, the PUC:
 - must “ find or determine that the granting of such certificate is necessary or proper for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public.”
 - may impose “just and reasonable” condition.
- There is no legal deadline for the PUC to review and issue a final order on the proposed Siting Application.

Siting Application for the Proposed Transmission Line

- **Statute:**

- Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. § 1501, “adequate, efficient, safe, and reasonable service and facilities” and “in conformity with the regulations” of the PUC

- **PUC Regulations:**

- 52 Pa. Code §§ 57.71 – 57.77
 - <https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/052/chapter57/subchapGtoc.html&d=reduce>
 - The Siting Application must be served on all of those owning property within the proposed ROW, the governing body for planning in each township, borough or city where the line is to be located, and on several state agencies.
 - There is no legal deadline for the PUC to review and issue a final order on the proposed Siting Application.
- 52 Pa. Code §§ 69.3101-69.3107
 - <https://www.pacodeandbulletin.gov/Display/pacode?file=/secure/pacode/data/052/chapter69/chap69toc.html&d=>

Siting Application

- **PUC Regulation: 52 Pa. Code § 57.76(a)**
- PUC will issue its order and can either grant or deny the Application, in whole or in part, as filed or upon the terms, conditions or modifications, of the location, construction, operation or maintenance of the line as the PUC may deem appropriate.
- In order to approve the Siting Application for the proposed high-voltage line, the PUC must find:
 - That there is a need for it;
 - That it will not create an unreasonable risk of danger to the health and safety of the public;
 - That it is in compliance with applicable statutes and regulations providing for the protection of the natural resources of this Commonwealth; and
 - That it will have minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the electric power needs of the public, the state of available technology and the available alternatives.

Eminent Domain CPC Application

- Statute: 15 Pa. C.S. §1511(a)(3)
 - Before a public utility may exercise its power of eminent domain, it must first seek and obtain a certificate of public convenience (CPC) for approval from the PUC.
- 52 Pa. Code § 57.75(i). The Applicant is entitled to consolidate the eminent domain application with the Siting Application.
- NEET MA has not submitted an eminent domain CPC Application at this time.

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