



NRPC ENERGY FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Established:

There is hereby established a temporary, Energy Facilities Advisory Committee (EFAC).

Membership:

Membership of the EFAC shall consist of a maximum of 13 members: one representative from each of the Commission's member municipalities including a chairman.

The representatives shall be appointed by their respective governing bodies. In the absence of a new appointment from a governing body, the Executive Committee will appoint an NRPC Commissioner to represent that community's interests.

Members should be able to fully participate in committee meetings, and are expected facilitate the flow of information and ideas between the committee and their respective communities.

Charge of Committee:

To conduct fact findings regarding the impacts of construction and operation of energy facilities in the region will have on local land use, economy, and employment, and the effects on the orderly development of the region; and to report findings and recommendations to the full NRPC Commission. Energy facilities could include proposed construction or retirement of natural gas facilities such as pipelines, electrical facilities such as transmission lines, or other energy facilities including but not limited to wind, solar, hydro, or geothermal renewable sources.

Duties:

The duties of the EFAC shall include the following:

1. Identify the issues related to energy facilities impacts and benefits to local land use, environment and economic development.
2. Obtain information through in-person meetings, reports or other sources, from industry, citizen groups, and appropriate government agencies.
3. Analyze the information with respect to consistency with the Regional Plan.
4. Provide a progress report to the Full Commission at its March 18, 2015 meeting.
5. Provide a compilation of the information collected, with an executive summary of the analysis.
6. Develop a white paper of findings that analyzes the impacts of the energy facilities on the orderly development of the region, including the impacts the project will have on local land use, economy and employment that includes recommendations or next steps for consideration by the Full Commission.

Timeline:

The EFAC will meet between February and June of 2015 and report progress at the June 17, 2015 Full Commission meeting. The Executive Committee will conduct a special Full Commission meeting if action is needed prior to June 2015.

Meetings:

The EFAC shall meet as often as necessary to fulfill their duties. Meetings will be posted per NRPC public meeting protocol under RSA 91:A. The proceedings of the subcommittee are open to the public.

Quorum:

A quorum for committee action shall be a majority of its members. The Committees shall take action by vote of a simple majority.