

Section 2.5 – Electrical Transmission Facilities

WAC 463-60-160

Proposal – Electrical transmission facilities.

- (1) Prior to submitting an application for site certification for an electric transmission facility under RCW 80.50.060(3) an applicant shall follow the procedure as set in Chapter 463-61 WAC.*
- (2) An application for an electric transmission facility shall include the information required by this chapter unless the requirement may not be applicable to such a facility.*
- (3) An application for an electrical transmission facility shall include the results of any preapplication negotiations including any agreements between the applicant and cities, towns, or counties where the electrical transmission facility is proposed to be located.*

(Statutory Authority: Chapter 80.50 RCW and RCW 80.50.040. 09-05-067, § 463-60-160, filed 2/13/09, effective 3/16/09.)

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RCW 80.50.060(3) reads as follows:

(3)(a) The provisions of this chapter apply to the construction, reconstruction, or modification of electrical transmission facilities when:

(i) The facilities are located in a national interest electric transmission corridor as specified in RCW 80.50.045;

(ii) An applicant chooses to receive certification under this chapter, and the facilities are: (A) Of a nominal voltage of at least one hundred fifteen thousand volts and are located in a completely new corridor, except for the terminus of the new facility or interconnection of the new facility with the existing grid, and the corridor is not otherwise used for electrical transmission facilities; and (B) located in more than one jurisdiction that has promulgated land use plans or zoning ordinances; or

(iii) An applicant chooses to receive certification under this chapter, and the facilities are: (A) Of a nominal voltage in excess of one hundred fifteen thousand volts; and (B) located outside an electrical transmission corridor identified in (a)(i) and (ii) of this subsection (3).

(b) For the purposes of this subsection, "modify" means a significant change to an electrical transmission facility and does not include the following: (i) Minor improvements such as the replacement of existing transmission line facilities or supporting structures with equivalent facilities or structures; (ii) the relocation of existing electrical transmission line facilities; (iii) the conversion of existing overhead lines to underground; or (iv) the placing of new or additional conductors, supporting structures, insulators, or their accessories on or replacement of supporting structures already built.

The Facility will not generate or transmit electricity, pursuant to WAC 463-60-115, nor will it construct transmission facilities as defined under RCW 80.50.060(3). The Applicant requests a waiver of the application requirements of WAC 463-60-160.