



An Overview of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Participation

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Today's Goals

- Office of Public Participation's (OPP) mission and resources
- Overview of FERC jurisdiction
- Identify public participation opportunities at FERC



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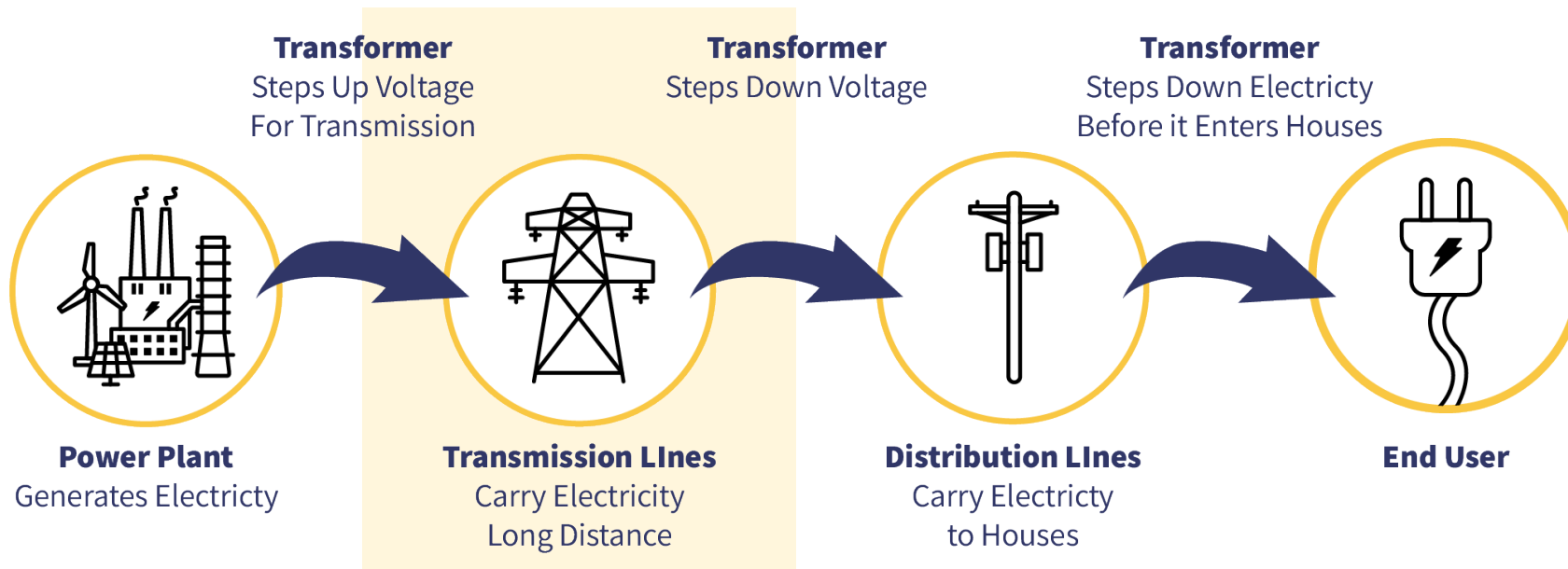
- Established by Statute
 - Section 319 of the Federal Power Act
- Mission: empower, promote and support public voices in FERC proceedings.
- Education
 - Explainers & Handouts
 - Videos
- Outreach
 - Provide additional support
 - Public speaking
- Assistance
 - Find cases and documents
 - Filing comments/interventions
 - Finding Service List

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FERC's Role in the Electricity Sector

- Regulates nation-wide **wholesale electricity markets**
 - Utilities purchase power from FERC-regulated markets and resell at retail
 - Domain over interstate lines (100 KV and higher) vs. distribution (state and local authority)
- Ensures **reliability** of the grid to prevent power outages and other disruptions



What Does FERC Regulate?



- Wholesale Energy Markets and Rates
- Electric Transmission
- Natural Gas Pipelines
- Liquefied Natural Gas Export/Import
- Oil Pipeline (rates only)
- Hydroelectric Projects



What Does FERC ^{not} Regulate?

With limited exceptions:

- Retail gas or electricity sales
- Distribution grids
- Where and what type of generation gets built
- Where transmission gets built (but see Order 1977)
- And more.....





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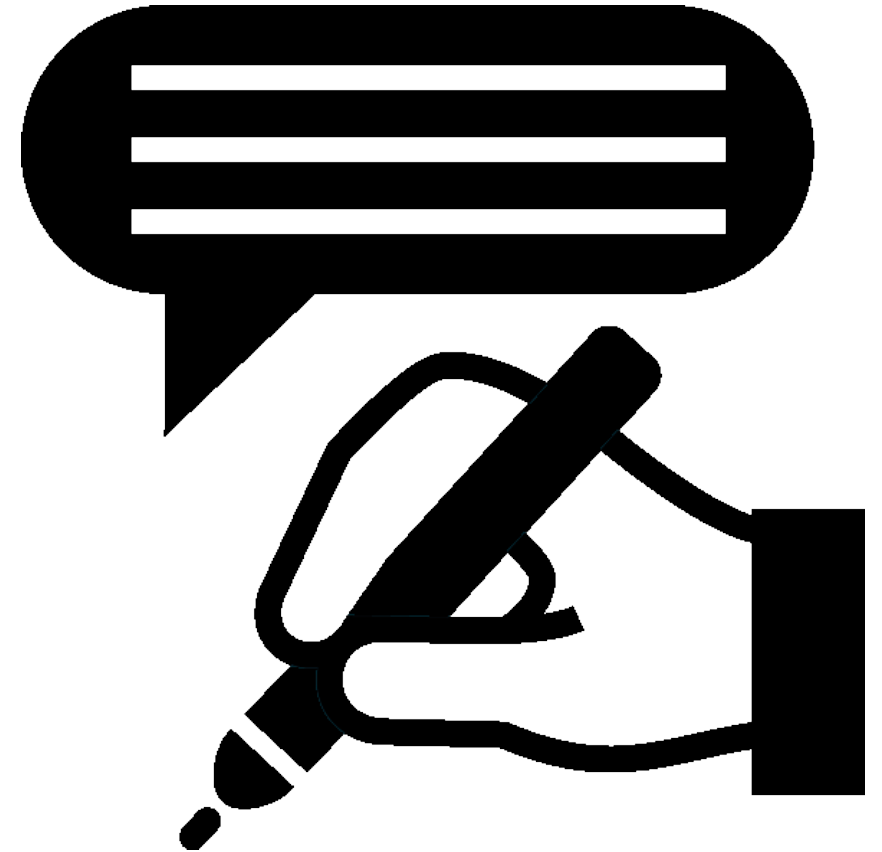
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How to Participate at FERC

- Filing Comments
- Filing Interventions
- eSubscription to proceedings of interest
- Attending community meetings (scoping and open houses)
- Using FERC resources
 - eLibrary
 - FERC Online (eComment, eFiling, eSubscription)
- OPP also provides guidance for participation at the RTO/ISO level



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