

**TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 125 of 2021**

**460.592 Definitions.**

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Affiliated transmission company" means that term as defined in section 2 of the electric transmission line certification act, 1995 PA 30, MCL 460.562.

(b) "Commission" means the Michigan public service commission.

(c) "Cooperative electric utility" means either of the following:

(i) An electric cooperative organized as a cooperative corporation under sections 98 to 109 of 1931 PA 327, MCL 450.98 to 450.109.

(ii) A cooperative corporation in the business of generating or transmitting electricity.

(d) "Electric utility" means any of the following:

(i) An electric utility as that term is defined in section 10h of 1939 PA 3, MCL 460.10h.

(ii) A municipal electric utility system as that term is defined in section 4 of the Michigan energy employment act of 1976, 1976 PA 448, MCL 460.804.

(iii) A cooperative electric utility.

(iv) A joint agency acting on its own behalf or on behalf of 1 or more of its member municipal electric utility systems.

(e) "High-voltage transmission line" means a line used to transmit electricity and all associated structures, equipment, facilities, and other personal property necessary to transfer electricity over the line at a system bulk supply voltage of 100 kilovolts or more.

(f) "Incumbent electric transmission company" means an electric utility, affiliated transmission company, or independent transmission company that owns a high-voltage transmission line in this state on or after the effective date of this act.

(g) "Independent transmission company" means that term as defined in section 2 of the electric transmission line certification act, 1995 PA 30, MCL 460.562.

(h) "Joint agency" means that term as defined in section 3 of the Michigan energy employment act of 1976, 1976 PA 448, MCL 460.803.

(i) "Recognized electric planning authority" means a person recognized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or the North American Electric Reliability Corporation as authorized under federal law to approve a high-voltage transmission line for construction by an incumbent electric transmission company, including, but not limited to, a regional transmission organization.

(j) "Regional transmission organization" means a person that meets all of the following:

(i) Possesses characteristics required under 18 CFR 35.34(j).

(ii) Performs functions required under 18 CFR 35.34(k).

(iii) Accommodates an open architecture as required under 18 CFR 35.34(l).

(iv) Is recognized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as the organization with oversight responsibility for a region that includes the service territory of an incumbent electric transmission company.

(k) "Regionally cost-shared transmission line" means a high-voltage transmission line that is eligible for regional cost sharing and is not subject to a right of first refusal in accordance with the tariff of a recognized electric planning authority.

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