

**MICHIGAN ENERGY EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1976 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 448 of 1976**

**460.821 Joint venture agreement; undivided interest in project; determination of future power requirements.**

Sec. 21. (1) A governmental unit may join in a joint venture agreement to plan, finance, develop, construct, reconstruct, acquire, improve, enlarge, better, own, operate, or maintain an undivided interest in a project situated within or without the state with 1 or more municipalities, joint agencies, or power utilities; and make plans and enter into contracts in connection with that project, not inconsistent with this act, as are necessary or appropriate.

(2) Before entering a joint venture agreement, the governing body of a municipality shall determine the needs of the municipality for power and energy based on engineering studies and reports. In determining the future power requirements of a municipality, the following shall be considered:

(a) The economies and efficiencies to be achieved in constructing on a large scale facilities for the generation and transmission of electric power and energy.

(b) The municipality's need for reserve and peaking capacity, and to meet obligations under pooling and reserve sharing agreements reasonably related to its needs for power and energy to which it is or may become a party.

(c) The estimated useful life of the project.

(d) The estimated time necessary for the planning, development, acquisition, or construction of the project, and the length of time required in advance to obtain, acquire, or construct additional power supply.

(e) The reliability and availability of existing or alternative power supply sources, and the cost of those existing or alternative power supply sources.

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