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HB 2002: power plants; transmission lines; definition

Sponsor: Representative Griffin, LD 19

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Overview

Modifies the definition of *transmission line* to exclude substations and switchyards.

History

To build a transmission line, a utility is required to apply for and obtain a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (Certificate) from the ACC and the Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (Committee) established by [Laws 1971, Chapter 67](#).

The Committee reviews the application, conducts hearings, takes testimony from affected parties and evaluates evidence to determine if specified factors related to technical feasibility and environmental impact are met. If an application is approved by the Committee, the Certificate is forwarded to the ACC for review and final approval (A.R.S. §§ [40-360.03](#), [40-360.04](#), [40-360.06](#), [40-360.07](#)).

Under current law, a transmission line is subject to the review and approval process if it consists of: 1) five or more new structures that span more than one mile in length as measured from the first structure outside of the substation; 2) a switchyard or generating site to which the line connects to the fifth structure; and 3) aboveground structures that support conductors transmitting electricity at a nominal voltage of 150,000 volts or more. The current definition of *transmission line* excludes structures located on the substation, switchyard or generating site to which the line connects ([A.R.S. § 40-360](#)).

Provisions

1. Modifies the definition of *transmission line* to exclude substations and switchyards.
2. Makes a technical change.

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