

**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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