



The Iowa Utilities Commission and Nuclear Regulation

Iowa Utilities Commission Key Roles

- The IUC primarily regulates the rates, safety, and service of utility companies.
- The IUC is also charged with issuing permits for various types of energy infrastructure projects under Iowa law.
- Decisions are based on evidence presented and on the law.
- IUC actions may be reviewed by the courts.

IUC and Nuclear Jurisdiction

How would the IUC be involved in the regulation of nuclear generation in Iowa?

- Infrastructure permitting
 - Generator Certificate
 - Transmission Franchise
- Ratemaking (for investment by investor-owned utilities)
 - Advance Ratemaking
 - General Rate Case

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Appendix

Generator Certificate Process Overview

- Governed by Iowa Code Chapter 476A
- A certificate is a grant of authority issued by the IUC.
- A certificate is defined as a certificate of public convenience, use and necessity.
- An informational meeting is required by IUC rules at 199 Iowa Administrative Code 24.7.

Certificate Process Overview

- If a hearing is required, the IUC will set a procedural schedule and a hearing date.
- Landowners who support or object to the project should file statements, testimony, evidence, and/or any other material that supports their position.
- Any person having an interest in the proceeding may file with the IUC a petition to intervene, which the IUC may grant at its discretion.

Post-Hearing Procedures

- After the hearing, the IUC will review the evidence and issue an order determining whether the company has met the statutory requirements established in Iowa Code chapter 476A.
- If the company has met the requirements, the IUC will issue a certificate, which would allow the company to begin to construct the facility.

476A Decision Criteria

476A.6 Decision — criteria.

The commission shall render a decision on the application in an expeditious manner. A certificate shall be issued to the applicant if the commission finds all of the following:

1. The services and operations resulting from the construction of the facility are consistent with legislative intent as expressed in [section 476.53](#) and the economic development policy of the state as expressed in [Title I, subtitle 5](#), and will not be detrimental to the provision of adequate and reliable electric service.
2. The applicant is willing to construct, maintain, and operate the facility pursuant to the provisions of the certificate and [this subchapter](#).
3. The construction, maintenance, and operation of the facility will be consistent with reasonable land use and environmental policies and consonant with reasonable utilization of air, land, and water resources, considering available technology and the economics of available alternatives.

[C77, 79, 81, §476A.6]

[83 Acts, ch 127, §39](#); [90 Acts, ch 1252, §43 – 46](#); [2001 Acts, 1st Ex, ch 4, §14, 35, 36](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1170, §369](#)

Referred to in [§476A.1](#)