

Agency 74 - Nebraska Power Review Board

Statutory Authority:

The Nebraska Power Review Board is a statutorily created Board responsible for the regulation of electrical power suppliers operating in the State of Nebraska. The Board's primary authority and duties are set out in Chapter 70, Article 10.

Vision Statement:

The vision of the Nebraska Power Review Board is to ensure that the residents of the State of Nebraska receive adequate, reliable electric service at the lowest overall cost possible. This will be accomplished by effective and fair implementation and enforcement of Nebraska's laws and regulations pertaining to electric power, by representing Nebraska's interests before national forums when the input of a Nebraska electric regulatory agency is requested or needed, and to provide the Governor, Legislature and citizens of Nebraska with adequate information upon which to make informed decisions concerning whether retail competition would be beneficial for Nebraska's citizens.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Power Review Board is to regulate Nebraska's electric industry to ensure that Nebraska's citizens receive adequate, reliable electric service at the lowest overall cost possible using sound business practices, to eliminate conflict and competition between Nebraska's power suppliers, to avoid and eliminate duplication of facilities and resources among those power suppliers, to facilitate the settlement of rate disputes and service area disputes between power suppliers, and to issue an annual report to the Governor and Legislature which monitors the conditions in the electric industry that indicate whether retail competition would be beneficial for the citizens of Nebraska. The Board also strives to facilitate resolution of conflicts among power suppliers, and between power suppliers and customers. When resolution is not possible, the Board will conduct hearings.

Goals:

- 1) To properly enforce all provisions of Nebraska statutes pertaining to the electrical industry in the State of Nebraska.
- 2) Work with the Nebraska power suppliers to plan for future electrical supply and transmission needs for the citizens of the State of Nebraska.
- 3) Facilitate resolution of disputes among Nebraska's power suppliers.
- 4) Inform the citizens of the State of Nebraska of the laws and regulations governing Nebraska's power suppliers, and to assist them with resolving problems where possible.
- 5) To implement the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. section 70-1003(5) to (8) to ensure that the Governor, Legislature, and Nebraska's citizens receive adequate information concerning the conditions in the electric industry that indicate whether retail competition would benefit Nebraska's citizens.
- 6) To represent Nebraska's interests in discussions concerning changes in the electric industry, such as the formation of regional transmission organizations and deregulation.

Financial Data:

	Actual FY04	Approp FY05	Request FY06	Recom FY06	Request FY07	Recom FY07
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	234,159	342,015	348,710	348,403	352,749	356,351
Federal Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Agency	234,159	342,015	348,710	348,403	352,749	356,351

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Program Objectives:

The Power Review Board is a single-program agency. The Board's overall objective is the enforcement of Nebraska's laws concerning the electrical utility industry, the regulation of that industry in Nebraska, and working to ensure that Nebraska's citizens will receive adequate electricity with high reliability, at the lowest overall cost possible using sound business practices.

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Performance Measures:

Because the Power Review Board is primarily a regulatory and quasi-judicial body, the Board's performance is hard to measure in any objective or statistical terms. The Board works with Nebraska's electric power suppliers to assure the citizens of Nebraska an adequate and reliable supply of electricity at the lowest possible rates, and to avoid duplication and conflict and competition among Nebraska's consumer-owned power suppliers. To achieve this end, the Board will a) promptly and thoroughly review and act on all applications for construction of generation and transmission facilities, for amending public power district charters (also called "Petitions for Creation"), and to amend service area agreements; b) provide the Governor and Legislature with a thorough report on the conditions in the electric industry as required in 70-1003(6); c) work with power suppliers and customers to resolve disputes; d) when necessary, promote Nebraska's best interests in formal and informal forums discussing changes in the electric industry.