

**RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR JOINT DRBC-PADEP PUBLIC HEARING ON  
EXELON LIMERICK GENERATING STATION APPROVALS  
SUNNY BROOK BALLROOM, POTTSTOWN, PA, AUGUST 28, 2012, 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

The following rules are intended to help sustain the flow of the hearing, to allow as many people as possible to be heard, and to ensure that an accurate record of all comments is obtained. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and thank you for your participation in the hearing process.

**BEFORE THE HEARING: INFORMATIONAL MEETING AND REGISTRATION TO TESTIFY AT HEARING**

1. DRBC and PADEP staff will hold an information session from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. to inform the public about the draft approvals. Q & A will be included.
2. Registration to testify during the 6 p.m. public hearing will begin at approximately 4:30 p.m. at the hearing venue and will continue until the hearing is closed. There will be no advance registration or registration by phone other than for elected government officials.
3. Registration and order of speakers will be on a **first come, first served** basis. Attendees who wish to testify are asked to form an orderly line outside the ballroom and to file in when the doors open at 4:30 p.m. (1.5 hours before the 6 p.m. public hearing) for speaker registration.
4. Those in line who wish to testify will be handed a pre-numbered comment card, to be completed legibly. Please do NOT separate the parts of the comment card – keep together as one piece.
5. The cards may start at a number higher than #1, because elected government officials are given the opportunity to testify first if they have registered in advance with DRBC by calling Paula Schmitt at (609) 883-9500 x224.
6. Written comments will also be accepted at the hearing. Comments may be left in a designated place at the registration table or may be handed to the DRBC or PADEP staff member assisting commenters "on deck" in the front of the ballroom. Please be sure written comments include the name, address, and affiliation (if any) of the commenter.

**HEARING PROCEDURES**

1. The hearing will open with brief remarks from the hearing officer and brief presentations by staff on the draft approvals. PADEP and DRBC will not respond to comments or conduct any other business during the hearing portion of the evening.
2. Speakers will be called in order BY NUMBER. As many as 10 speakers at a time will be called to the front of the ballroom/ microphone area, in order to avoid an extended delay between speakers. Designated seats will be placed near the microphone for those who need to sit while waiting their turn. A staff member will be appointed to assist those waiting "on deck." Each speaker will hand the staff member his or her completed comment card. When one speaker has finished, the hearing officer or staff member will call or motion the next speaker to the microphone.

3. Once each commenter has testified, he or she may return to his or her seat in the audience. When a few commenters remain in the current group of 10, the hearing officer will call 10 more.
4. Commenters initially may speak once during the hearing and will have no more than 3 minutes each to testify. If there is additional time available after everyone who desires to testify has had a chance to do so, the hearing officer may accept requests from those who wish to supplement their earlier remarks. Time will be strictly observed by the hearing officer or a staff member. Commenters will be alerted when their time begins, when they have 10 seconds left, and when their time ends.
5. DRBC and PADEP will try to ensure that all who wish to testify have an opportunity to do so. The smoother and more efficient we all make the process, the easier it will be to accommodate everyone. **It is estimated that approximately 50 persons will have the opportunity to comment within the time period allotted for the hearing session.**
6. The hearing will end promptly at 9 p.m. All attendees will be required to leave at that time.

#### **ADDITIONAL RULES AND PROCEDURES**

1. Speakers will not be permitted to cede their time to others.
2. No testimony will be allowed via cell phone, video or audio recording from a remote location. Commenters must be present in person to provide oral testimony.
3. No one may heckle the hearing officer or anyone in attendance, nor is anyone permitted to use vulgar/abusive language or exhibit threatening behavior. Anyone who does so will be required to leave the hall.
4. Comments will be recorded by a court reporter. Please speak clearly.
5. Once a commenter's time has ended, the commenter must stop speaking and leave the microphone area.
6. While attendees may come and go quietly as they please, all individuals in the ballroom must have a seat. The room should be large enough to accommodate everyone, but please be advised that to ensure everyone's safety, the occupancy limit will be strictly enforced.
7. Attendees must remain quiet during testimony so the court reporter can produce an accurate record. Any light applause must cease as soon as the next speaker approaches the microphone.

#### **ACTIVITIES INCONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF THE INFORMATIONAL SESSION/PUBLIC HEARING AND NOT PERMITTED INCLUDE:**

- Rallies, demonstrations, and protests
- Interruptions or disturbances that disrupt the hearing or presentations by DRBC/PADEP staff or testimony by individuals
- Use of bull horns or other voice amplifiers
- Smoking in the facility
- Taking food or drink into the ballroom