





Site Evaluation Committee FY24/25 Budget Highlights – House Finance Div I Budget Hearing

Position Overview:

| | FY23 Adj Auth | FY24 Agency Req | FY25 Agency Req |
|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Permanent Classified | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unclassified Positions | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total Positions | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Budget Comparison Highlights:

| | FY23 Adj Auth | FY24 Gov Rec | FY25 Gov Rec |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Current Permanent Positions | \$85,489 | \$100,256 | \$105,482 |
| Benefits | \$39,519 | \$42,624 | \$45,213 |
| Operating Expenses | \$121,290 | \$83,300 | \$83,300 |
| Other Expenses | \$30,374 | \$29,587 | \$30,385 |
| Transfers | \$9,668 | \$40,510 | \$40,880 |
| Total Appropriation | \$286,340 | \$296,277 | \$305,260 |

| | FY23 Adj Auth | FY24 Gov Rec | FY25 Gov Rec |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 009-Agency Income | \$0 | \$296,277 | \$305,260 |
| 00S-State Share | \$286,340 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Funding | \$286,340 | \$296,277 | \$305,260 |

Percent Change from FY23 \Rightarrow FY24 = 3.35% Increase Percent Change from FY23 \Rightarrow FY25 = 6.2% Increase

Percent Change from FY24 → FY25 = 2.94% Increase

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House Finance Division I Budget Hearing, FY 2024/ FY 2025 Operating Budget

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Good afternoon and thank you for the opportunity to present the Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 operating budget request from the Site Evaluation Committee.

The mission of the Site Evaluation Committee is the review, approval, monitoring and enforcement of compliance in the planning, siting, construction and operation of energy facilities in The State of New Hampshire.

Ideally, our budget is funded through fees paid during the permitting of new energy facilities. This mechanism, however, can prove unreliable as it is inextricably tied to the number, size and scope of applicants. Currently there are zero. Accordingly, additional funding is often needed to supplement the enforcement and adjudication component of the committee's purview.

With me today is Leonard Rautio, Director of the Business Office in the Department of Energy. Together we will endeavor to answer any questions fully and to the best of our ability.

Thank you.