

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

21 SOUTH FRUIT STREET, SUITE 10  
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301-6397

DANIEL C. GOLDNER  
CHAIR



ANDREW E. BIEMER  
ADMINISTRATOR

---

**Testimony of Andrew Biemer**

**Administrator, Site Evaluation Committee**

**Senate Finance Budget Hearing, FY 2024/ FY 2025 Operating Budget**

**April 17, 2023**

Good afternoon and thank you for the opportunity to present the Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 operating budget for 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.

**Site Evaluation Committee FY24/25 Budget Highlights – Senate Finance Budget Hearing**

**Position Overview:**

	<b>Fy22 Act</b>	<b>FY23 Adj Auth</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>
Permanent Classified	0	0	0	0
Unclassified Positions	1	1	1	1
<b>Total Positions</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**Budget Comparison Highlights:**

	<b>FY22 Act</b>	<b>FY23 Adj Auth</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>
Current Permanent Positions	\$0	\$85,489	\$100,256	\$105,482
Benefits	\$0	\$39,519	\$42,624	\$45,213
Operating Expenses	\$77,166	\$121,290	\$83,300	\$83,300
Other Expenses	\$653	\$30,374	\$29,587	\$30,385
Transfers	\$5,927	\$9,668	\$40,510	\$40,880
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>\$83,746</b>	<b>\$286,340</b>	<b>\$296,277</b>	<b>\$305,260</b>

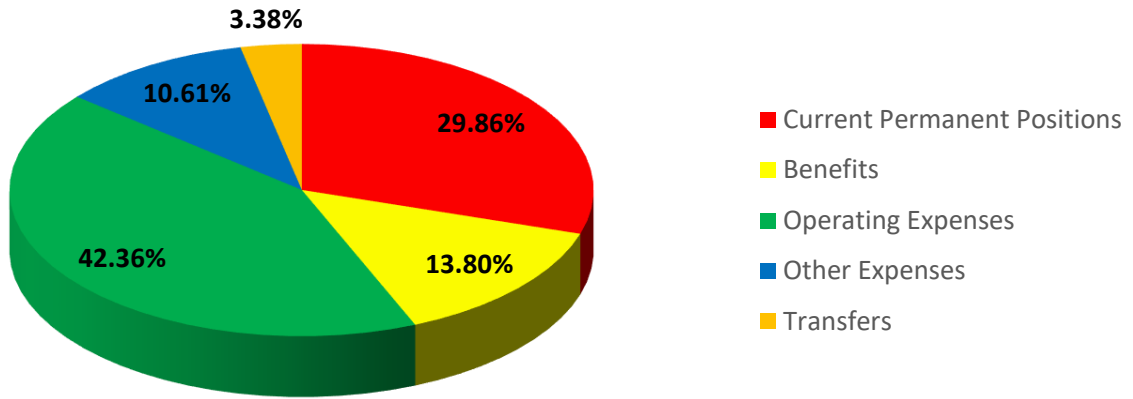
	<b>FY22 Act</b>	<b>FY23 Adj Auth</b>	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>
009-Agency Income	\$7,200	\$0	\$296,277	\$305,260
00S-State Share	\$76,546	\$286,340	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$83,746</b>	<b>\$286,340</b>	<b>\$296,277</b>	<b>\$305,260</b>

Percent Change from FY23 → FY24 = 3.35% Increase

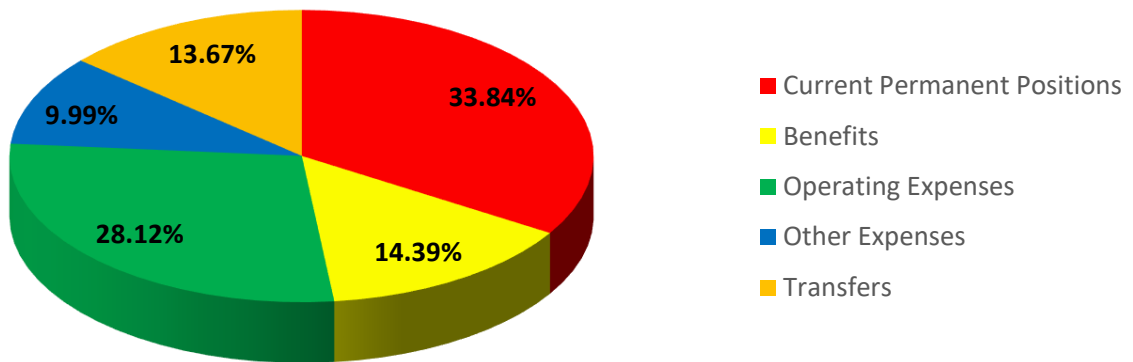
Percent Change from FY23 → FY25 = 6.2% Increase

Percent Change from FY24 → FY25 = 2.94% Increase

FY23 Adjusted Authorized



FY24



FY25

