

## **ENERGY FACILITY SITING COUNCIL (EFSEC)**

### **PUBLIC MEETING GROUND RULES**

As part of its review of applications, the Council holds meetings and sets comment periods to hear the public's concerns, questions, and suggestions.

The Council is committed to providing a full, fair, and safe opportunity for all voices to be heard in a respectful atmosphere. To help us do that, we ask all attendees to honor these ground rules.

#### **Speaking to the Council**

Those wishing to address the Council must print their names on the sign-in sheet(s) provided at the back of the room. To get ready to talk, speakers should line up 10 at a time in the chairs provided in front in the order their names appear on the sign-in sheets.

Each speaker will be limited to 2 minutes.

Speakers must be respectfully treated. Any kind of intimidation of individual speakers will not be tolerated.

Clapping, cheering, or jeering during the meeting is prohibited. This includes speaking out of turn, loud talking, and demonstrating from the audience, either in support or in opposition.

Visual and audible disturbances such as loudspeakers and flashing lights are also not permitted as they create an atmosphere of intimidation and disruption.

#### **Ensuring Order and Safety**

EFSEC must follow the facility capacity limit and will not crowd the room. As individuals leave, others waiting outside may enter, up to full capacity.

Signs are not permitted inside the meeting room.

Outside the meeting room, do not block or interfere with those waiting to enter.

Do not conduct rallies or demonstrations within the meeting room, or so close to the entrance they cause audible disturbance inside.

The Council will close the meeting any time there are disruptions that interfere with the public's opportunity to participate, or if there is any safety risk.

Individuals who do not follow these ground rules, or who create an unsafe or intimidating environment will be asked to leave.