



Low-Level Radioactive Waste Forum

Spring 2023 Meeting

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Mission, Roles, and Responsibilities of ORS

- ORS's Mission
- Regulated Utilities
 - Electric and Natural Gas
 - Water and Wastewater
 - Transportation
 - Telecommunication
- Energy Operations Division



Principle Laws and Guidelines

- South Carolina Code of Laws – Title 58, Chapter 4
- South Carolina Code of Laws – Title 48, Chapter 46
- Memorandum of Understanding (signed June 30, 2009)



Why does ORS have Oversight of CNS and Barnwell

- South Carolina Act 121
- Impacts to the State Budget and Control Board
- Impacts to ORS and other state agencies



3 Funds Monitored for Barnwell

- Extended Care and Maintenance Fund
- Decommissioning Trust Fund
- Economic Development Fund



Extended Care and Maintenance Fund (ECMF)

- Primary focus of ORS is the oversight of this fund
- Fund is intended for institutional care and maintenance costs only
- Cover all costs of the site when it is closed
- The institutional costs presently incurred are related to the closed portion of the site being maintained

ECMF Continued

- No additional funds are added at this time
- Monthly Invoice Packages
- Review and evaluation of the ECMF

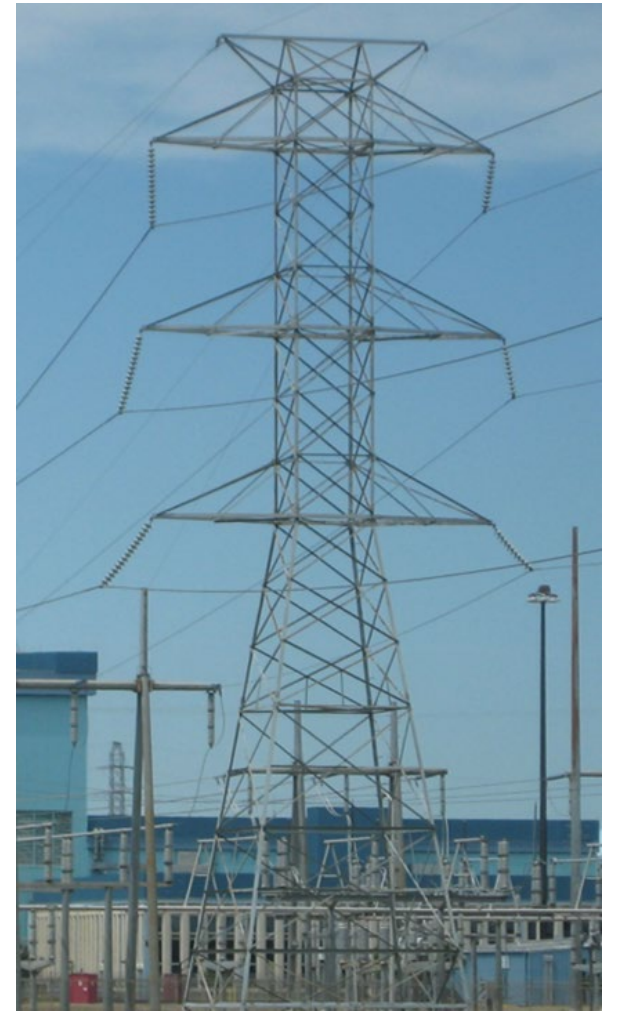


Decommissioning Trust Fund (DTF)

- Holding account for the ACC utilities' access fees
- Access fees cover the allotted costs per reactor for the fiscal year
- Any overage gets charged an additional fee
- Access fees are put in the DTF, and funds are pulled by CNS as necessary

DTF Continued

- Maximum Uniform Rate Schedule, or MURS
 - Adopted annually by ORS per SC Code Section 48-46-40
 - Adjusted each year using the PPI
 - Permanent ceiling on disposal rates
 - Sets the max annual institutional costs
- Alternative Rate Schedule, or ARS
 - ORS approves and publishes the ARS annually
 - Represents results of negotiations between CNS and ACC utilities



Economic Development Fund (EDF)

- Used for Barnwell County's economic development
- Use is based on SC Code Section 48-46-60 requirements.
- 10% of the fund was sequestered
- ORS monitors the EDF
- ORS reviews and evaluates economic development requests

Other ORS Responsibilities

- ORS Audit Department
- Active membership in the LLW Forum
- Active membership in the Southeastern Energy Board



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