

OPF Public Comment Process

Public Comment Procedure

- You must sign up to speak. On the virtual hearing platform 'chat' feature, you will notify the meeting host of your desire to speak.
- The hearing officer will announce the guidelines for public comments, including any time limits for speakers. The hearing officer will also announce the deadline for submitting written comments, if necessary.
- Top make sure all others have a chance to speak, adjust your comments to the time limits and understand the issues the hearing officer must decide. Comment only on issues relevant to the decision.
- Relevant comments, oral or written, will be considered and made part of the official record. Comments should be factual and directly related to the purpose for the hearing.
- Your comments will be considered as evidence if they are relevant to the issues the hearing officer must decide. If you speak under oath, you may be subject to cross-examination by the parties at the hearing.
- If you have prepared written comments, summarize your material and submit the written comments to the public comment portal.
- Direct your comments to the hearing officer and stick to the time limits set by the hearing officer. State your concerns clearly and succinctly. Respectful behavior is expected from all participants.
- Written comments must be submitted before the announced close of the hearing to be considered.

For more information on opportunities to get involved, please see the NMED Events Calendar on the NMED Website.

For any matter docketed before a Board or Commission, please see the Docketed Matters page accessed via the NMED website. Each docketed matter has a hyperlink to the Public Comment Portal (also known as SmartComment) where comments can either be submitted or viewed.