

**476A.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this subchapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “Agency” means an agency as defined in [section 17A.2, subsection 1](#).
2. “Board” means the utilities board within the utilities division of the department of commerce.
3. “Certificate” means a certificate of public convenience, use and necessity issued pursuant to [section 476A.6](#).
4. “Commence to construct” means significant alteration of a site to install permanent equipment or structures but does not include activities incident to preliminary engineering, environmental studies or acquisition of a site for a facility.
5. “Facility” means any electric power generating plant or a combination of plants at a single site, owned by any person, with a total capacity of twenty-five megawatts of electricity or more and those associated transmission lines connecting the generating plant to either a power transmission system or an interconnected primary transmission system or both. Transmission lines subject to the provisions of [this subchapter](#) shall not require a franchise under [chapter 478](#).
6. “Regulatory agency” means an agency which issues licenses or permits required for the construction, operation or maintenance of a facility pursuant to statutes or rules in effect on the date on which an application for a certificate is accepted by the utilities board.

[C77, 79, 81, §476A.1]

[90 Acts, ch 1252, §41; 2001 Acts, 1st Ex, ch 4, §35, 36](#)