

OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS

Agenda Item 6.5 Associate of Technical Studies in Partnership with First Energy Corporation

- a. Lakeland Community College, Associate of Technical Studies degree in Electric Power Utility Technology
- b. Stark State College of Technology, Associate of Technical Studies degree in Electric Power Utility Technology

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED: upon recommendation of the Chancellor and with the concurrence of the Initiatives Committee of the Ohio Board of Regents that the following new degree program is approved:

Lakeland Community College
Associate of Technical Studies degree in Electric Power Utility Technology

Stark State College of Technology
Associate of Technical Studies degree in Electric Power Utility Technology

BACKGROUND

Lakeland Community College

Associate of Technical Studies degree in Electric Power Utility Technology

Stark State College of Technology

Associate of Technical Studies degree in Electric Power Utility Technology

First Energy Corporation has chosen to work with Ohio community and technical colleges to meet their current and future need for trained electric power utility technicians. Recognizing their success working with Lakeland Community College to meet the training needs of their employees at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, the company has decided to pursue the development of a specialized associate degree program model with Lakeland that would enable them to meet their continuing need for electric power utility technicians. The program would then be implemented at Stark State College of Technology and then at other locations throughout the state.

Upon completion of the two-year degree program graduates would be eligible for union employment at First Energy with a minimum starting salary of \$18.00/hour. First Energy believes this program would also serve as a catalyst for further education for employees wishing to move from field work into management.

The Associate of Technical Studies degree in Electric Power Utility Technology is being designed to build upon the First Energy Technician Training Program by awarding 24 semester hours of technical credit for successful completion of that program.