

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR 138-kV TRANSMISSION LINE

ERCOT and Transmission Utilities Define Project

- Conduct research and review studies to determine need.
- Identify needed facilities and end points of the project.

Transmission Utilities Conduct Environmental Assessment and Routing Analysis

- Establish study area based on project definition.
- Gather data and map environmental and land use constraints in study area.
- Determine preliminary transmission line segments.
- **Hold open house(s) to gather public input.** ←
- Analyze data and feedback from the public to develop multiple alternative transmission line routes for the final application to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC).
- Prepare an Environmental Assessment report.

Transmission Utilities Apply for CCN Amendments

- Submit application to the PUC to amend Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN).
- Send notices to landowners whose properties may be crossed or who own a habitable structure, such as a house or office building, within 300 feet of route alternatives (also referred to as the “notification corridor”) at the time CCN application is filed.
- Send notices to municipalities and electric utilities within five miles of the project and to local government entities where the project will potentially be located.

Public Participation

- After the CCN application is filed, people who are potentially impacted by the project have an opportunity to participate in the application proceeding at the PUC by filing a request to participate (intervene).
- If no parties intervene in the proceeding, the PUC staff conducts a review and issues a recommendation to the PUC.
- If parties have intervened in the proceeding, written testimony may be filed, information may be requested and exchanged, an administrative hearing may be held, and an administrative law judge will prepare a recommendation to the PUC regarding the application.

PUC Decision

- Within 180 days of a CCN application filing, the PUC will approve or deny the application, or approve it with modification.
- If it approves, the PUC directs the transmission utilities to build the transmission line along a specific route.