Public Utility Commission
Certification Process for Transmission Lines

Define Project
• Identify beginning and end points for project.

Environmental Assessment and Routing Analysis
• Identify study area based on project definition.
• Gather data about study area.
• Meet with local representatives to discuss routing constraints and opportunities in the study area.
• Send consultation letters to local, state, and federal agencies and officials soliciting information about the study area.
• Map environmental and land use constraints in study area.
• Determine preliminary route segments and substation sites based on maps, aerial photos, constraints data and field visits.
• Publish notice of open house in local newspapers and send invitation for open house to any owners of land within 300 feet of any preliminary route segments.
• Hold open houses to gather public input.
• Analyze preliminary route segments and substation sites to develop the primary alternative routes.
• Prepare Environmental Assessment Report.

PUC Application Process
• Submit an application to the PUC to amend LCRA Transmission Services Corporation’s Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN).
• Upon filing of the application, notices will be sent to landowners whose properties may be crossed or are within 300 feet of any alternative route.
• Notices will also be sent to municipalities and electric utilities within five miles of the project and to municipal and county governments where the project is located.
• Following the filing of the application, interested parties will have an opportunity to participate in an intervention process.

PUC Staff Review
PUC staff conducts a review and makes a recommendation to approve project as submitted or approve the project with modifications.

Intervention?

PUC Makes Decision within 12 months
• Approve application
• Approve application with modifications
• Deny

Administrative Hearing
• Technical review of project routing
• Testimony filed by all parties
• Administrative hearing
• Administrative law judge prepares proposed final order

• PUC approval of a CCN application gives LCRA Transmission Services Corporation the authorization to build the new transmission project along the route selected by the PUC.