

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.

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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.

NO

Intervention?

YES

Administrative Hearing

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

PUC Makes Decision within 12 months

- Approve application
- Approve application with modifications
- Deny

- 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.