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.
- Map environmental and land use constraints in study area.
- Determine preliminary routing segments based on maps, aerial photos, constraints data, and field visits.
- Hold open house to gather public input.
- Analyze preliminary routing segments 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) in spring 2016.
- Upon filing of the application, notices will be sent to landowners whose property may be crossed or is within 500 feet of any alternative route.
- Notices also will be sent to municipalities and electric utilities that are 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 review and makes recommendation to approve project as submitted or approve with modifications.

**Intervention?**
- **NO**
- **YES**

**Within 6 months after application is submitted.**
- PUC Makes Decision
  - 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.**

Zorn-to-Marion 345-kV Transmission Line Project