Public Utility Commission

Certification Process for Transmission Lines

Define Project

- Identify beginning and end points for project

Environmental Assessment And Routing Analysis

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- Identify study area based on project definition.
- Gather data about study area.
- Map environmental and land use constraints in study area.
- Determine preliminary transmission line segments based on maps, aerial photos, constraints data, and field visits.
- Hold open house to gather public input.
- Analyze preliminary transmission line segments to develop the alternative routes.

PUC Application Process

- Submit an application to the PUC to amend CenterPoint Energy's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN).
- Upon filing of the application, notices will be sent to landowners whose property may be crossed or who owns a habitable structure 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, there will be an intervention and comment opportunity for interested parties.
- Approval of a CCN application gives CenterPoint Energy the authorization to build the new transmission project along the route approved by the PUC.

Intervention?

NO

PUC Staff Review

PUC staff conducts review and makes recommendation to approve project as submitted or approve with modifications or deny the application.

YES

Administrative Hearing

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

Within 12 months after application is submitted.

PUC Makes Decision

- Approve application
- Approve application with modifications
- Deny

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