

Public Utility Commission of Texas

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 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 proposed alternative routes.

PUC Application Process

- Submit application to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to amend CenterPoint Energy's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN).
- Send notice to each landowner whose property is crossed by a proposed alternative route or who owns a habitable structure within 500 feet of a proposed alternative route, as required by PUC rules.
- Send notice to municipal, county, state, and federal officials as required by statute and PUC rules.
- Following the filing of the application, there will be an intervention and comment opportunity for interested parties.
- PUC approval of the CCN application authorizes CenterPoint Energy to build the new transmission project along the route designated by the PUC.

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PUC Staff Review

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

NO

Intervention?

YES

Administrative Hearing

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

Within one year after
application is submitted.

PUC Makes Decision

- Approve application
- Approve application with modifications
- Deny the application