# **Public Utility Commission**

### **Certification Process for Transmission Lines**

#### **Define Project**

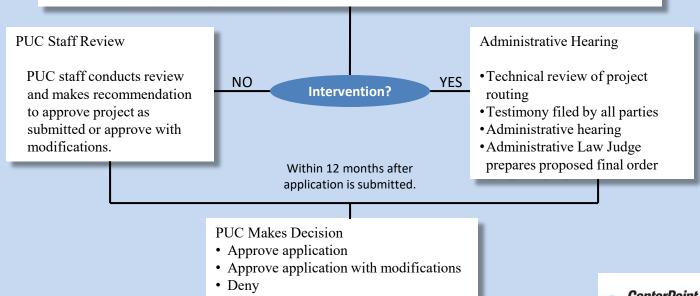
•Identify beginning and end points for project (Existing 138 kV Corridor and an Alternate Substation Site)

## 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 and alternate substation sites based on maps, aerial photos, constraints data, and field visits.
- Hold open house to gather public input.
- Analyze preliminary transmission line segments and alternate substation sites 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 is within 300 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 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.



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