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28. Pharr
29. Rio Hondo
30. San Juan SE
31. Santa Rosa
32. Sullivan City
33. Progreso
34. Santa Maria
35. West Brownsville

Thank you,

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April 25, 2012

Ms. Anastacia Santos
Project Manager, Power Engineers
7600B North Capital of Texas Highway, Suite 320
Austin, TX 78731

Re: Proposed North Edinburg-Loma Alta 345 kV Electric Transmission Line Project,
Hidalgo and Cameron Counties

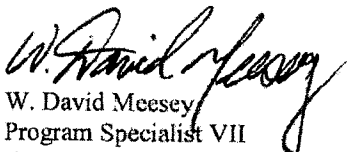
Dear Ms. Santos:

We were informed of your request for information concerning environmental assessment and alternative route analysis for the proposed Sharyland Utilities' electric transmission line that will run from the existing North Edinburg substation to the Loma Alta substation via the South McAllen substation. To plan for the state's water resources and provide affordable water and wastewater services, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) provides planning, geographic data collection and dissemination, and financial and technical assistance services. TWDB is not a regulatory agency and does not issue any permits.

Based on the map and information provided, it appears that the proposed transmission line would not conflict with any recommended water management strategies in the regional or state water plans. Therefore, we have no specific comments in regard to the proposed project.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (512) 936-0852.

Sincerely,



W. David Meesey
Program Specialist VII
Water Resources Planning and Information

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CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. THREE

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Sonia Kaniger- General Manager

April 18, 2012

Power Engineers
C/O Anastacia Santos, Project Manager
7600B Capital of Texas Hwy
Suite 320
Austin, Texas 78731

Dear Ms. Santos,

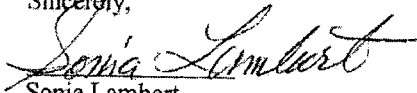
Cameron County Drainage District #3, (District), is in receipt of your letter dated March 30, 2012, in which you request information regarding District facilities on land use constraints within your proposed project area mentioned above.

Your project area is encompassing approximately 30 to 40% of the entire District's jurisdiction and therefore difficult to determine whether there would be any constraints. The District has several drainage ditches, which are maintained and necessary for the proper drainage of surrounding farm lands as well as draining of storm waters for the entire City of San Benito. All requests for easements under, over, or through District's rights-of-way require Board of Directors approval at regularly scheduled Board meetings held every second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, with the request needed five work days prior to the scheduled meeting.

License agreements permitting the crossings are required and prepared by our Attorney with the associated preparation costs and recording fees paid by the requestor. In addition, a \$20.00 per linear foot fee for use of District rights-of-way is imposed on those rights-of-way solely owned by the District.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or at ccid2@swbell.net. I will be happy to provide specific information when a specific route is determined and those District owned drainage ditches that are affected, are identified.

Sincerely,



Sonia Lambert
General Manager

SL/ns

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P.O. BOX 2903
HARLINGEN, TEXAS 78551-2903

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April 24, 2012

Power Engineers, Inc.
ATTN: Ms. Anastacia Santos
7600B North Capital of Texas Hwy., Suite 320
AUSTIN TX 78731

Re: ERCOT Endorsed North Edinburg-Loma Alta 345 kV Transmission Line Project
Hidalgo and Cameron Counties, Texas;
POWER Engineers, Inc. Project No. 126120

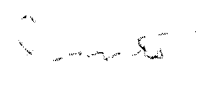
Dear Ms. Santos,

I am the attorney for Cameron County Irrigation District No. 16. This letter is sent in response to your letter to the District dated March 30, 2012.

The outer boundary of the District is conterminous with the Rice Tract Subdivision, recorded at Volume 7, Page 42, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas (the plat recorded at Volume 9, Page 3, Map Records of Cameron County, Texas amends some blocks, but does not change or alter the outer boundary of the subdivision).

A utility must obtain a permit from the District where the utility crosses an irrigation facility (canal, lateral, reservoir) and right-of-way therefor. The plan for each proposed crossing must be submitted to the District (a permit can include multiple crossings) so the District can determine that the horizontal and vertical clearances are acceptable to the District. Horizontal clearance the District's electric transmission poles cannot be too close to the District's irrigation facility. That is, there must be enough room between an electric transmission pole and the irrigation facility for passage and operation of the District's equipment, passage of the District's vehicles, and placement of soil and spoil. At most locations, 25 feet is adequate. Vertical clearance—because the District and its contractors use long-reach equipment, the District wants the electric transmission lines as high as possible for the safety of the operators and passage and operation of the long reach equipment. The utility must pay the District \$300.00 for preparation of each license/permit, and pay the filing fee to record the permit in the real property records of Cameron County.

Sincerely,


B. R. Dossett

BRD/kg

cc: Cameron County Irrigation District No. 16
34360 F.M. 1577
SAN BENITO TX 78586-6650

CAMERON COUNTY IRRIGATION DISTRICT NO. TWO

FOUNDED 1907, 5075 1987, SAN BENITO COUNTY, TEXAS

Phone: (817) 291-2144 FAX: (817) 291-2141

Sonia Lambert, General Manager

April 18, 2012

Power Engineers
c/o Anastacia Santos, Project Manager
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Re: ERCOT Endorsed North Edinburg-Loma Alta 345 kV Transmission Line Project
Hidalgo and Cameron Counties, Texas
POWER Engineers, Inc. Project No. 126120

Dear Ms. Santos,

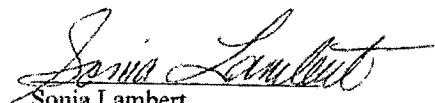
Cameron County Irrigation District #2, (District), is in receipt of your letter dated March 30, 2012 in which you requested information regarding District facilities or land use constraints within your proposed project area mentioned above.

Your project area is 30 to 40% of the entire District's jurisdiction and therefore difficult to determine whether there would be any constraints. The District has several irrigation canals, which are used and necessary for the delivery of raw water to farm lands as well as to the City of San Benito, City of Rio Hondo, and East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation. All requests for easements under, over or through District's rights-of-way require Board of Directors approval at regularly scheduled Board Meetings held every second and fourth Tuesday of each month, with the request needed by the District five days prior to the scheduled meeting.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or at ccid2@swbell.net. I will be happy to provide specific information when a specific route is determined and the affected District irrigation canals are identified.

Sincerely,


Sonia Lambert
General Manager

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Board of Directors

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TELEPHONE RECORD

DATE: 2012-05-03 **TIME OF CALL:** 11:30 a.m.
TO: Joel Cruz, Harlingen ISD **PHONE NUMBER:** (956) 427-3300
FROM: Brian Macik **C:**
TYPED BY: Brian Macik **PROJECT NUMBER:** 126120
CLIENT: ETT/Sharyland
PROJECT NAME: N. Edinburg to Loma Alta
SUBJECT: Agency Contact Letter

MESSAGE

- I explained to Mr. Cruz why we contacted him.
- Mr. Cruz said he can't provide any input until he sees the routes.
- I explained that we don't have routes yet.
- Mr. Cruz said he will respond to our initial agency contact letter saying that he needs to see the routes before he can provide input.
- Mr. Cruz said he wants to be notified of the open house public meeting and sent the preliminary alternative routes.

From: Martin Ramirez
To: Anastacia Santos 6903
Subject: POWER Engineers, Inc. Project No. 126120
Date: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 8:44:15 AM

Ms. Santos

I was given the letter with study area boundary map you submitted to Judge Garcia's office. I'll be speaking to our planning and environmental health department to determine what county permits or authorizations your project will require. I'll contact you as soon as possible with that information.

Martin Ramirez, Coordinator
Office of Environmental Compliance
Hidalgo County
1304 S. 25th Ave.
Edinburg, TX 78542
(956) 318-2840 ext. 260

From: Laura Olivarez
To: Anastacia Santos 6903
Cc: Ramiro Gomez
Date: Thursday, April 26, 2012 4:39:22 PM

Anastacia,

I spoke to you earlier in reference to the letter dated March 30, 2012 in reference to the proposed Sharyland project. I asked for a more detailed map of the North 281 area shown on the map provided with the letter. You stated that you could send it but it would still show the same makings. The concern that the City of Edinburg has is that it owns and operates a Regional Sanitary Landfill about six tenths of a mile east of 281 on 2812 and also have several hundred acres around the area. The city will whole heartedly oppose any transmission lines in or around our vicinity that would impede our continual operation.

*Laura Olivarez
Administrative Aide
Solid Waste Management
(956)381-5635 ext 1141
(956)292-2120 fax*

From: [Ed Taylor](#)
To: [Anastacia Santos 6903](#)
Cc: [Jose F. Ortega](#)
Subject: FW: AEP proposed 345KW Transmission Lines
Date: Friday, August 10, 2012 2:47:41 PM
Attachments: [McAllen City Limits w ETJ-2011.pdf](#)

See attachment

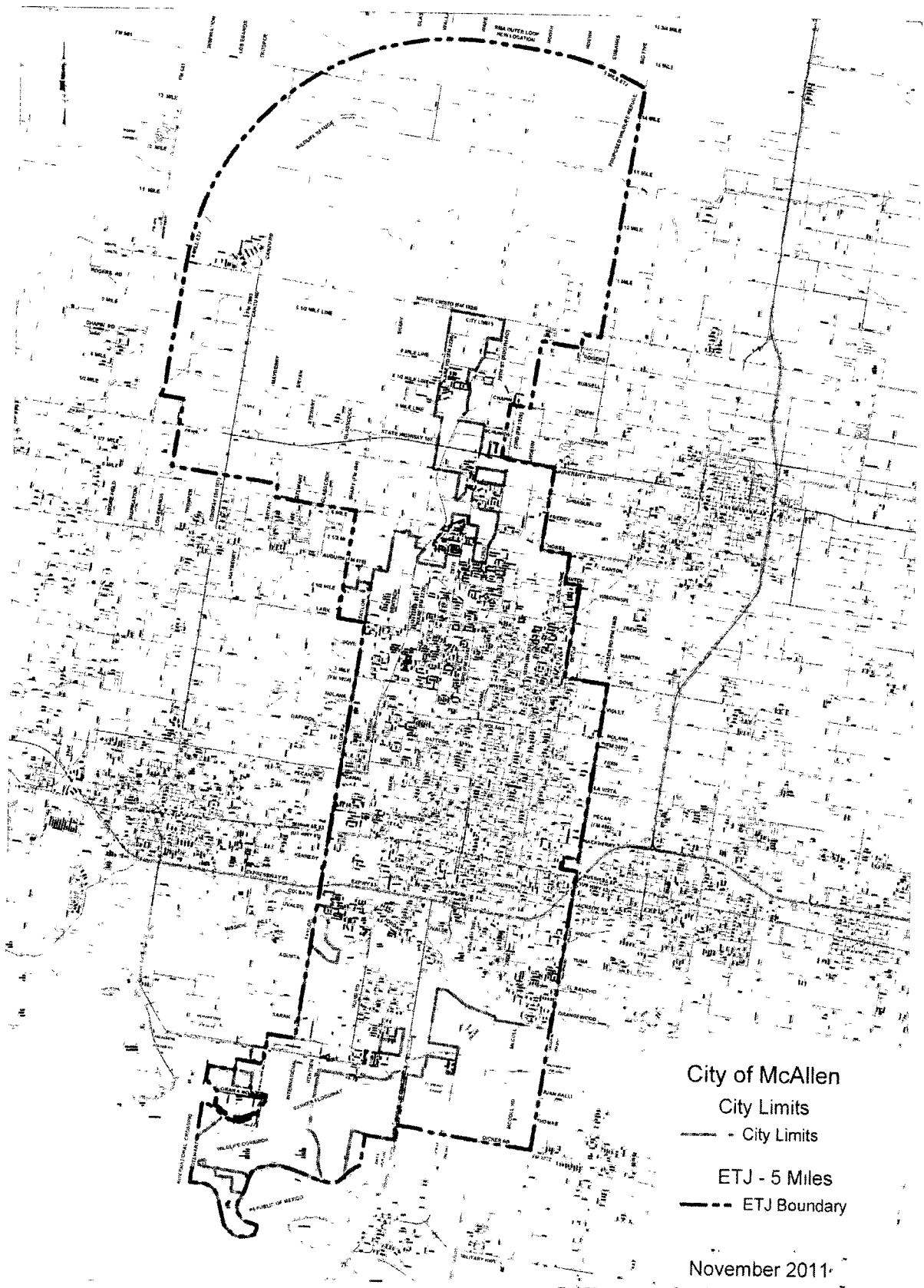
From: Ed Taylor
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 2:45 PM
To: 'anastacia.santos@powereng.com'
Cc: Jose F. Ortega
Subject: AEP proposed 345KW Transmission Lines

Anastacia

I appreciated your presentation to the City of McAllen this week. The extension of these lines to the lower Valley is an important project for the residents, businesses and economic development of our area. I have attached the city limits and ETJ boundary for the City of McAllen. Please email me the alternative routes for the power lines within the City and ETJ as shown on the attached map. The City is interested in submitting a letter to comment on the routes in regards to a preferred alignment and clearance from proposed public improvements. Media used by the City to show the routes are the following file formats: pdf, dxf or dwg.

Again, thanks for your presentation to the City concerning your important project. Contact me if you have any questions regarding this request.

Ed Taylor
Senior Planner
956-681-1250



From: [Jose F. Ortega](#)
To: [Anastacia Santos 6903](#)
Cc: [Gray Rackley 6912](#); [Ed Taylor](#)
Subject: RE: AEP proposed 345KW Transmission Lines
Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 1:30 52 PM
Attachments: [LIMIT_LN_text.dbf](#)
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Good afternoon Anastacia,

The attachments are the shapefiles of the McAllen City Limits and our new ETJ. If you have any questions, you may contact me. Have a good day.

Regards,

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Fax: (956) 681-1279
jortega@mcallen.net
[GIS Website](#)

From: Anastacia Santos [mailto:anastacia.santos@powereng.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 11:59 AM
To: Ed Taylor
Cc: Jose F. Ortega; Gray Rackley
Subject: RE: AEP proposed 345KW Transmission Lines

Mr. Taylor,

We completed our open houses for the transmission line project in October. We are currently creating a map with the proposed links in the ETJ and City limits however, to expedite this process, could you please send a GIS shapefile with the ETJ and City limits that are depicted in this map you sent us?

Thanks,

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From: Ed Taylor [<mailto:etaylor@mcallen.net>]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 2:47 PM
To: Anastacia Santos 6903
Cc: Jose F. Ortega
Subject: FW: AEP proposed 345KW Transmission Lines

See attachment

From: Ed Taylor
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2012 2:45 PM
To: 'anastacia.santos@powereng.com'
Cc: Jose F. Ortega
Subject: AEP proposed 345KW Transmission Lines

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Ed Taylor
Senior Planner
956-681-1250



TELEPHONE RECORD

DATE: 2012-05-03 TIME OF CALL: 3:35 p.m.
TO: Troy Allen, Delta Lake
Irrigation District PHONE NUMBER: (956) 262-2101
FROM: Brian Macik C:
TYPED BY: Brian Macik PROJECT NUMBER: 126120
CLIENT: ETT/Sharyland
PROJECT NAME: N. Edinburg to Loma Alta
SUBJECT: Agency Contact Letter

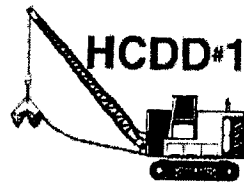
MESSAGE

- I explained to Mr. Allen why we contacted him.
- Mr. Allen said he needs to see routes before he can provide input.
- Mr. Allen gave one example of potential issues with facilities in his district. They own a 400 ft wide ROW that contains one canal and two drainage ditches, and that they are doing a major project on the western drainage ditch.
- Mr. Allen explained that he is the President and Treasurer of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water District Managers Association. This group meets on the third Tuesday of every month. Mr. Allen said we would be welcome to present our project to this meeting. We should contact him at troy@deltalake.org.

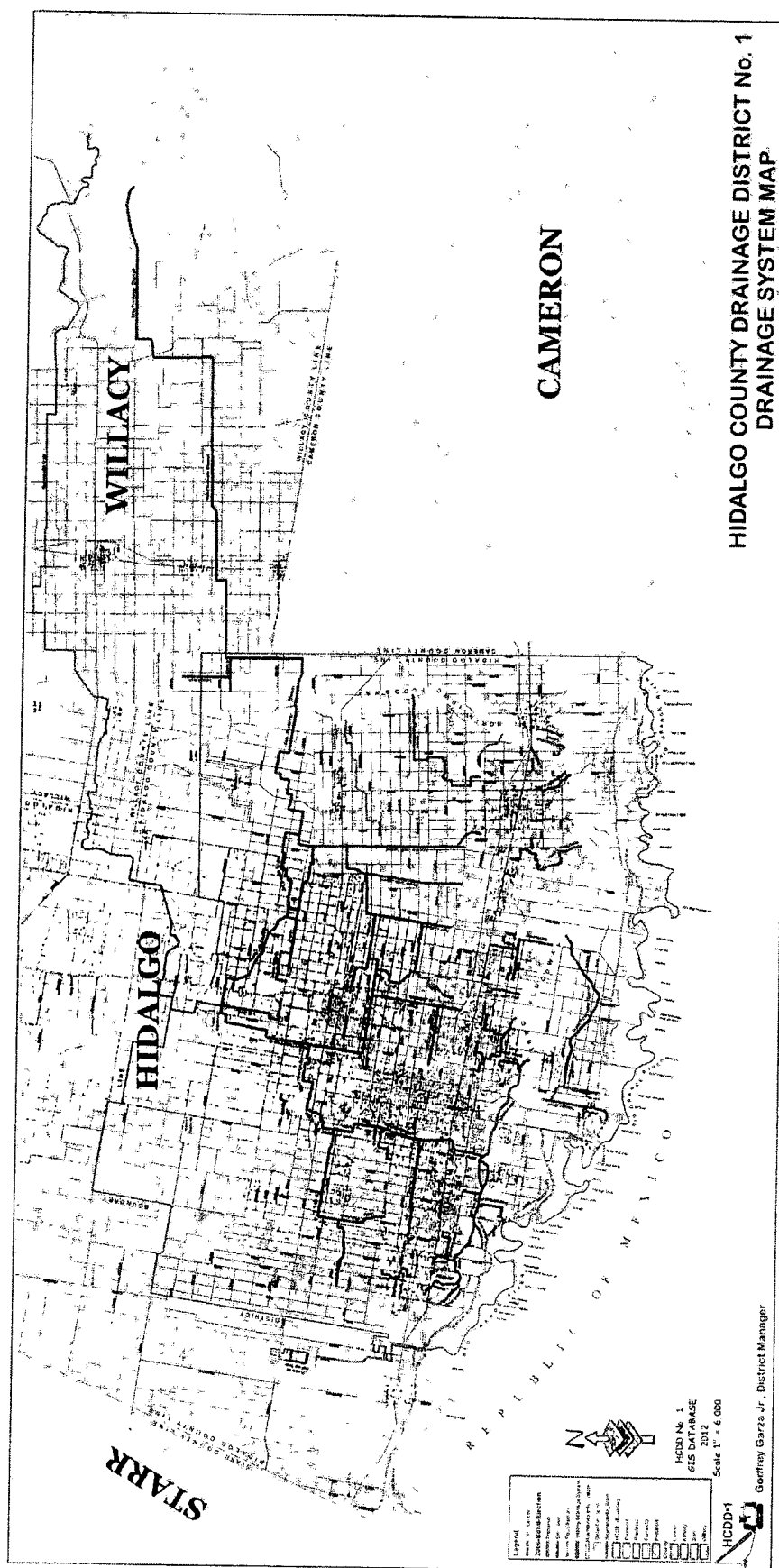
From: [Asael Pecina](#)
To: [Anastacia Santos 6903](#)
Cc: [g.g@hcdd1.org](#)
Subject: Drainage District Map
Date: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 9:18:25 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[HCDD#1-MasterSystemMap.pdf](#)

Anastacia, attached, please find the Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 system map as per your request.

Should you have any questions, please call or email me at your convenience.



Asael Pecina, GIS Specialist
Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1
902 N. Doolittle
Edinburg, Texas 78541
Off: (956)292-7080 ext: 5809
Fax: (956)292-7089
asael.pecina@hcdd1.org



From: [Asael Pecina](#)
To: [Anastacia Santos 6903](#)
Cc: g.g@hcdd1.org
Subject: RE: Drainage District Map
Date: Friday, April 05, 2013 2:35:53 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[HCDD1.zip](#)

As per your request

Existing system- Is what the Drainage District Owns & Maintains.
Maintained system- Is what the Drainage District Maintains only.

From: Anastacia Santos [mailto:anastacia.santos@powereng.com]
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2013 11:01 AM
To: Anastacia Santos; Asael Pecina
Cc: g.g@hcdd1.org
Subject: RE: Drainage District Map

Asael,

Can you please send a GIS shapefile for the drainage systems?

Thanks,

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From: Anastacia Santos 6903
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 3:02 PM
To: 'Asael Pecina'
Cc: g.g@hcdd1.org
Subject: RE: Drainage District Map

Asael,

Thank you for forwarding the map. Are you able to send the GIS shapefile of the drainage systems? It would be easier for our engineers to work with that data layer, than for us to create it from the map you sent.

Thanks,

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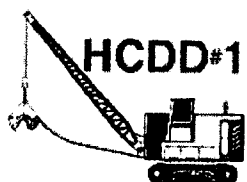
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From: Asael Pecina [<mailto:asael.pecina@hcdd1.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 9:11 AM
To: Anastacia Santos 6903
Cc: g.g@hcdd1.org
Subject: Drainage District Map

Anastacia, attached, please find the Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 system map as per your request.

Should you have any questions, please call or email me at your convenience.



Asael Pecina, GIS Specialist
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From: [HCID2](#)
To: [Anastacia Santos 6903](#)
Subject: Project No. 126120
Date: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 11 59 37 AM
Attachments: [DistrictMap.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Santos:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information for the subject Project. I am attaching a location map of our irrigation district. For the most part, each square represents a 40 acre tract (Lot). The Hidalgo County Irrigation District No.2 has a vast water delivery system and has an irrigation water delivery point for each Lot. Our delivery system consists of open canals (earthen and concrete lined) and pipelines. In addition, we also have drain ditches and drain pipes. At our website ([HCID2.org](#)) under "Forms" is our Utility Crossing Permit. A Permit must be accomplished whenever a utility crosses any of the District's easements or rights of way.

Please contact me if we may be of further assistance.

Sonny Hinojosa
Hidalgo County Irrigation District No.2
San Juan, TX.
956-787-1422



TELEPHONE RECORD

DATE:	2012-05-03	TIME OF CALL:	3:30 p.m.
TO:	Archie Myles, Hidalgo County Irrigation District #5	PHONE NUMBER:	(956) 565-1058
FROM:	Brian Macik	C:	
TYPED BY:	Brian Macik	PROJECT NUMBER:	126120
CLIENT:	ETT/Sharyland		
PROJECT NAME:	N. Edinburg to Loma Alta		
SUBJECT:	Agency Contact Letter		

MESSAGE

- I explained to Mr. Myles why we contacted him.
- Mr. Myles said that his irrigation district is very small and that they need as much land for irrigation purposes as they can get.
- Mr. Myles said that he needs to see routes before he can provide any input.
- Mr. Myles said he is concerned about the project's impact on his irrigation area.



TELEPHONE RECORD

DATE:	2012-05-03	TIME OF CALL:	11:45 a.m.
TO:	Joe Hilar, Hidalgo County Irrigation District #6	PHONE NUMBER:	(956) 585-8389
FROM:	Brian Macik	C:	
TYPED BY:	Brian Macik	PROJECT NUMBER:	126120
CLIENT:	ETT/Sharyland		
PROJECT NAME:	N. Edinburg to Loma Alta		
SUBJECT:	Agency Contact Letter		

MESSAGE

- I explained to Mr. Hilar why we contacted him.
- Mr. Hilar said the canals in his irrigation district have various ROW widths (~60 ft to 150 ft), and that we need to stay out of the ROW.
- Mr. Hilar said he would be happy to help us with anything if we provide detailed maps with routes in them, and he would be happy to meet with us in person at his office and look over some maps.
- Mr. Hilar said he knows the staff of the other irrigation districts in the Rio Grande Valley. He explained that there is a monthly meeting of the irrigation districts and that we should contact Troy Allen at the Delta Lake District for more information.

From: Rene Campos
To: Anastacia Santos 6903
Subject: Hidalgo County Transmission Project
Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 5:26:12 PM

Ms. Santos:

Do you have a detail map that identifies the roads where the transmission lines will traverse?

Rene Campos
Asst. Supt. for Support Services
PSJA ISD
601 E. Kelly
Pharr, TX 78577
Phone (956) 354-2000
Fax (956) 783-2863

From: Anastacia Santos 6903
To: "Rene Campos"
Subject: RE: Hidalgo County Transmission Project
Date: Friday, May 25, 2012 9:39:00 AM

Mr. Campos,

At this time we do not have proposed routes, only a proposed study area boundary. We are in the process of developing routes within the proposed study area. Proposed routes will be presented to the public at Open House meetings in late August or early September.

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From: Rene Campos [mailto:Rene.Campos@psjaisd.us]
Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2012 5:25 PM
To: Anastacia Santos 6903
Subject: Hidalgo County Transmission Project

Ms. Santos:

Do you have a detail map that identifies the roads where the transmission lines will traverse?

Rene Campos
Asst. Supt. for Support Services
PSJA ISD
601 E. Kelly
Pharr, TX 78577
Phone (956) 354-2000
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North Edinburg-Loma Alta 345 kV Transmission Line Project

Appendix B

Open House Information

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October 2012
Open House Information

POWER ENGINEERS, INC.
North Edinburg-Loma Alta 345 kV Transmission Line Project

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September 25, 2012

Dear Landowner:

Electric Transmission Texas, LLC (ETT) and Sharyland Utilities, L.P. (Sharyland) invite you to attend an open-house format public meeting to learn about and provide input on the plans to file a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) to construct a double circuit capable 345-kV electric transmission line (project). ETT is a transmission utility and is a joint venture of subsidiaries of American Electric Power (AEP) and Mid-American Energy Holdings Company. AEP is the parent company of AEP Texas Central Company (TCC). Sharyland is a Texas-based public electric utility that currently serves approximately 45,000 customers in 29 counties throughout Texas.

You are receiving this notice because your property has been identified as being crossed by, or is in close proximity to preliminary routing links that are being considered in Hidalgo County. Several proposed routing links for this new line have been identified, however only one route will ultimately be selected by the PUCT as the location to construct this project. The final route may or may not affect your property depending on its configuration.

ETT and Sharyland invite you to attend any one of the public open-house meetings below – The same information will be available at each open-house public meeting. There will be a short video presentation that describes the project, the routing process, the regulatory process when the CCN Application is filed with the PUCT, and the type of structures typically used for 345 kV construction. ETT and Sharyland representatives will be available at numerous stations to provide additional information and to answer questions that you might have about the project. Large aerial-photography based maps that show the preliminary routing options will be available for review.

ETT and Sharyland do anticipate a large attendance at these meetings. So to help ensure that the meetings do not become overcrowded and that you have the best opportunity to have your questions answered and your comments submitted, we would encourage you to attend one of the meetings on the following dates:

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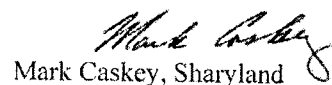
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Sincerely,



Randal E. Roper, ETT
Enclosures

And



Mark Caskey, Sharyland



September 25, 2012

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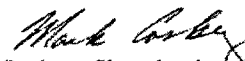
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25 de septiembre de 2012

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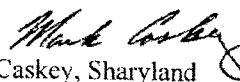
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Descripción del Proyecto -- El nuevo proyecto de transmisión es una línea de transmisión de circuito doble con capacidad de 345 kV que comenzará en la Subestación North Edinburg existente, que esta localizada aproximadamente a 3.3 millas al noroeste de Edinburg y al oeste del U.S. Highway 281, y termina en la Subestación Loma Alta existente localizada aproximadamente a 6.8 miles al noreste de Brownsville y al noreste del U.S. Highway 77. El enrutamiento de la línea se extenderá cerca del área de la Subestación South McAllen existente que está localizada aproximadamente a 3.0 millas al suroeste de McAllen y al sur del U.S. Highway 83. En base a los enlaces de enrutamiento preliminares, la longitud total de la línea de transmisión del proyecto podría ser aproximadamente de 80 a 125 millas. La ruta final será seleccionada por la PUCT después que la ETT y Sharyland presenten la solicitud de CCN con la PUCT y el proceso regulatorio este completo.

Necesidad del Proyecto -- El Consejo de Confiabilidad Eléctrica de Texas (ERCOT, por sus siglas en inglés), es responsable de identificar las mejoras necesarias al sistema de transmisión para proporcionar una red de transmisión confiable y adecuada en la mayor parte de Texas, incluyendo ésta área. ERCOT ha determinado que ésta propuesta línea de transmisión de circuito doble con capacidad de 345 kV es un proyecto crítico para la confiabilidad del sistema de ERCOT.

Sólo una ruta será seleccionada -- Se adjuntan tres mapas que muestran los actuales enlaces de enrutamiento preliminares que están siendo considerados en el desarrollo de rutas alternativas para la nueva línea de transmisión. Los factores que se han tomado en cuenta para la selección de estos enlaces preliminares, serán discutidos en las sesiones a puertas abiertas. Su participación será muy útil para precisar estos enlaces de enrutamiento preliminares, que podrían ser modificados en base a las opiniones recibidas en estas sesiones a puertas abiertas. Las múltiples combinaciones de estos enlaces crearán rutas alternativas que serán presentadas ante la PUC en la primavera del 2013 en la solicitud del CCN. Finalmente sólo una ruta será aprobada por la PUC.

Preguntas y Respuestas - También se adjunta un folleto de información que deberá responder las preguntas que pueda usted tener sobre el proyecto. Habrá personal disponible en las sesiones a puertas abiertas para responder a otras preguntas.

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Frequently Asked Questions

345-kV North Edinburg-Loma Alta Transmission Line Project

About the Project

1. What is the transmission project?

The transmission project is a double-circuit capable 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line that will begin at the AEP Texas Central Company (AEP TCC) North Edinburg Substation in Hidalgo County, located approximately 0.1 mile west of the intersection of FM 1925 and FM 2061 at the northern perimeter of the city of Edinburg. The new transmission line would then continue to a location near the existing AEP TCC South McAllen Substation, located on the west side of State Highway 115 (S Depot Road) approximately 0.2 miles north of the intersection of State Highway 115 and Sarah Avenue.

From this point, the new transmission line would continue to its end point at the Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB) Loma Alta Substation in Cameron County, located in the Brownsville Ship Channel area at the north end of Chemical Road, which is approximately 0.6 mile from the intersection of Chemical Road and State Highway 48.

Based on the preliminary routing links, the total transmission line project length could be approximately 80 miles to 125 miles. Route options have yet to be developed at this time. The final route length will depend on what route is approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) after a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) application is filed with the PUCT.

2. Why is the project needed?

The project is part of a larger effort known as the Cross Valley Project, which is needed in order to ensure reliable electric service for the Lower Rio Grande Valley, while also addressing continued growth in electrical load in the Brownsville area. The need for this project is the result of limited generation import capability and forecasted continued electrical demand growth in the region.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) is responsible for identifying the necessary transmission system improvements to provide reliable and adequate transmission network in most of Texas, including this area. ERCOT has determined that this proposed double-circuit capable 345-kV transmission line is a critical project for the reliability of the ERCOT system. ERCOT approved this critical designation in order to expedite the construction of the line and to reduce the reliability risk for severe customer disruptions in the area.

3. What is ERCOT?

ERCOT manages the flow of electric power to 23 million Texas customers - representing 85 percent of the state's electric load. As the independent system operator for the region, ERCOT oversees activities related to the reliable and safe transmission of electricity by scheduling power on an electric grid that connects 40,500 miles of transmission lines and more than 550 generation units. ERCOT is a membership-based nonprofit corporation, governed by a board of directors and subject to oversight by the PUCT and the Texas Legislature. ERCOT's members include consumers, cooperatives, generators, power marketers, retail electric providers, investor-owned electric utilities (transmission and distribution providers), and municipal-owned electric utilities.

About the Parties Involved

4. What companies will be constructing this new transmission line?

The line will be constructed by Electric Transmission Texas, LLC (ETT) and Sharyland Utilities, L.P. (Sharyland). ETT will be constructing the west end of the new transmission line, and Sharyland will be constructing the east end of the new transmission line. Both companies will jointly file the CCN application with the PUCT. Until the PUCT approves the route for the transmission line, the actual dividing point between the two parties will not be known.

5. What is ETT?

ETT is a transmission utility, headquartered in Austin, with a certificate in Texas to provide transmission service in ERCOT. ETT is joint venture between subsidiaries of American Electric Power (AEP) and MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company (MidAmerican). AEP is the parent company of AEP TCC. Through ETT, AEP partnered with MidAmerican to share in financing a large amount of new transmission that is necessary in ERCOT in the next 10 years. More information about ETT can be found at www.ettexas.com.

6. What is Sharyland?

Sharyland is a Texas-based public electric utility that is fully regulated by the PUCT. Its corporate headquarters are located in Dallas, and Sharyland currently serves approximately 45,000 customers in 29 counties throughout Texas. Sharyland is privately-owned by Hunter L. Hunt and other members of the family of Ray L. Hunt, and is managed by Hunter L. Hunt. Sharyland's local office is located at 4403 West Military Highway, Suite 700, McAllen, Texas, 78503. For more information, please call 866-354-3335 or visit www.sharyland.com.

7. What is the PUCT?

The PUCT is the state agency that was created by the Texas Legislature to provide statewide regulation of the rates and services of electric and telecommunications utilities.

8. Does the PUCT have jurisdiction over ETT and Sharyland?

Yes, ETT's and Sharyland's activities are regulated by the PUCT. ETT and Sharyland must submit a CCN application to the PUCT to obtain approval to construct the transmission line. If the PUCT agrees with ERCOT that the transmission line is needed, the PUCT will then make the final determination of which route will be approved for this project. Once approved, ETT and Sharyland can begin the construction process for the new transmission line.

About the Routing Process

9. How will the potential routes for this project be determined?

ETT and Sharyland are currently working with an experienced routing consultant to perform an environmental assessment and routing analysis for the proposed transmission line project. The routing consultant employs professional personnel with backgrounds in various environmental sciences, socioeconomics, and cultural resources. This consultant has also contacted numerous federal, state, county, and city officials and agencies to get their initial input on possible constraints and areas that need to be avoided. The environmental assessment and routing analysis will be part of the CCN application filed with the PUCT.

10. Will stakeholders and landowners have an opportunity to participate in the route selection process?

Absolutely. In fact, ETT and Sharyland will host a series of public open-house meetings in early October where affected landowners and the general public can come, review all the potential routes near their land, and offer suggestions or voice concerns. Notices for these public open-house meetings will be sent directly to affected landowners. ETT and Sharyland urge all affected landowners to attend these meetings and to offer their input on potential routes. Additional information can also be found on www.ettexas.com and www.sharyland.com.

11. When will ETT and Sharyland file the CCN application and start construction of the project?

ETT and Sharyland plan to file the CCN application in March 2013 and anticipate approval in September-October 2013. After final design is completed and easements are obtained, ETT and Sharyland anticipate that construction would begin sometime in mid-2014. The target in-service date for the transmission line is July 2016.

About the Right-of-Way Process

12. What is a right-of-way easement?

An easement is a legal document that gives a utility certain rights to use privately owned land for a specific purpose. The landowner retains ownership of the property. The proposed project will require easements to be obtained from landowners on the route approved by the PUCT. Easement rights would be purchased along the path of the transmission line as needed to allow for installation, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line.

13. How wide an easement will ETT and Sharyland be seeking?

The typical easement for this project will be 150-feet wide. Additional easement area may be necessary in some locations for specialized structures or where multiple structures are necessary at significant angles in the line.

14. Can ETT and Sharyland parallel existing rights-of-way or transmission line corridors?

If possible, and if prudent, ETT and Sharyland will consider paralleling existing right-of-way of pipelines, old rail lines, or existing transmission lines. However, until route selection is better defined and landowner preferences are taken into consideration, it is hard to know if paralleling existing corridors will be the best option.

15. How does an easement affect the landowner's use of the property?

Easements provide the utility the ability to clear the right-of-way and construct electric facilities within the easement. The landowner may continue to use the property in the easement for activities such as ranching, farming, and hunting; provided that the activity does not interfere with the construction, and safe operation and maintenance of the line. PUCT rules require that new easements must include a provision that prohibits the construction of any new above-ground structures within the right-of-way.

About the Construction Process

16. How will landowners be affected by the construction of the transmission line?

After ETT or Sharyland has obtained the necessary easement from a landowner, the landowner will be contacted prior to clearing and construction activities. Clearing includes the removal of trees and shrubs in the easement that could interfere with the safe operation and the maintenance of the transmission line. If necessary, erosion control measures are implemented during the clearing and construction process. ETT or Sharyland will undertake reasonable efforts to minimize disturbances to the landowner's use of the property and to minimize the impact to landowner's property during clearing and construction activities.

After completing construction of the transmission line, the surface of the easement area will be restored as closely as possible to its original contours and grades. The easement area will also be re-vegetated as necessary using native species while giving consideration to landowner preferences.

17. What type of structures will be used to construct the line?

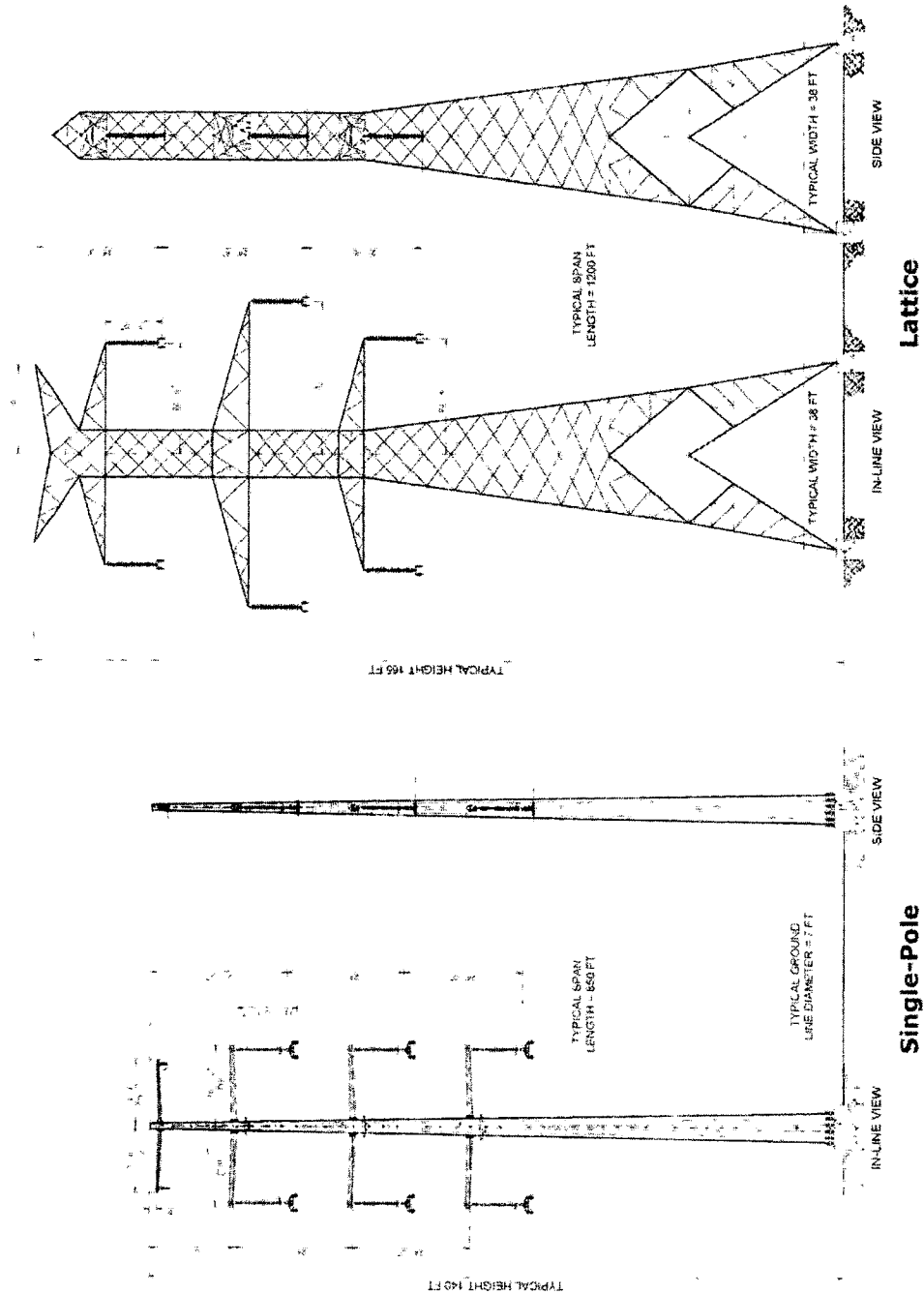
ETT and Sharyland anticipate that the typical structure will be of the steel single-pole double-circuit capable design. The typical steel single-pole structure height will be 145 feet with a typical span distance between structures of 850 feet. A structure height must provide the minimum clearances to the ground, roadways, structures, and other utility structures to comply with the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC). These clearance requirements are for the safety of the general public. For comparison on an attached diagram the typical steel single-pole double-circuit capable structure is shown alongside another typical structure used for 345-kV lines, the lattice steel structure.

18. Are these structures secure and safe?

Yes. ETT and Sharyland design and construct transmission lines with safety in mind. The materials that are used comply with the strength requirements of all applicable codes, including the NESC (as required by Texas statute) and the American Standard Testing Materials Specifications. ETT's and Sharyland's design and construction practices meet or exceed all of these codes and specifications. These codes and specifications were developed in part to protect the general public from electrical shock.

Also, if a severe event occurs such as extreme wind conditions, and causes an overhead conductor to break and fall to the ground, ETT and Sharyland have protective devices in place to de-energize the line to further protect the general public. It is important to remember that a conductor on the ground should always be considered dangerous. ETT and Sharyland request that if one is found, contact with it should be avoided, and ETT or Sharyland should be called immediately.

Typical Transmission Line Structures





Preguntas Frecuentes

Proyecto de Línea de Transmisión de 345-kV de North Edinburg-Loma Alta

Sobre el Proyectto

1. ¿Qué es el Proyecto De Transmisión?

El proyecto de transmisión es una línea de transmisión de circuito doble con capacidad de 345 kV que comenzará en la Subestación North Edinburg de AEP Texas Central Company (AEP TCC) en el Condado de Hidalgo y está localizada aproximadamente a 0.1 milla al oeste de la intersección de la FM1925 y la FM 2061 en el perímetro del norte de la ciudad de Edinburg. La nueva línea de transmisión se extenderá hasta llegar a un lugar cercano a la actual Subestación AEP TCC South McAllen, localizada en el lado oeste de la State Highway 115 (S Depot Road) aproximadamente a 0.2 millas al norte de la intersección del State Highway 115 y la Sarah Avenue.

Desde esta área, la nueva línea de transmisión continuará extendiéndose hasta llegar al punto de terminación en la Subestación Loma Alta de Brownsville Public Utilities Board (BPUB) en el Condado de Cameron, localizado en el área de Brownsville Ship Channel al lado norte de Chemical Road, que está aproximadamente a 0.6 millas de la intersección de Chemical Road y State Highway 48.

En base a los enlaces de enrutamiento preliminares, la longitud total de la línea de transmisión del Proyecto podría ser aproximadamente de 80 a 125 millas. Las opciones de enrutamiento están aun por desarrollarse. La longitud de la ruta final dependerá de la ruta que sea aprobada por la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas ((PUCT), por sus siglas en inglés) después de que se presente la solicitud del Certificado de Conveniencia y Necesidad (CCN, por sus siglas en inglés) ante la misma PUCT.

2. ¿Por qué es necesario el Proyecto?

El proyecto es parte de un esfuerzo mayor conocido como el Proyecto Cross Valley, el cual es necesario para poder asegurar servicios eléctricos confiables a Lower Rio Grande Valley y al mismo tiempo ver por el crecimiento continuo de carga eléctrica en el área de Brownsville. La necesidad para este proyecto es el resultado del límite de la capacidad de importación de generación y el pronóstico de un aumento en la demanda de carga eléctrica en la región.

El Consejo de Confiabilidad Eléctrica de Texas (ERCOT, por sus siglas en inglés) es responsable de identificar las mejoras necesarias al sistema de transmisión para proporcionar una red de transmisión confiable y adecuada en la mayor parte de Texas, incluyendo esta área. ERCOT ha determinado que ésta propuesta línea de transmisión de circuito doble con capacidad de 345 kV, es un Proyecto crítico para la confiabilidad del sistema de ERCOT.

ERCOT aprobó esta importante designación para acelerar la construcción de la línea y para amenorar el riesgo de confiabilidad de interrupciones graves al cliente en el área.

3. ¿Quién es ERCOT?

ERCOT maneja el flujo de energía eléctrica a 23 millones de clientes en Texas - que representan el 85 por ciento de la carga eléctrica del estado. Siendo el operador independiente del sistema para la región, ERCOT supervisa las actividades relacionadas con la transmisión confiable y segura de electricidad por medio de la programación de la energía en una red eléctrica que conecta 40,500 millas de líneas de transmisión y más de 550 unidades de generación. ERCOT es una corporación de membresía sin fines de lucro, que se rige por un consejo directivo y está sujeta a la supervisión de la PUCT y la Legislatura de Texas. Los miembros de ERCOT incluyen a consumidores, cooperativas, generadores, comercializadores de energía, proveedores minoristas de electricidad, servicios eléctricos propiedad de inversionistas (proveedores de transmisión y distribución) y servicios eléctricos de propiedad municipal.

Sobre la parte involucradas

4. ¿Cuales empresas construirían ésta nueva línea de transmisión?

La línea será construida por Electric Transmission Texas, LLC (ETT) y Sharyland Utilities, L.P. (Sharyland). ETT construirá el lado oeste de la nueva línea de transmisión y Sharyland construirá el lado este de la nueva línea de transmisión. Las dos empresas juntas registrarán la solicitud de la CCN con la PUCT. Hasta que se aprueba la ruta de la línea de transmisión con la PUCT, no se conocerá la línea de división entre las partes.

5. ¿Qué es ETT?

Electric Transmission Texas, LLC (ETT) [Transmisión Eléctrica de Texas] es un servicio público de transmisión con sede en Austin y certificación de Texas para ofrecer servicio de transmisión en ERCOT. ETT es una empresa conjunta entre filiales de American Electric Power (AEP) y MidAmericanEnergy Holdings Company (MidAmerican). AEP es la compañía matriz de AEP Texas Central Company. Por medio de ETT, AEP se asoció con MidAmerican para compartir el financiamiento de una gran cantidad de nueva transmisión que será necesaria para ERCOT en los próximos 10 años. Puede encontrar mas información sobre ETT en www.ettexas.com.

6. Quién es Sharyland?

Sharyland es una empresa eléctrica de servicios públicos con sede en Texas regulada completamente por la PUCT. La sede corporativa está localizada Dallas, Texas y actualmente proporciona servicio a aproximadamente 45,000 clientes en 29 condados en Texas. Sharyland es propiedad privada del Sr. Hunter L. Hunt y otros miembros de la familia de Ray L. Hunt. La empresa es administrada por Hunter L. Hunt. Las oficinas locales de Sharyland están localizadas en 4403 West Military Highway, Suite 700, McAllen, Texas, 78503. Para mas información, por favor llame al 866-354-3335 o visite www.sharyland.com.

7. ¿Qué es la PUCT?

La PUCT es la agencia estatal que fue creada por la Legislatura de Texas para proporcionar regulación estatal a tarifas y servicios de las empresas públicas eléctricas y de telecomunicaciones.

8. ¿Tiene la PUCT jurisdicción sobre ETT y Sharyland?

Sí, las actividades de ETT y Sharyland son reguladas por la PUCT. ETT y Sharyland deben presentar una solicitud de la CCN a la PUCT con el fin de obtener la aprobación para construir la línea de transmisión. Si la PUCT está de acuerdo con ERCOT en que la línea de transmisión es necesaria, la PUCT hará entonces la decisión final sobre la ruta que será aprobada para este proyecto. Una vez aprobada, la ETT y Sharyland podrán empezar el proceso de construcción de la nueva línea de transmisión.

Sobre el Proceso de Enrutamiento

9. ¿Como se determinarán las posibles rutas para este proyecto?

ETT y Sharyland están trabajando actualmente con un experto consultor de enrutamiento para llevar a cabo una evaluación ambiental y un análisis de enrutamiento para el proyecto propuesto de la línea de transmisión. El consultor de enrutamiento emplea personal profesional con experiencia en diversos recursos de ciencias ambientales, socioeconómicas y culturales. Este consultor también ha tenido contacto con agencias y varios agentes federales, estatales, del condado y de la ciudad para obtener su opinión sobre posibles restricciones y las áreas que hay que evitar. La evaluación ambiental y el análisis de enrutamiento será parte de la solicitud del CCN presentada ante la PUCT.

10. ¿Tendrán los propietarios de tierra la oportunidad de participar en el proceso de la selección de ruta?

Absolutamente. De hecho, ETT y Sharyland serán anfitriones de una serie de reuniones públicas al principio de Octubre donde se invitará al público en general y a los propietarios de tierras involucrados, a revisar todas las rutas propuestas cercanas a su tierra, ofrecer sugerencias y expresar sus inquietudes. Las notificaciones para estas reuniones serán enviadas directamente a los dueños de los territorios afectados. ETT y Sharyland anima a todos los propietarios de tierras afectados a asistir a estas reuniones para ofrecer sus sugerencias de las posibles rutas. Para más información, puede encontrarla en www.ettexas.com y www.sharyland.com.

11. ¿Cuándo presentarán ETT y Sharyland la solicitud del CCN y comenzarán la construcción de la línea del Proyecto?

ETT y Sharyland planean presentar la solicitud del CCN en marzo del 2013 y esperan la aprobación para septiembre-octubre 2013. Después de que el diseño final se haya terminado y se obtengan las servidumbres de paso, ETT y Sharyland esperan que la construcción pueda comenzar en algún momento a mediados de 2014. El objetivo para la fecha de puesta de servicio de la línea de transmisión es julio 2016.