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Public Utility Commission of Texas PO Box 13326 Austin, Texas 78711-3326

February 1, 2022

Re: Project No. 52682 – Project for Commission Ordered Transmission Facilities, Quarterly Reports

In the October 14, 2021 Order, the Commission ordered transmission service providers, including AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas), to provide quarterly progress reports to the Commission regarding the status in completing construction of the ordered transmission line and facilities. AEP Texas is hereby providing its second quarterly report.

AEP Texas is the owner of the existing North Edinburg and La Palma stations and will own half of the 345-kV transmission line from AEP Texas' existing La Palma station to the new Kingfisher station(the Kingfisher station will be built and owned by Sharyland Utilities). AEP Texas' portion of these two projects are as follows:

- (1) AEP Texas' North Edinburg Station Expansion which will terminate two new 345-kV transmission circuits related to the second circuit being added by ETT from the proposed new Greenfield 3 station and the second circuit being added by ETT on its portion of the existing Palmito to North Edinburg line and,
- (2) AEP Texas' La Palma station expansion and its half of the new La Palma to Kingfisher 345-kV double-circuit transmission line with the first circuit initially installed.

AEP Texas, in collaboration with Electric Transmission Texas, South Texas Electric Cooperative (STEC) and Sharyland Utilities, have developed a format for reporting progress on a quarterly basis consistent with the October 14, 2021 Order. This format is used in the attached first quarterly report. If the Commission has any suggested edits or changes to this proposed format, please contact myself at <a href="mailto:reroper@aep.com">reroper@aep.com</a>. AEP Texas will be reporting on the progress of each project as requested quarterly. Sharyland will be providing a duplicate update one its portion of the joint project as well and will be providing a more detailed schedule for the joint project in its update.

Sincerely,

Randal E Roper

AEP Texas, Regulatory Case Manager

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# Public Utilities Commission of Texas LRGV Loop Progress and Station Report

## **Executive Summary**



### Summary

Report Period
Line Miles
TBD greenfield AEP Texas/Sharyland
Counties Affected
Cameron and Hildalgo County
% Complete-Design
25% for N. Edinburg Station Expansion
% Complete-Procurement
0%
% Complete-Construction
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### **Program Description**

AEP Texas will expand existing North Edinburg station for new circuit terminations. AEP Texas and Sharyland will each build half of a new 345 kV line from La Palma to Kingfisher and AEP Texas will expand the La Palma station for new circuit termination.

#### **Overall Progress Summary**

Completed: EA vendor Selected. Preferred station location determined for Kingfisher. Agency letters sent. Meeting had with local officials.

<u>In Progress</u>: Design engineering continuing for North Edinburg station expansion. Procured long lead time materials for station expansion. Routing Link Development in progress. Landowner identification development underway in Study Area.

<u>Upcoming:</u> Open House Meetings in San Benito area. Route selection. Development of the Environmental Assessment. CCN documents development. Continue engineering design work on North Edinburg station expansion.

#### **Reliability and Safety Meaures and Progress**

This section will be updated as the project is further developed.

### **ERCOT Coordination Efforts and Regulatory Issues**

Co-developing CCN Application with Sharyland for La Palma to Kingfisher transmission line.

# Public Utilities Commission of Texas LRGV Second Circuit Progress Report



## **AEP Texas La Palma to Kingfisher**

	Project Description
Report Period	1Q 2022
TSP Project Number	
Counties Affected	Cameron County
% Complete-Design	0%
% Complete-Procurement	0%
% Complete-Construction	0%
Project Description	Build half of a new 345 kV line from La Palma to Kingfisher and expand the La Palma station.



#### **Project Progress Summary**

Completed: EA vendor Selected. Preferred station location determined for Kingfisher. Agency letters sent. Meeting had with local officials.

In Progress: Routing Link Development in progress. Landowner negotiation underway for Kingfisher Station. Landowner identification development underway for study area.

<u>Upcoming:</u> Open House Meetings in San Benito area. Development of the Environmental Assessment. CCN documents development. Preliminary engineering for line routes and La Palma expansion.

	Project T	asks and Time Estimates	
Project Tasks	Plan	Baseline	Actual
CCN Filing	May 2022		
CCN Approval	Nov 2022		
<u>Design Start</u>	June 2023		
<u>Design Finish</u>	May 2024		
Procurement Start	Feb 2023		
Procurement Finish	Dec 2025		
Construction Start	Sep 2025		
Construction Finish	Feb 2026		
<u>Energization</u>	Feb 2026		

#### **Project Delays**

No Updates.

#### **Protected Information**

This section will be updated as the project is further developed.

# Public Utilities Commission of Texas LRGV Second Circuit Progress Report



## **AEP Texas North Edinburg Station Expansion**

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Report Period	1Q 2022
TSP Project Number	TBD
Counties Affected	Hidalgo County
% Complete-Design	25%
% Complete-Procurement	0%

% Complete-Construction

**Project Description** 

Expand North Edinburg to terminate new ETT Greenfield 3 station to North Edinburg second circuit and new ETT North Edinburg to Sharyland POI second circuit



#### **Project Progress Summary**

Completed: Project team is in place and a detailed project execution plan under development. Long Lead Time materials have been procured. Station scoping almost completed.

<u>Upcoming:</u> The station scope will continue to be developed. Procurement of engineering resources continues.

Project Tasks and Time Estimates				
Project Tasks	Plan	Baseline	Actual	
Design Start	May 2022			
Design Finish	Dec 2023			
Procurement Start	Jan 2023			
Procurement Finish	July 2023			
Construction Start	May 2023			
Construction Finish	Dec 2023			
Energization	Dec 2023			

#### **Project Delays**

This section will be updated as the project is further developed. Risk to the project is extended material lead times.

#### **Protected Information**

This section will be updated as the project is further developed.