



Guide for Landowners Affected by a New Electric Transmission Line Route

Why am I receiving this notice?

You are receiving this notice because your property is near one of the possible routes for a proposed electric transmission line. You can find maps of the proposed routes on the website of the company that applied to build the line.

What does the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) do?

The PUCT is the Texas state agency that decides if a transmission line is needed and what route the line will follow. The PUCT does not build or operate electric transmission lines.

What are transmission lines and why do we need them?

Electric transmission lines carry electricity long distances across the state. They bring electricity from power plants to cities and neighborhoods where they link to smaller wires called distribution-level wires, that carry electricity to individual customers' homes and businesses. New electric transmission lines are needed where there is growth in electricity demand or where existing transmission lines are at full capacity.

Public Participation in the Transmission Line Siting Process

How can I participate?

Depending on the level of participation you choose, you can either be a protestor or an intervenor.

- **Protestors** – If you have concerns about the transmission line, you can send us written comments about the proposed routes. These comments are filed in the public record and are available to anyone who is interested in the application. Comments help inform the PUCT Commissioners and staff of the public concerns.
- **Intervenors** – Intervening makes you an official participant in the legal case where the transmission line and the route are debated in front of a judge and the PUC Commissioners. You will be allowed to present evidence in the case and can cross-examine witnesses. You can testify in the case and may also be cross-examined by the other parties in the case. Intervenors must follow along with the process of the case, respond to requests from the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and other parties, and actively participate in the case. Otherwise, they may lose their status as an intervenor. Intervenors are not required to have an attorney.

Why should I participate?

If you have any concerns about the proposed routes, the PUCT encourages you to participate in the siting process. As a landowner, you have detailed knowledge of the impacted area that might not be reflected in the application. Sharing your knowledge with the PUCT allows us to make better-informed decisions about the route of the line.

How can I follow the process?

All the documents related to a case are filed in the PUCT public document interchange. You can search for the case by name or by the five-digit docket number. You can also sign up to receive a notification every time a new document is added related to the case. The interchange is at <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>

What is the process?

After the company applies to build a new transmission line to the PUCT, technical staff reviews the application. The PUCT sends the application to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) when an intervenor or technical staff requests a hearing. A SOAH judge will schedule a prehearing conference to address procedural matters, including setting a procedural schedule for the case. The procedural schedule will set a hearing date, deadlines to request information from other participants and deadlines to file written testimony prior to the hearing. SOAH conferences and hearings can be held by video conference with a call-in option. All participants in the case must attend the hearing to have their written testimony entered into evidence. After the hearing, the SOAH judge will give the PUCT a recommendation about the route.

The PUCT Commissioners are not bound by this recommendation in selecting a route for the transmission line. The PUCT Commissioners will issue a final decision at a public meeting, which the people participating in the case can attend and request to make a statement. The PUCT Commissioners can and sometimes do make alterations to the route in response to statements from landowners. The company building the transmission line will then negotiate with landowners for the easements on their property. PUCT Commissioners meet in public meetings broadcast online.

During the time the case is going through the hearing process, participants in the case also negotiate to find a route that satisfies everyone. The PUCT Commissioners are not required to approve a negotiated route.

The entire process can take up to six months.

Where do I go for more information?

The company that has applied to build the line will have maps on their website. For more information about how to participate in the process please contact the PUCT Office of Public Engagement <https://www.puc.texas.gov/agency/about/ope/> or 512-936-7374.

Guía Para Propietarios Afectados por Una Nueva Ruta de Línea de Transmisión Eléctrica

¿Por qué recibo este aviso?

Está recibiendo este aviso porque su propiedad está cerca de una de las posibles rutas para una línea de transmisión eléctrica propuesta o cerca de un sitio de subestación propuesto. Puede encontrar mapas de las rutas propuestas en la solicitud de la compañía en el intercambio de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUCT) utilizando el número de expediente de cinco dígitos.

¿Qué hace la PUCT?

La PUCT es la agencia estatal de Texas que decide si se necesita una línea de transmisión y qué ruta seguirá la línea. La PUCT no construye ni opera líneas de transmisión eléctrica.

¿Qué son las líneas de transmisión y por qué las necesitamos?

Las líneas de transmisión eléctrica transportan electricidad a largas distancias por todo el estado. Llevan la electricidad desde las plantas de energía a las ciudades y vecindarios donde se conectan a cables más pequeños llamados cables de nivel de distribución, que llevan la electricidad a los hogares y negocios de los clientes individuales. Se necesitan nuevas líneas de transmisión eléctrica donde hay un aumento en la demanda de electricidad o donde las líneas de transmisión existentes están a capacidad completa y es necesario ampliarlas.

Participación Pública en el Proceso de Emplazamiento de Líneas de Transmisión

¿Cómo puedo participar?

Según el nivel de participación que elija, puede ser un manifestante o un interventor.

- **Manifestantes** – Si tienen inquietudes sobre la línea de transmisión, pueden enviarnos comentarios por escrito sobre las rutas propuestas. Estos comentarios se archivan en el registro público y están disponibles para cualquier persona interesada en la solicitud. Los comentarios ayudan a informar a los comisionados y al personal de la PUCT sobre las preocupaciones del público.
- **Interventores** – La intervención lo convierte en un participante oficial en el caso legal donde la transmisión y la ruta se debaten frente a un juez y los Comisionados de la PUC. Se le permitirá presentar pruebas en el caso y podrá contrainterrogar a los testigos. Puede testificar en el caso y también puede ser interrogado por las otras partes en el caso. Los interventores deben seguir con el proceso del caso, responder a las solicitudes del Juez de Derecho Administrativo (ALJ) y otras partes, y participar activamente en el caso. De lo contrario, puede perder su condición de interventor. Los interventores no están obligados a tener un abogado. El aviso que recibió indica la fecha límite para intervenir. Los formularios para interventores se pueden encontrar en el sitio web de la PUC.

¿Por qué debo participar?

Si tiene inquietudes sobre las rutas propuestas, la PUCT lo alienta a participar en el proceso de ubicación. Como propietario, tiene un conocimiento detallado del área afectada que podría no estar reflejado en la solicitud. Compartir su conocimiento con la PUCT nos permite tomar una decisión mejor informada sobre la ruta de la línea.

¿Cómo puedo seguir el proceso?

Todos los documentos relacionados con un caso se archivan en el intercambio de documentos públicos de la PUCT. Puede buscar el caso por nombre o por el número de expediente de cinco dígitos. También puede registrarse para recibir una notificación cada vez que se agregue un nuevo documento relacionado con el caso. El intercambio está en <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>

¿Cuál es el proceso?

Después de que la empresa presenta una solicitud ante la PUCT para construir una nueva línea de transmisión, el personal técnico de la PUCT revisa la solicitud en un procedimiento legal. Cuando un interventor o personal técnico de la PUCT solicite una audiencia, la PUCT enviará la solicitud a la Oficina Estatal de Audiencias Administrativas (SOAH). El juez de SOAH fijará una fecha de audiencia, plazos para solicitar información de otros participantes y plazos para presentar testimonio escrito o una declaración de posición antes de la audiencia. El juez de SOAH puede determinar el formato de las conferencias y audiencias, por ejemplo, mediante videoconferencia con opción de llamada telefónica. Los participantes en el caso deben asistir a la audiencia para que su testimonio escrito se convierta en prueba. Después de la audiencia, el juez de SOAH brindará a los Comisionados de la PUCT una recomendación sobre la ruta propuesta para la línea de transmisión.

Los Comisionados de la PUCT no están obligados por la recomendación del juez de la SOAH al seleccionar una ruta para la línea de transmisión. Los Comisionados de la PUCT emitirán una decisión final en una reunión pública a la que podrán asistir los participantes del caso y solicitar declarar. Las reuniones públicas de la PUCT se transmiten en línea. Los Comisionados de la PUCT pueden y en ocasiones hacen modificaciones a la ruta en respuesta a declaraciones de los propietarios de terrenos. Luego, la empresa que construye la línea de transmisión negociará con los propietarios de terrenos para comprar derechos de servidumbre sobre sus propiedades. La PUCT no determina la cantidad de dinero que se debe pagar a los propietarios por servidumbres u otros derechos de paso.

Hasta que los comisionados de la PUCT tomen una decisión final, los participantes en el caso también negocian para encontrar una ruta que satisfaga a todos. Los Comisionados de la PUCT no están obligados a aprobar una ruta negociada.

Todo el proceso de revisión de ruta de la línea de transmisión de la PUCT puede tardar hasta seis meses.

¿Dónde me dirijo para obtener más información?

La empresa que haya solicitado construir la línea tendrá mapas en su sitio web. Para obtener más información sobre cómo participar en el proceso, comuníquese con la Oficina de Participación Pública de PUCT <https://www.puc.texas.gov/agency/about/ope/> o 512-936-7374.

Request to Intervene in PUC Docket No.

The following information must be submitted by the person requesting to intervene in this proceeding. This completed form will be provided to all parties in this docket. **If you DO NOT want to be an intervenor, but still want to file comments, please complete the "Comments" page.**

Mail this completed form and 10 copies to:

Public Utility Commission of Texas
Central Records
Attn: Filing Clerk
1701 N. Congress Ave.
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, TX 78711-3326

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Address, City, State: _____

Email Address: _____

I am requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As an INTERVENOR, I understand the following:

- I am a party to the case;
- I am required to respond to all discovery requests from other parties in the case;
- If I file testimony, I may be cross-examined in the hearing;
- If I file any documents in the case, I will have to provide a copy of that document to every other party in the case; and
- I acknowledge that I am bound by the Procedural Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) and the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

Please check one of the following:

- ☐ I own property with a habitable structure located near one or more of the utility's proposed routes for a transmission line.
- ☐ One or more of the utility's proposed routes would cross my property.
- ☐ Other. Please describe and provide comments. You may attach a separate page, if necessary.

Signature of person requesting intervention:

_____ Date: _____

Effective: April 8, 2020

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Comments in Docket No. _____

If you want to be a PROTESTOR only, please complete this form. Although public comments are not treated as evidence, they help inform the PUC and its staff of the public concerns and identify issues to be explored. The PUC welcomes such participation in its proceedings.

For USPS, send one copy to:

Public Utility Commission of Texas
Central Records
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, TX 78711-3326

For all other delivery or courier services, send one copy to:

Public Utility Commission of Texas
Central Records
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Address, City, State: _____

I am NOT requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As a PROTESTOR, I understand the following:

- I am NOT a party to this case;
- My comments are not considered evidence in this case; and
- I have no further obligation to participate in the proceeding.

Please check one of the following:

☐ I own property with a habitable structure located near one or more of the utility's proposed routes for a transmission line.

☐ One or more of the utility's proposed routes would cross my property.

☐ Other. Please describe and provide comments. You may attach a separate page, if necessary. _____

Signature of person submitting comments:

_____ Date: _____

EXHIBIT E



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October 4, 2024

Via Hand Delivery

Ms. Laura Zebehazy
Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program
Wildlife Division
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744-3291

RE: Joint Application of the City of San Antonio, Acting By and Through City Public Service Board (CPS Energy) and South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. (STEC) to Amend their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity for the Proposed Howard Road to San Miguel 345 kV Transmission Line Project in Bexar and Atascosa Counties, Texas

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS (PUC) DOCKET NO. 57115

Dear Ms. Zebehazy:

On Friday, October 4, 2024, the City of San Antonio, acting by and through City Public Service Board (CPS Energy), and South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. (STEC) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) the above-referenced application to amend their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to construct the Howard Road to San Miguel 345 kV Transmission Line Project in Bexar and Atascosa Counties, Texas.

As you are aware, the Commission's CCN application requires that CPS Energy and STEC provide for review and comment a copy of the project environmental assessment (EA) to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) within seven days after the application is filed. Accordingly, enclosed with this letter is a copy of the EA prepared for the referenced project as well as a complete copy of CPS Energy's and STEC's CCN application filed at the Commission. The CCN application also requires that a copy of this transmittal letter be included with the project application. You will find a copy of this letter included as Attachment 11 to the filed Application.

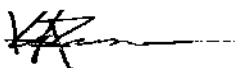
Under the traditional CCN process, TPWD typically provides the Commission Staff with comments about the application. CPS Energy and STEC would also appreciate receiving a copy of any comments TPWD may choose to provide to Commission Staff. You may send those comments to Antonio DeMendonca (CPS Energy) at 500 McCullough Ave., San Antonio, Texas 78215 or Arthur (Holly) Gifford (STEC) at P.O. Box 119, Nursery, Texas 77976. Of course, CPS Energy and STEC reserve the right to inquire into the basis of any comments or

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recommendations TPWD may choose to submit in this case, but I am certain the appropriate arrangements can be made for that inquiry if the necessity arises.

If you have any questions about the EA, please feel free to contact Antonio DeMendonca (CPS Energy) at 210-353-5318, Arthur (Holly) Gifford (STEC) at 361-485-6134 or me at (512) 236-2310.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirk D. Rasmussen', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Kirk D. Rasmussen

Cc: Antonio DeMendonca, CPS Energy
Arthur (Holly) Gifford, STEC
Russell Hooten, TPWD

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