

Alternative Route Link Composition and Length

Alternative routes are listed alphabetically in the below table and are not in any order of preference or priority.

Primary Alternative Route Composition and Length

Route	Route Composition	Length (miles)
A	1-3-10	1.98
B	2-3-10	1.59
C	4-7-9-10	1.81
D	5-6-7-9-10	2.22
E	5-8-9-10	2.61

The following narrative, along with the enclosed maps that show the locations of these links, provides a detailed description of the links that form the five routes that AEP Texas presented to the Public Utility Commission (PUC) for consideration.

LINK 1

Link 1 begins at Tap Point 1, located along the existing AEP Texas Medio Creek-Lon Hill 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line approximately 1.80 miles west-southwest of the AEP Texas Haisley Substation, which is located approximately 2.7 miles north-northeast of the intersection of US Hwy 77 and SH 89. The link proceeds south-southwest for approximately 0.27 mile. The link then angles southeast for approximately 0.74 mile. The link then angles south-southeast for approximately 0.29 mile. The link then angles east-northeast for approximately 0.54 mile. The link terminates at its intersection with Links 2 and 3. Total length is 1.84 miles.

LINK 2

Link 2 begins at Tap Point 2, located along the existing 138-kV transmission line approximately 1.37 miles west-southwest of the AEP Texas Haisley Substation. The link proceeds south-southeast for approximately 1.45 miles. The link terminates at its intersection with Links 1 and 3. Total length is 1.45 miles.

LINK 3

Link 3 begins at its intersection with Links 1 and 2 and proceeds east-northeast for approximately 0.07 mile. The link terminates at its intersection with Links 9 and 10. Total length is 0.07 mile.

LINK 4

Link 4 begins at Tap Point 3, located along the existing 138-kV transmission line approximately 1.02 miles west-southwest of the AEP Texas Haisley Substation. The link proceeds south-southeast for approximately 1.29 miles. The link terminates at its intersection with Links 6 and 7. Total length is 1.29 miles.

LINK 5

Link 5 begins at Tap Point 4, located along the existing 138-kV transmission line approximately 0.33 mile west-southwest of the AEP Texas Haisley Substation. The link proceeds south-southeast for approximately 1.06 miles. The link terminates at its intersection with Links 6 and 8. Total length is 1.06 miles.

LINK 6

Link 6 begins at its intersection with Links 5 and 8 and proceeds southwest for approximately 0.64 mile. The link terminates at its intersection with Links 4 and 7. Total length is 0.64 mile.

LINK 7

Link 7 begins at its intersection with Links 4 and 6 and proceeds southwest for approximately 0.29 mile. The link terminates at its intersection with Links 8 and 9. Total length is 0.29 mile.

LINK 8

Link 8 begins at its intersection with Links 5 and 6 and proceeds south-southeast for approximately 0.35 mile. The link angles southwest for approximately 0.73 mile. The link angles west-northwest for approximately 0.24 mile. The link terminates at its intersection with Links 7 and 9. Total length is 1.32 miles.

LINK 9

Link 9 begins at its intersection with Links 7 and 8 and proceeds southwest for approximately 0.11 mile. The link then angles south-southeast for approximately 0.05 mile. The link terminates at its intersection with Links 3 and 10. Total length is 0.16 mile.

LINK 10

Link 10 begins at its intersection with Links 3 and 9 and proceeds east-northeast for approximately 0.03 mile. The link then angles northeast for approximately 0.04 mile. The link terminates at the proposed AEP Texas Portilla Substation approximately 1.0 mile northeast of the intersection of US Hwy 77 and SH 89. Total length is 0.07 mile.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



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.

LA COMISIÓN DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS DE TEXAS



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 (PUC) 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.

Comments in Docket No. 57245

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.

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: _____

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: _____

Request to Intervene in PUC Docket No. 57245

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.**

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

Signature of person requesting intervention:

_____ Date: _____

Attachment 9g - Landowner List

Owner Name	Address	City	State	Zip Code
Diana Welder Hamilton Ranch Partnership, Ltd.	921 N. Chaparral St., Ste. #103	Corpus Christi	TX	78401
R. H. Welder Heirs, Ltd.	315 Earl Garrett St.	Kerrville	TX	78028



An AEP Company

AEP Texas Inc.
400 West 15th Street, Suite 1520
Austin, TX 78701-1677

November 20, 2024

Title
Utility Name
Address
City, State Zip

**RE: PUC DOCKET NO. 57245: APPLICATION OF AEP TEXAS INC. TO AMEND
ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE MEDIO
CREEK-TO-LON HILL 138-KV CUT-IN TO PORTILLA SUBSTATION
DOUBLE-CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY**

Dear Title:

AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas) gives notice of its intent to amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to construct a 138-kV transmission line in San Patricio County.

AEP Texas is proposing to construct the new Medio Creek to Lon Hill 138-kilovolt (kV) Cut-In to Portilla Double-Circuit Transmission Line Project (Project) north of the City of Sinton in San Patricio County, Texas. The Project will begin at one of four potential tap point options along AEP Texas' existing Medio Creek-Lon Hill 138-kV transmission line, where Tap Point 1 is located approximately 1.6 miles northwest, Tap Point 2 is located 1.8 miles north-northwest, Tap Point 3 is located 2.0 miles north, and Tap Point 4 is located 2.5 miles north-northeast of the intersection of United States Highway (US Hwy) 77 and State Highway (SH) 89. The Project will terminate at the future AEP Texas 138-kV Portilla Substation located approximately 1.0 mile northeast of the intersection of US Hwy 77 and SH 89. Depending on which route is selected, the total length of the proposed Project would be approximately 1.59 to 2.61 miles long.

On November 20, 2024, AEP Texas filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or Commission) in Docket No. 57245 - *Application of AEP Texas Inc. to Amend Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Medio Creek-to-Lon Hill 138-kV Cut-In to Portilla Substation Double-Circuit Transmission Line in San Patricio County* (Application).

AEP Texas has proposed five alternative transmission line routes in its Application for the PUC's consideration. The routing options for this Project range from approximately 1.59 miles to 2.61 miles in length. The estimated cost of the routing options ranges from approximately \$4.92 million to \$7.77 million. AEP Texas plans to construct the transmission line on steel monopole structures within a typical right-of-way approximately 100 feet wide.

Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought should mail their requests to intervene or their comments (along with 10 copies) to the following address:

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The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is December 20, 2024; and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or Commission) by that date.

A map illustrating the AEP Texas' Proposed Route Options is enclosed for your review. You can also visit the Project Website at <https://AEPTexas.com/Portilla/> to access project information and view an interactive map. Also enclosed is a written description of each of the routing links that make up each proposed alternative route option that has been filed with the Commission in AEP Texas' CCN application.

All routes and route segments (links) included in this notice are available for selection and approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

A detailed routing map may be reviewed during normal business hours at the following location:

Sinton Public Library
100 N Pirate Blvd.
Sinton, Texas 78387

The Commission has developed a brochure titled "*Guide for Landowners Affected by a New Electric Transmission Line Route*," which provides basic information about how you may participate in this docket, and how you may contact the PUC. Copies of the brochure are available from Roy R. Bermea at (512) 481-4575 or may be downloaded from the PUC's website at www.puc.state.tx.us. The site includes sample forms for making comments and for making a request to intervene as a party in this docket. In addition to the contacts listed in the brochure, you may call the PUC's Customer Assistance Hotline toll free at 1-888-782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUC's Customer Assistance Hotline toll free at 1-800-735-2989, ext. 6-7402.

If you have questions about the transmission line project, you may contact AEP Texas' Regulatory Project Team: Chad Tomanec at (361) 881-5703 and Roy Bermea at (512) 481-4575.

Sincerely,



Kensley L. Greuter
Regulatory Case Manager

Enclosures:

- Map of Multiple Routing Options
- Alternative Route Link Descriptions

Utilities Located within Five (5) Miles of Proposed Route

San Patricio Electric Cooperative

Ron Hughes, General Manager

P.O. Box 400

Sinton, TX 78387

South Texas Electric Cooperative

Clif Lange, General Manager

P.O. Box 119

Nursery, TX 77976



AEP Texas Inc.
400 West 15th Street, Suite 1520
Austin, TX 78701-1677

November 20, 2024

Honorable Name
County/Municipal
Office
Address
City, State Zip

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County and Municipal Officials List

City of Sinton

Honorable Mayor Mary Speidel
301 East Market St
Sinton, Texas 78387

San Patricio County Judge

Honorable Judge David R. Krebs
400 W Sinton St.
Sinton, Texas 78387

Commissioner Sonia Lopez

San Patricio County, Precinct 1
520 Harvill St.
Sinton, Texas 78387

Commissioner Tom Yardley

San Patricio County, Precinct 2
900 Austin Street
Portland, Texas 78374

Commissioner Lilly Wilkinson

San Patricio County, Precinct 3
119 N. Atascosa
Mathis, Texas 78368

Commissioner Howard Gillespie

San Patricio County, Precinct 4
3141 FM 3512
Aransas Pass, Texas 78336



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September 30, 2024

Department of Defense
Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse
3400 Defense Pentagon
Room 5C646
Washington, DC 20301-3400

via email: osd.dod-siting-clearinghouse@mail.mil

**Re: APPLICATION OF AEP TEXAS INC. TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE LON HILL-TO-MEDIO CREEK
138-KV CUT-IN TO PORTILLA SUBSTATION DOUBLE-CIRCUIT
TRANSMISSION LINE IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY**

AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas) gives notice of its intent to file an application to obtain its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to construct a proposed double-circuit 138-kV transmission line in San Patricio County, Texas (Project). AEP Texas is filing five route options for this project that would be approximately 1.59 to 2.61 miles in length, depending on the alternative route selected by the Commission.

This notice of intent to file a CCN application is provided pursuant to the PUC Procedural Rule Tex. Admin. Code § 22.52 (a)(4) related to notice in licensing proceedings. The rule requires a utility to notify the Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse of any public meeting to be held during the route evaluation process. In the event that no public meeting is held, the utility is required to provide written notice to the Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse of the utility's intent to file a CCN application at the PUC prior to the completion of the routing study. In this specific project case, less than twenty-five landowners will be impacted by this Project and therefore, no public meeting was necessary. The utility is also required to provide written notice to the Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse once the application is filed at the PUC. Therefore, the Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse will receive an additional notice at that time.

Additional project information will be included in the notice to the Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse when the CCN application is filed at the PUC. If you have questions about the transmission line project, you may contact AEP Texas' Regulatory Project Team: Chad Tomanec at (361) 881-5703 and Roy Bermea at (512) 481-4575.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kensley L. Greuter', with a stylized, flowing script.

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November 20, 2024

Department of Defense
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3400 Defense Pentagon
Room 5C646
Washington, DC 20301-3400

via email: osd.dod-siting-clearinghouse@mail.mil

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Project Information:

AEP Texas Inc. 138-kV Transmission Line

San Patricio County, Texas

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Height of Typical Structures: 86.5 to 92 feet above grade

Estimated Maximum Height of Structures: 117 feet above grade

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Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records

Attn: Filing Clerk

1701 N. Congress Avenue

P. O. Box 13326

Austin, Texas 78711-3326

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Sinton Public Library

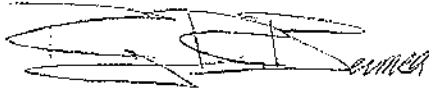
100 N. Pirate Blvd.

Sinton, Texas 78387

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Sincerely,

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Roy R. Bermea
Regulatory Consultant

Enclosures

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- Alternative Route Link Descriptions

PUBLIC NOTICE

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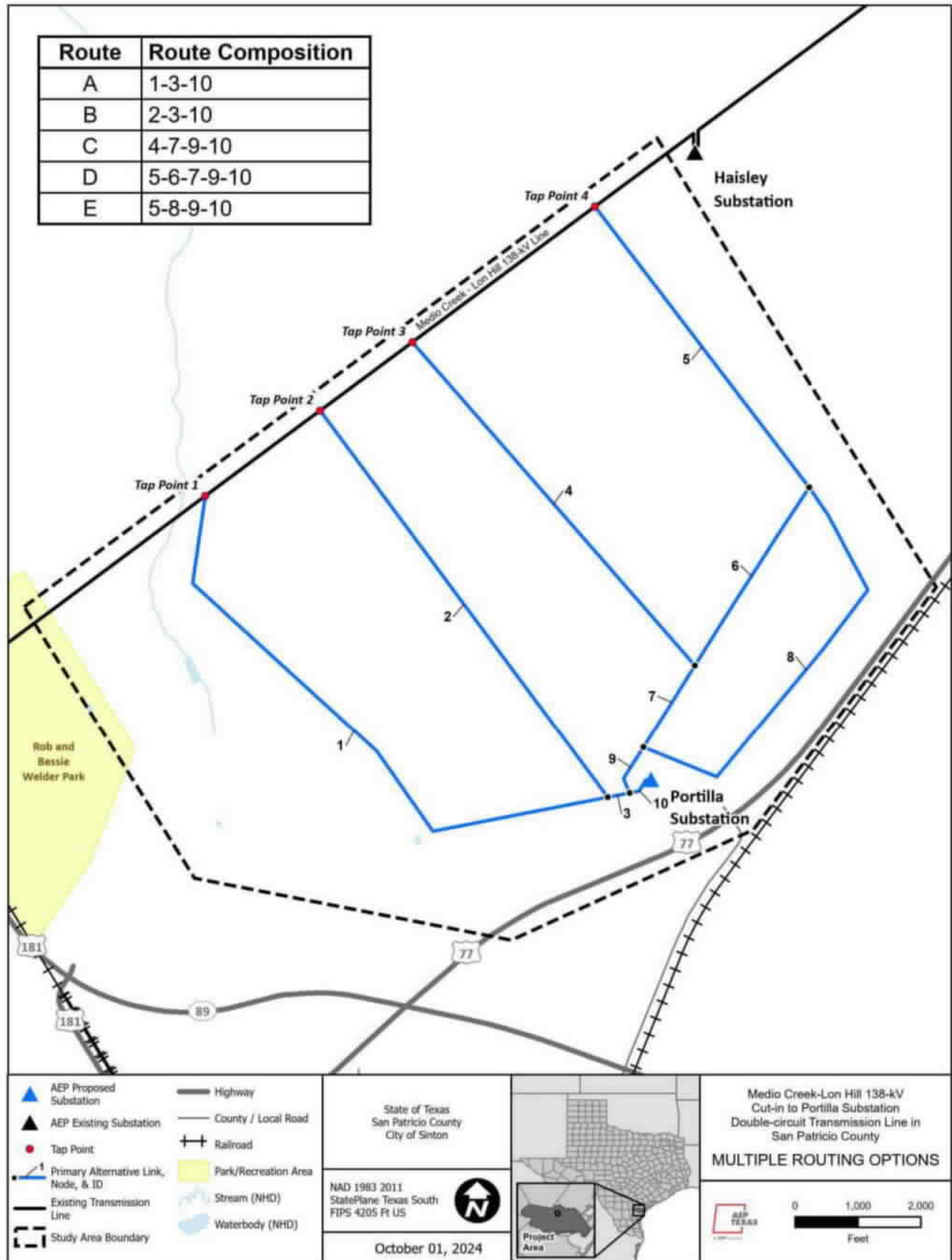
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The only way to fully participate in the PUC's decision on where to locate the transmission line is to intervene in the docket. It is important for an affected person to intervene because the utility is not obligated to keep affected persons informed of the PUC's proceedings and cannot predict which route may or may not be approved by the PUC.

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In the CCN application for this project, the AEP Texas has presented 10 links to develop possible routes for the Project. For consideration by the PUC, AEP Texas has presented five different routes with different link combinations of the presented 10 links from four possible cut-in points along the existing AEP Texas Medio Creek to Lon Hill 138-kV transmission line to the future AEP Texas Portilla 138-kV Substation. *Any one of the routes or combination of the proposed route segments (links) included in this notice are available for selection and approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.*

Alternative routes are listed alphabetically in the below table and are not in any order of preference or priority.

Primary Alternative Route Composition and Length

Route	Route Composition	Length (miles)
A	1-3-10	1.98
B	2-3-10	1.59
C	4-7-9-10	1.81
D	5-6-7-9-10	2.22
E	5-8-9-10	2.61

The following narrative, along with the enclosed maps that show the locations of these links, provides a detailed description of the links that form the five routes that AEP Texas presented to the Public Utility Commission (PUC) for consideration.

LINK 1

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LINK 3

Link 3 begins at its intersection with Links 1 and 2 and proceeds east-northeast for approximately 0.07 mile. The link terminates at its intersection with Links 9 and 10. Total length is 0.07 mile.

LINK 4

Link 4 begins at Tap Point 3, located along the existing 138-kV transmission line approximately 1.02 miles west-southwest of the AEP Texas Haisley Substation. The link proceeds south-southeast for approximately 1.29 miles. The link terminates at its intersection with Links 6 and 7. Total length is 1.29 miles.

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Link 5 begins at Tap Point 4, located along the existing 138-kV transmission line approximately 0.33 mile west-southwest of the AEP Texas Haisley Substation. The link proceeds south-southeast for approximately 1.06 miles. The link terminates at its intersection with Links 6 and 8. Total length is 1.06 miles.

LINK 6

Link 6 begins at its intersection with Links 5 and 8 and proceeds southwest for approximately 0.64 mile. The link terminates at its intersection with Links 4 and 7. Total length is 0.64 mile.

LINK 7

Link 7 begins at its intersection with Links 4 and 6 and proceeds southwest for approximately 0.29 mile. The link terminates at its intersection with Links 8 and 9. Total length is 0.29 mile.

LINK 8

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LINK 9

Link 9 begins at its intersection with Links 7 and 8 and proceeds southwest for approximately 0.11 mile. The link then angles south-southeast for approximately 0.05 mile. The link terminates at its intersection with Links 3 and 10. Total length is 0.16 mile.

LINK 10

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Newspaper Publication List

The News of San Patricio

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400 West 15th Street, Suite 1520
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November 20, 2024

The Honorable Courtney K. Hjaltman
Office of Public Utility Counsel
P.O. Box 12397
Austin, Texas 78711-2397

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The Applicants provide this notice in accordance with the requirements of 16 TAC § 22.52.

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Wildlife Division
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
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Austin, TX 78744

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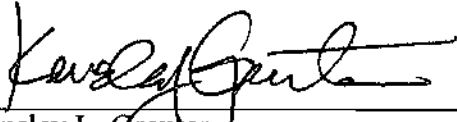
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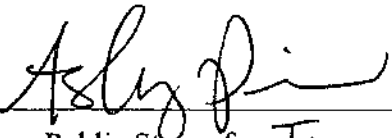
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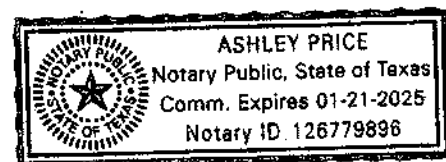
I, Kensley L. Greuter, being duly sworn, file this affidavit as the Regulatory Case Manager for AEP Texas Inc. In such capacity, I am qualified and authorized to file and verify that a copy of the *Application of AEP Texas Inc. to Amend Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Medio Creek-to-Lon Hill 138-kV Cut-In to Portilla Substation Double-Circuit Transmission Line in San Patricio County* filed in Docket No. 57245, which includes the Environmental Assessment and Alternative Route Analysis as Attachment 1, has been provided via U.S. First Class Mail to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at the following address:

Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program
Wildlife Division
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744


Kensley L. Greuter
Regulatory Case Manager
AEP Texas Inc.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME,
a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas,
this the 19th day of November, 2024.


Notary Public State of Texas
My Commission Expires: 1/21/2025

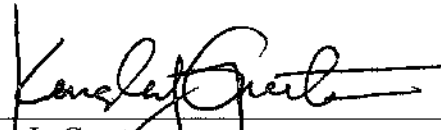


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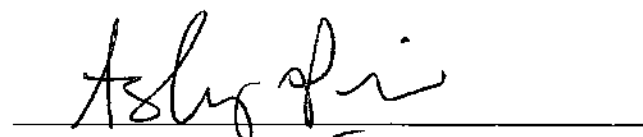
COUNTY OF Travis

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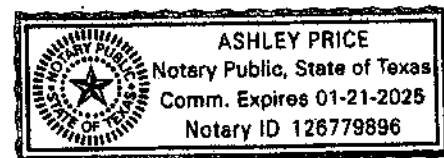
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a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas,
this the 19th day of November, 2024.



Notary Public State of Texas

My Commission Expires: 1-21-2025



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and Routing Study_Table 4-1.xlsx	Attachment 1 Environmental Assessment
Structure Cross-Reference Table.xlsx	Attachment 8 Notice - Habitable
List.xlsx	Attachment 9g Notice - Landowner

Please see the ZIP file for this Filing on the PUC Interchange in order to access these files.

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