

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Certification Process for Transmission Lines

Define Project

- * Identify beginning and end points for project.

Environmental Assessment & Routing Analysis

- * Define study area.
- * Collect and review data.
- * Send consultation letter to local, state, and federal agencies and officials soliciting information on the study area.
 - * Map environmental and land use constraints in study area.
- * Determine preliminary route segments based on maps, aerial photos, constraints data and field visits.
 - * Send invitation for open house to landowners in proximity to preliminary route segments.
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 - * Hold open house to gather public input.
 - * Analyze preliminary route segments to develop the primary alternative routes.
 - * Prepare Environmental Assessment Report.

PUC Application Process

- * Submit an application to the PUC for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN).
- * Upon filing of the application, notices will be sent to landowners whose properties may be crossed or owners of property which contain a habitable structure that is within 300' of any alternative route.
- * Notices will also be sent to municipalities and electric utilities within five miles of the project and to municipal and county governments where the project is located.
- * Following the filing of the application, interested parties will have an opportunity to participate in an intervention process.

PUC STAFF REVIEW

PUC staff conducts a review and makes a recommendation to approve project as submitted or approve the project with modifications.

INTERVENTION?

No

Yes

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

- * Technical review of project routing
- * Testimony filed by all parties
- * Administrative law judge prepares proposed final order.

PUC MAKES DECISION WITHIN 12 MONTHS

- * Approve application
- * Approve application with modifications
- * Deny