Licensing Process for New Transmission Facilities

Planning/Need for the Project

Environmental Assessment and Routing Study
Typically 9 – 12 months

- Delineate Study Area
- Collect/Review Environmental/Historical/Archeological Data
- Identify Constraints/ID Preliminary Alternative Routes
- Public Information Meetings
- Prepare Environmental Assessment Report
- Select/Evaluate Preferred/Alternate Routes

Submit Final Report

You are here

Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) Application
Typically 2 months to prepare

Public Utility Commission (PUC) Processing

CCN Filing

Provide Notice
Direct Mail/Public/City and County Government Agencies/Other Utilities

Intervention Period
30 - 45 Days

Intervention ?

Yes

Contested CCN
ERCOT Critical = 180 Day Process
CREZ = 180 Day Process
All Other = 1 Year Process

- Referred to State Office of Administrative Hearings
- Pre-hearing Conference(s)
- Discovery
- Pre-filed Testimony
- Hearing on the Merits
- Briefing
- Proposal for Decision

NO

Uncontested CCN
Administrative Processing = 80 Days

- PUC Review/Recommendation
- Staff Recommendation
- Issues Resolution

Administrative Law Judge Prepares Proposed Final Order
Exceptions/Responses to Proposed Order

PUC Decision
Whole/Partial Grant/Denial

Approval

Denial

Surveying
Right of Way Acquisition
Permitting

Project Design
Material Acquisition

Construction

- Clearing
- Soil investigation
- Structures
- Conductor Installation
- Cleanup

Motion for Rehearing

Appeal of PUC Decision

Travis County District Court

Project Completion

- Planning Phase
- Environmental Assessment and routing phase
- Application phase
- Regulatory phase
- Construction phase

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