Licensing Process for New Transmission Facilities

Participation Opportunities		Regulatory Process
	1	**Project Kickoff & Preliminary Route Development** Identify and establish the project need and study area. Engage federal, state, and local agencies and officials. Develop preliminary route options utilizing the collection and review of environmental, land use, and engineering information.
You can participate here Attend the Public Participation Meeting to review preliminary route options, ask questions, and provide input before the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity application is filed.	2	**Public Participation Meeting** Share preliminary route options, answer questions, and gather landowner input. Input will be evaluated and appropriate adjustments made to routing.
You can participate here After filing, landowners and other interested persons may follow the docket and may seek to intervene or file a protest in the Public Utility Commission of Texas proceeding.	3	**Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) Application Filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT)** File the CCN application with the PUCT for formal review. **30-day intervention period starts. 180-day approval period starts.**
You can participate here If a Hearing on the Merits is requested, all admitted intervening parties may participate in discovery and have their information considered for inclusion in the proceeding's evidentiary record. Parties requesting to intervene must submit testimony or a statement of position to fully participate in the proceeding.	4	**PUCT Review / Hearing Process** The case may proceed contested or uncontested. The PUCT must decide on contested cases within 180 days and may decide on uncontested cases within 80 days.
	5	**PUCT Decision** The PUCT decides whether to approve a route, approve with changes, or deny the application.