

APPENDIX B – PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

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CPS ENERGY OPEN HOUSE INVITATION PACKET

Includes:

Invitation Letter

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July 21, 2025

Dear Landowner:

We invite you to attend an open house to learn about a proposed new transmission line project in your area. This project will be completed in collaboration between CPS Energy and AEP Texas. The Howard to Solstice New 765kV Transmission Line Project involves the proposed construction of approximately 370 miles of transmission infrastructure potentially traversing parts of 14 counties from San Antonio to Fort Stockton.

The proposed transmission line project will connect CPS Energy's future Howard Road Station and AEP Texas' Solstice Station.

At the Open House, you may learn more about the project and the steps required to complete it, as well as the transmission line routing options that we are currently evaluating. We welcome your questions, comments, and input regarding this project. CPS Energy and AEP Texas team members directly involved with the project will be present to answer your questions and receive feedback you provide. The Open House will have an informal "come and go" format with information stations addressing specific areas of the proposed project. For your convenience, there will be four Open House sessions to choose from. **The same information will be provided at all sessions.**

**CPS Energy and AEP Texas Open House
Howard-Solstice New 765kV Transmission Line Project**

Monday, 8/4/25 5:30-7:30 PM	Silverado Event Center, 16490 I-35 S, Atascosa, TX 78002
Tuesday, 8/5/25 5:30-7:30 PM	Uvalde County Event Center-Commissioner's Auditorium 215 Veterans Ln., Uvalde, TX 78801
Wednesday, 8/6/25 4-7 PM	Enchanted Event Center, 4934 US-90, Del Rio, TX 78840
Thursday, 8/7/25 4-7 PM	Fort Stockton Convention Center, 2181 W IH-10 Fort Stockton, TX 79735

A brochure describing the proposed project and a map of the study area is included in this packet. Additional information will also be available at www.cpsenergy.com/infrastructure. Scroll down to the "Howard-Solstice Project." You may also find project information on AEP Texas' website at AEPTexas.com/Howard-Solstice.

We look forward to meeting you, receiving feedback you provide, and answering your questions. Thank you in advance for taking the time to join us.

Sincerely,

Antonio DeMendonca
Project Manager, CPS Energy
S&T Regulatory Support

Michael Harris
Lead Outreach Specialist , AEP Texas



21 de julio de 2025

Estimado Propietario:

Lo invitamos a asistir a una reunión pública para informarse sobre un nuevo proyecto de línea de transmisión propuesto en su área. Este proyecto se llevará a cabo en colaboración entre CPS Energy y AEP Texas. El Proyecto de Nueva Línea de Transmisión de 765kV de Howard a Solstice implica la construcción propuesta de aproximadamente 370 millas de infraestructura de transmisión que potencialmente atraviesa partes de 14 condados desde San Antonio hasta Fort Stockton.

El proyecto de línea de transmisión propuesto conectará la futura Estación Howard Road de CPS Energy y la Estación Solstice de AEP Texas.

En la Reunión Pública podrá obtener más información sobre el proyecto y los pasos necesarios para llevarlo a cabo, así como sobre las opciones de ruta de la línea de transmisión que estamos evaluando actualmente. Agradecemos sus preguntas, comentarios y opiniones sobre este proyecto. Los miembros del equipo de CPS Energy y AEP Texas que participan directamente en el proyecto estarán presentes para responder a sus preguntas y recibir sus comentarios. La Reunión Pública tendrá un formato informal de "entrada por salida" con estaciones de información que abordarán áreas específicas del proyecto propuesto. Para su comodidad, podrá elegir entre cuatro sesiones de Reuniones Públicas.

En todas las sesiones se facilitará la misma información.

Reunión Pública de CPS Energy y AEP Texas

Proyecto de la nueva línea de transmisión de 765 kV Howard-Solstice

Lunes, 8/4/25 5:30-7:30 PM	Silverado Event Center, 16490 I-35 S, Atascosa, TX 78002
Martes, 8/5/25 5:30-7:30 PM	Uvalde County Event Center-Commissioner's Auditorium 215 Veterans Ln., Uvalde, TX 78801
Miércoles, 8/6/25 4-7 PM	Enchanted Event Center, 4934 US-90, Del Rio, TX 78840
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En este paquete se incluye un folleto que describe el proyecto propuesto y un mapa de la zona de estudio. También habrá información adicional disponible en www.cpsenergy.com/infrastructure. Vaya hasta "Proyecto Howard-Solstice." También puede encontrar información sobre el proyecto en el sitio web de AEP Texas en AEPTexas.com/Howard-Solstice.

Esperamos conocerlo, recibir sus comentarios y responder a sus preguntas. Gracias de antemano por dedicarnos su tiempo.

Atentamente,

Antonio DeMendonca
Director de Proyectos, CPS Energy
S&T Regulatory Support

Michael Harris
Especialista Principal de Alcance
Comunitario, AEP Texas

Who is CPS Energy?

Established in 1860, CPS Energy is the nation's largest community-owned, natural gas and electric company, providing safe, reliable, and competitively priced service to **950,129** electric and **389,116** natural gas customers in San Antonio and portions of seven adjoining counties. Our customers' combined energy bills rank among the lowest of the nation's 20 largest cities – while generating \$9 billion in revenue for the City of San Antonio for more than seven decades.

As a trusted and strong Community partner, we continuously focus on job creation, economic development and educational investment. True to our People First philosophy, we are powered by our skilled workforce, whose commitment to the community is demonstrated through our employees' volunteerism in giving back to our city and programs aimed at bringing value to our customers.

We are among the top public power wind energy buyers in the nation and number one in Texas for solar generation.

For more information, visit cpsenergy.com.

American Electric Power (AEP)

For more than a century, AEP Texas, a unit of American Electric Power, has served homes, businesses and industries across a 97,000 square mile service territory in south and west Texas.

For more information, visit AEPTexas.com/Howard-Solstice

How can you follow the progress of this project?

The CPS Energy and AEP Texas project team will post project information on the CPS Energy website at www.cpsenergy.com/infrastructure or at www.aeptexas.com/

Who can answer your questions?

The website will include regular updates on the project as steps are completed.

Also, you may write, call or email to:

CPS Energy

Antonio DeMendonca, Project Manager
Howard-Solstice Project
Mail Code RT0801
500 McCullough Ave.
San Antonio, Texas 78215
(210) 353-6673, Option 7
Howard-SolsticeProject@cpsenergy.com

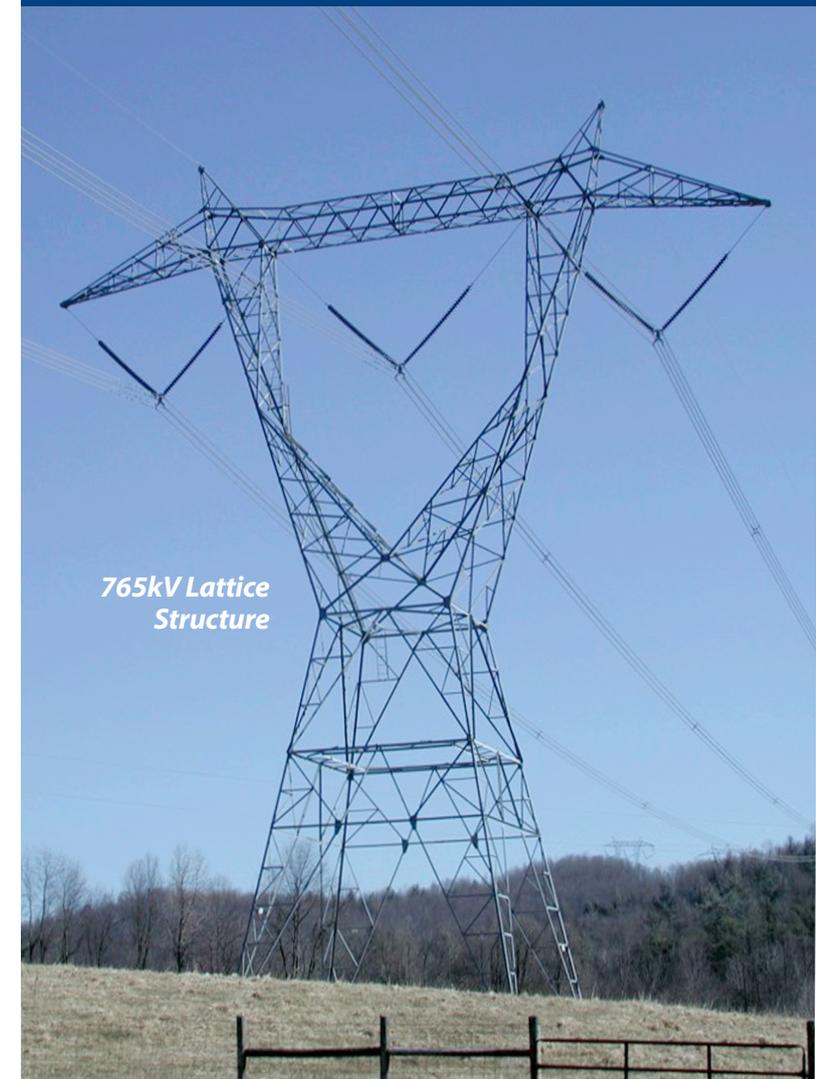
AEP Texas

Michael Harris
Lead Outreach Specialist
(833) 329-4865
AEPTexasOutreach@AEP.com



HOWARD-SOLSTICE

NEW 765KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT



765kV Lattice Structure

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOWARD-SOLSTICE NEW 765kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

What is the Howard-Solstice New 765kV Transmission Line Project?

CPS Energy and AEP Texas are proposing to construct approximately 370 miles of new transmission infrastructure connecting CPS Energy's future Howard Rd. Station in San Antonio to AEP Texas' Solstice Station in Fort Stockton.

How might this project affect you?

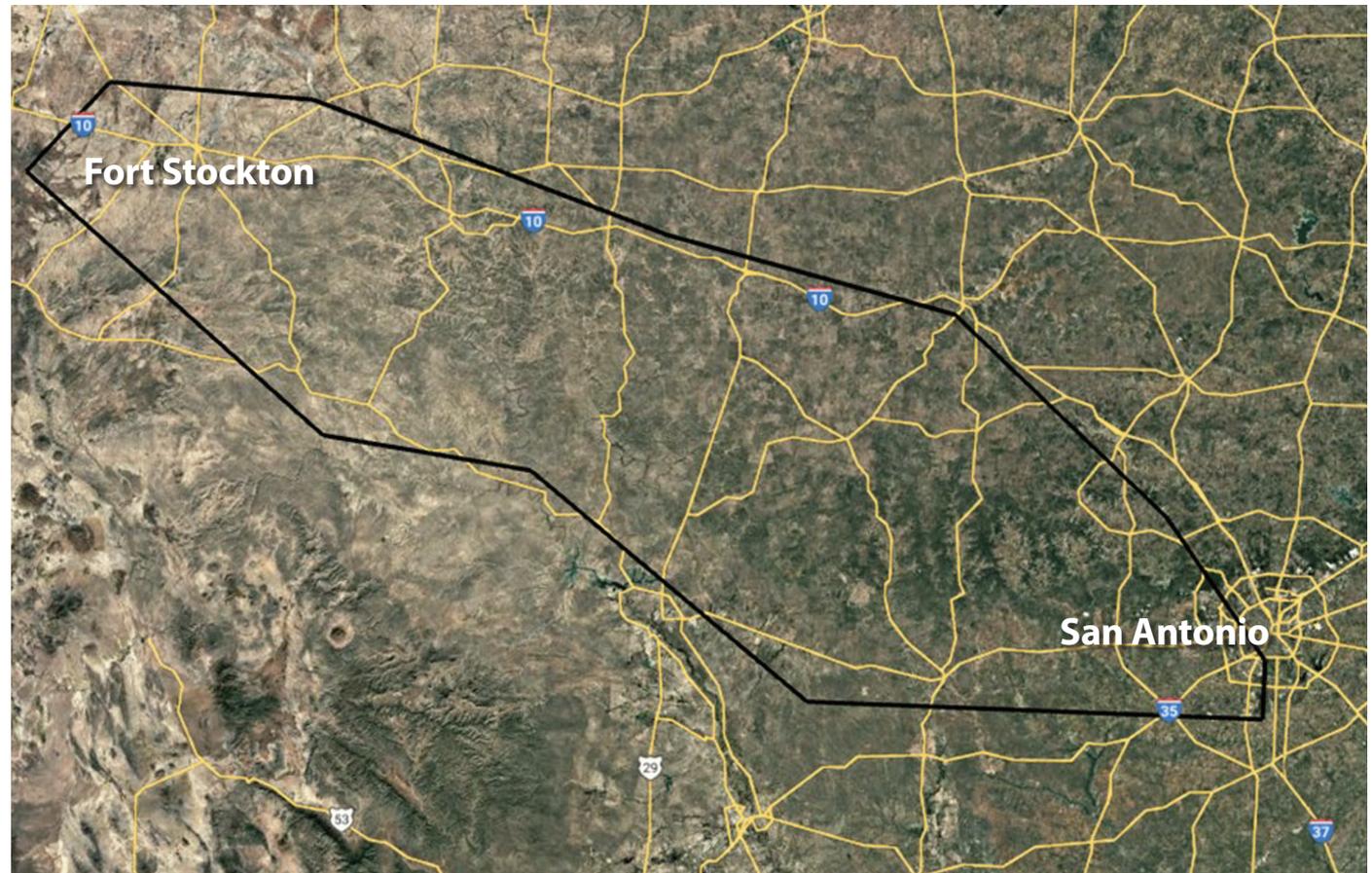
CPS Energy and AEP Texas are evaluating multiple geographically diverse transmission line options for the project. The Public Utility Commission of Texas will ultimately select the transmission line option that will be used.

Your input and feedback are important to our evaluation of alternatives.

Why is this project needed?

The new transmission line will increase the reliability of Texas' electric grid by adding another transmission pathway. This project is part of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) Permian Basin reliability plan.

Study Area Map



The Study Area spans from San Antonio to Fort Stockton

¿Quién es CPS Energy?

Fundada en 1860, CPS Energy es el proveedor comunitario de servicios de electricidad y gas natural más grande del país. Brindamos servicios seguros, fiables y a precios competitivos a **950,129** clientes de electricidad y **389,116** de gas natural en San Antonio y partes de siete condados adyacentes. Las facturas de energía combinadas de nuestros clientes se encuentran entre las más bajas de las 20 ciudades más grandes del país y generaron \$9 mil millones en ingresos para la Ciudad de San Antonio durante más de siete décadas.

Como socio comunitario fuerte y de confianza, nos centramos continuamente en la creación de empleo, el desarrollo económico y la inversión en educación. Fieles a nuestra filosofía de La Gente Primero, estamos impulsados por nuestra fuerza laboral calificada, cuyo compromiso con la comunidad se demuestra a través del voluntariado de nuestros empleados en la contribución a nuestra ciudad y los programas destinados a aportar valor a nuestros clientes.

Estamos entre los principales compradores de energía eólica pública del país y somos el número uno de Texas en generación solar.

Para más información, visite cpsenergy.com.

American Electric Power (AEP)

Desde hace más de un siglo, AEP Texas, una unidad de American Electric Power, presta servicio a hogares, negocios e industrias a través de un territorio de servicio de 97,000 millas cuadradas en el sur y oeste de Texas.

Para obtener más información, visite AEPTexas.com/Howard-Solstice

¿Cómo puede seguir el progreso de este proyecto?

El equipo del proyecto de CPS Energy y AEP Texas publicarán información sobre el proyecto en el sitio web de CPS Energy cpsenergy.com/infrastructure o en www.aeptexas.com/

¿Quién puede responder sus preguntas?

El sitio web incluirá actualizaciones periódicas del proyecto a medida que se vayan completando los pasos.

También puede escribir, llamar o enviar un correo electrónico a:

CPS Energy

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Proyecto Howard-Solstice
Mail Code RT0801
500 McCullough Ave.
San Antonio, Texas 78215
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HOWARD-SOLSTICE

NUEVO PROYECTO DE LÍNEA DE TRANSMISIÓN DE 765KV



765kV Lattice Structure

INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL PROYECTO DE LA NUEVA LÍNEA DE TRANSMISIÓN DE 765 kV HOWARD-SOLSTICE

¿Qué es el Proyecto de la Nueva Línea de Transmisión Howard-Solstice de 765kV?

CPS Energy y AEP Texas proponen a construir aproximadamente 370 millas de nueva infraestructura de transmisión que conectará la futura estación Howard Rd. de CPS Energy en San Antonio con la estación Solstice de AEP Texas en Fort Stockton.

¿Cómo podría afectarle este proyecto?

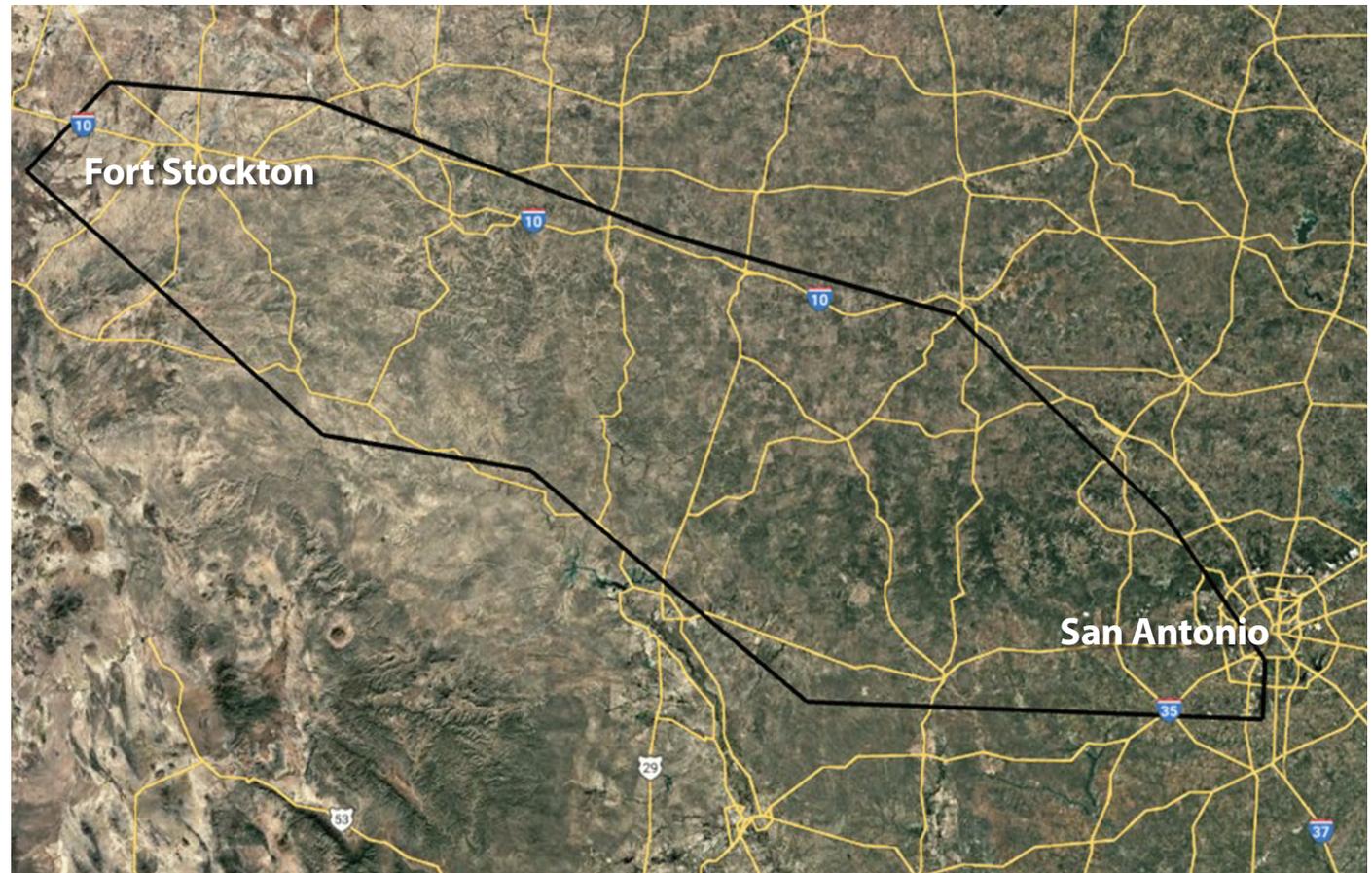
CPS Energy y AEP Texas están evaluando múltiples opciones de líneas de transmisión geográficamente diversas para el proyecto. La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas elegirá en última instancia la opción de línea de transmisión que se utilizará.

Su opinión y comentarios son importantes para nuestra evaluación de alternativas.

¿Por qué es necesario este proyecto?

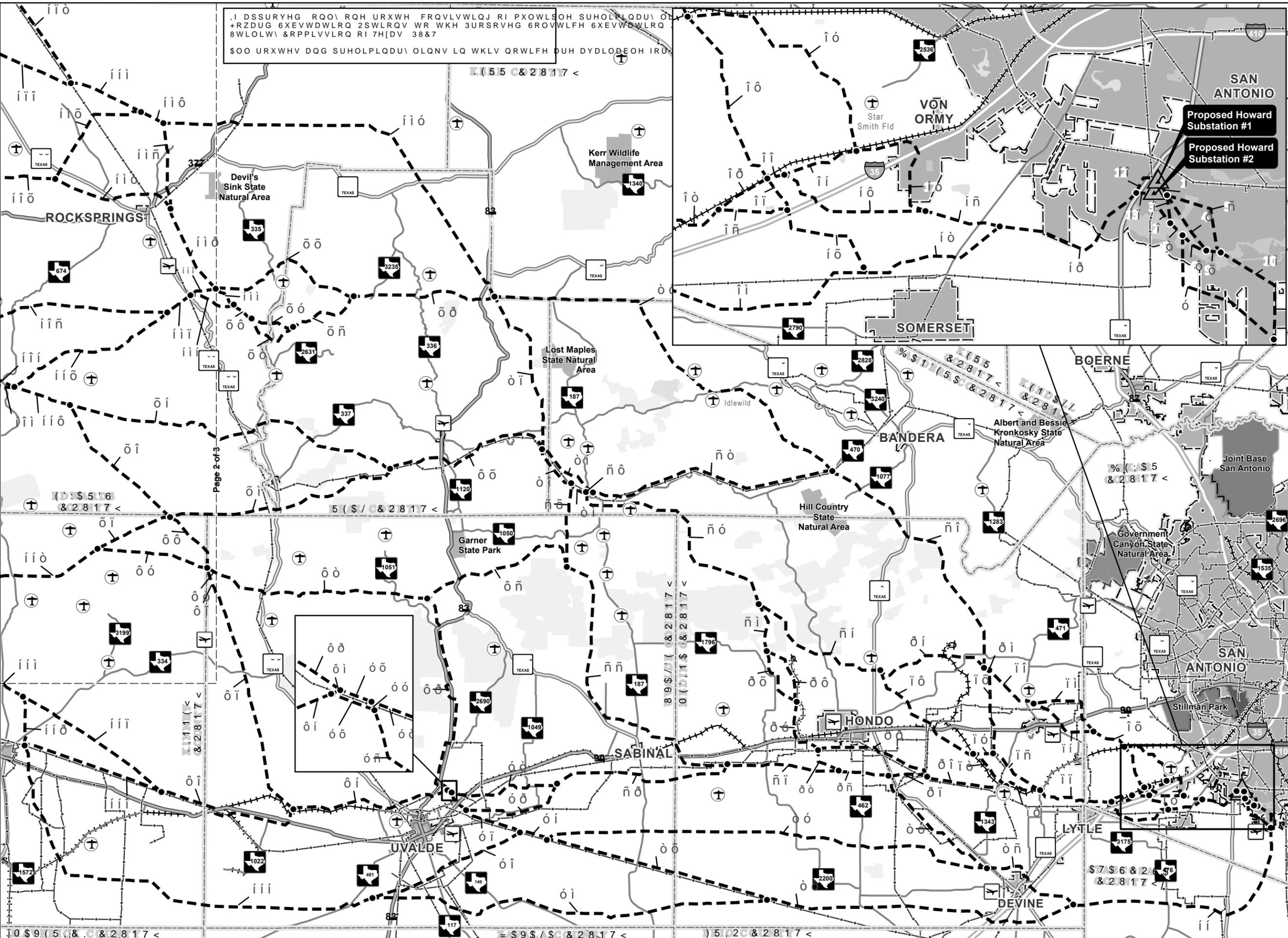
La nueva línea de transmisión aumentará la confiabilidad de la red eléctrica de Texas al añadir otra vía de transmisión. Este proyecto forma parte del plan de confiabilidad de la Cuenca Pérmica del Consejo de Fiabilidad Eléctrica de Texas (ERCOT).

Mapa del Área de Estudio



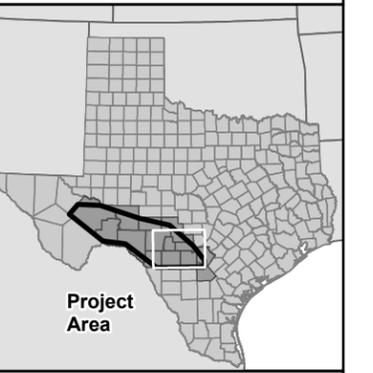
El Área de Estudio abarca desde San Antonio hasta Fort Stockton

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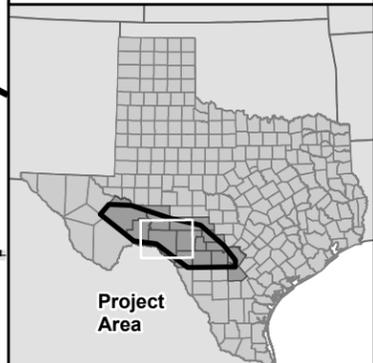
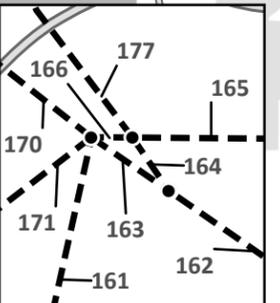
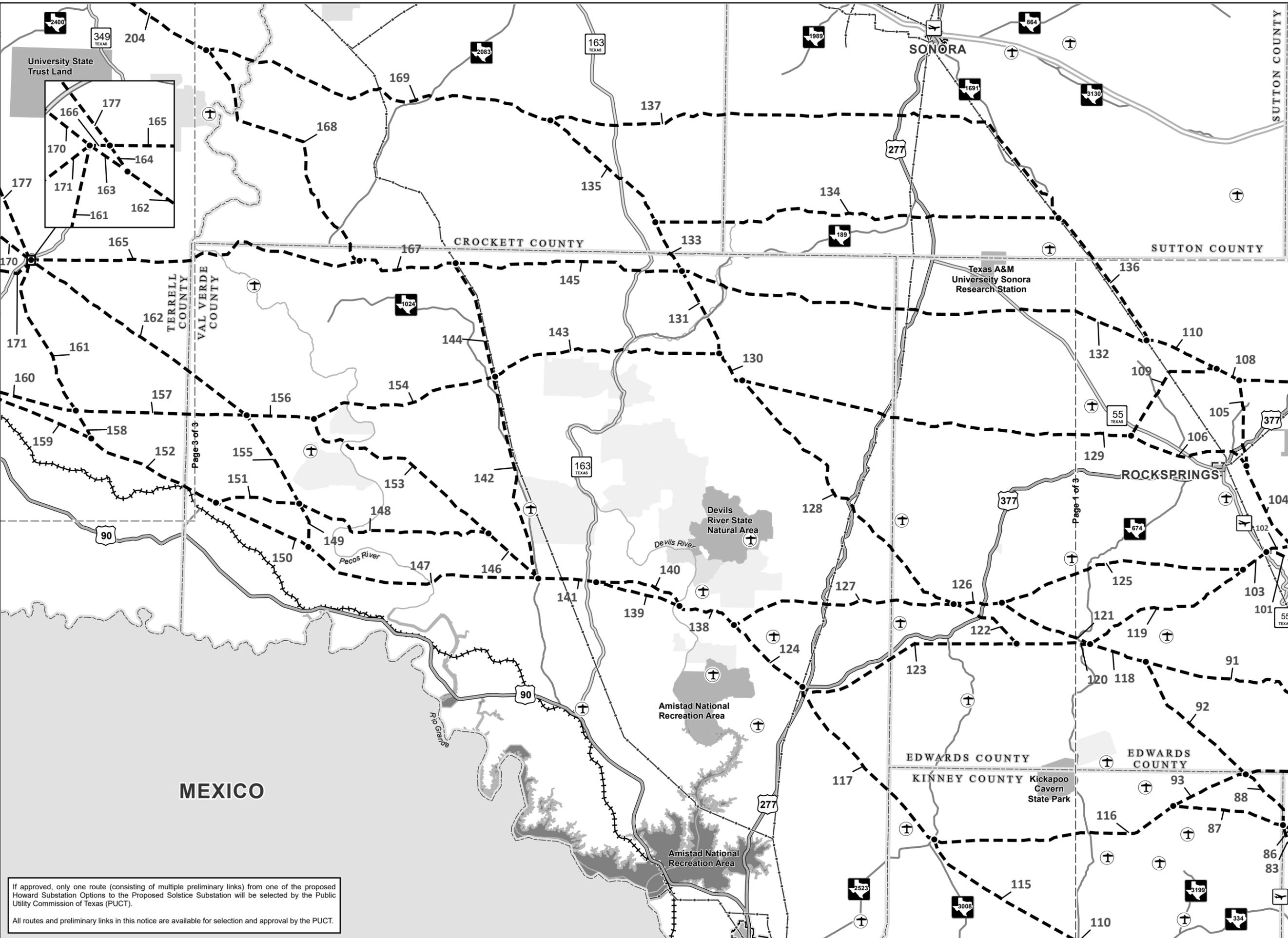
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HOWARD TO SOLSTICE
765-KV SINGLE-CIRCUIT
TRANSMISSION LINE

PRELIMINARY LINKS

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- Preliminary Link, Node, and ID
- Existing Electrical Transmission Line
- Public Airport
- Private Airstrip
- Interstate Highway
- US Highway
- State Highway
- Farm-to-Market Road
- Railroad
- River
- City Limit
- County Boundary
- Sheet Boundary Matchline
- Federal Land (PADUS)
- State Land (PADUS)
- Local/Private Conservation Land (PADUS)



If approved, only one route (consisting of multiple preliminary links) from one of the proposed Howard Substation Options to the Proposed Solstice Substation will be selected by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT).
All routes and preliminary links in this notice are available for selection and approval by the PUCT.

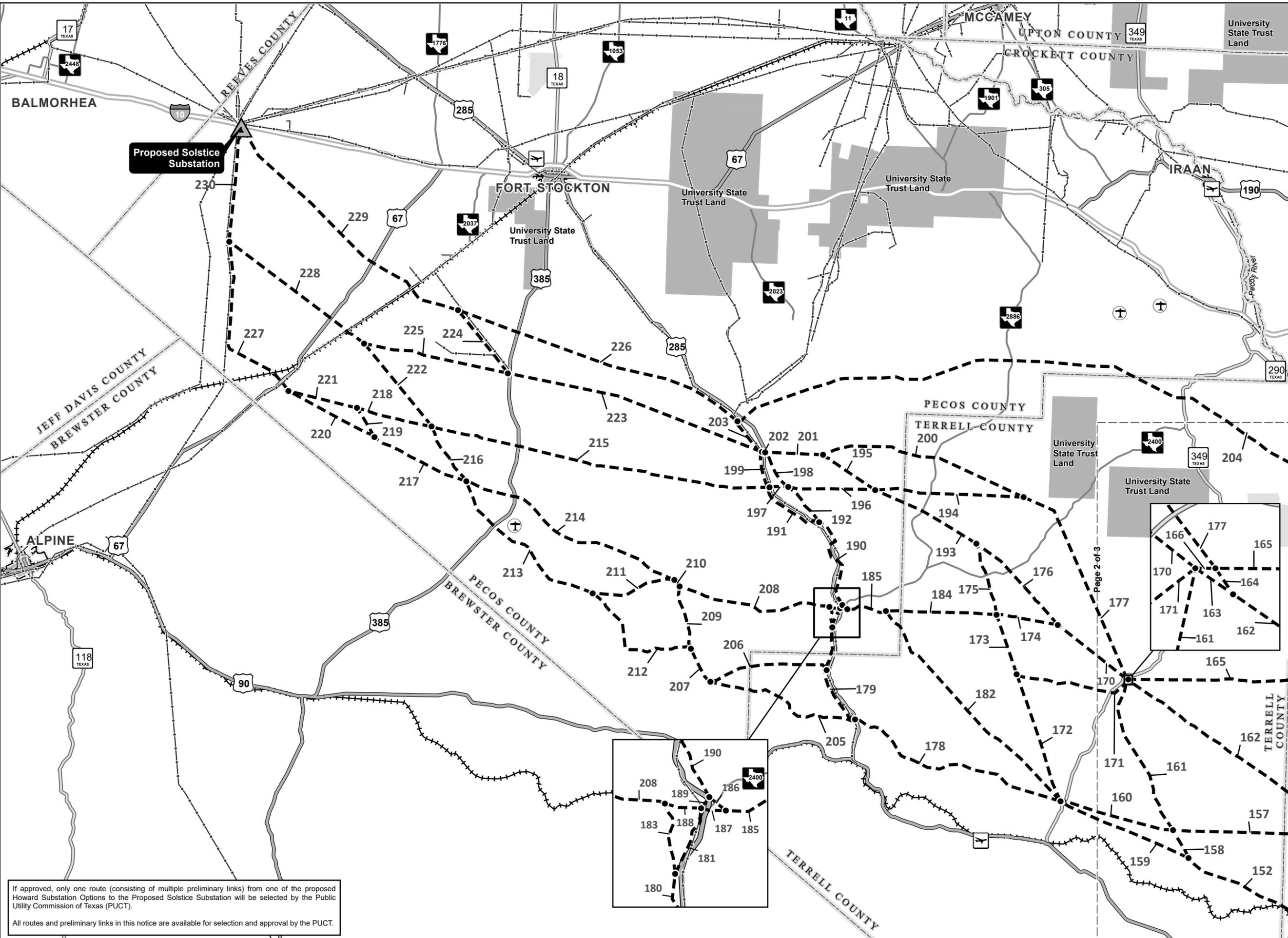
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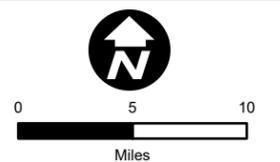
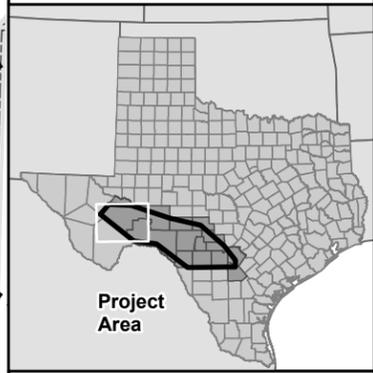
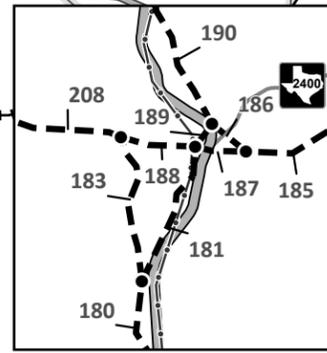
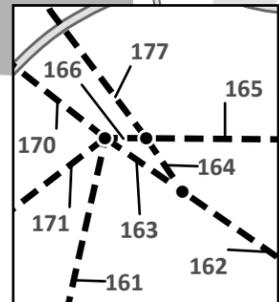
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PRELIMINARY LINKS

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- Project Station
- Preliminary Link, Node, and ID
- Existing Electrical Transmission Line
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AEP TEXAS OPEN HOUSE INVITATION PACKET

Includes:

Invitation Letter

Project Fact Sheet

FAQ Document

Comment Card

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July 17, 2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY

«Name_1» «Name_2»
«CO_DBA»
«Mailing_Address»
«City», «State» «Zip_Code»

RE: Howard-Solstice Transmission Line Project Open House Invitation

Dear Neighbor,

You are receiving this letter because you own property or live in the area where AEP Texas and CPS Energy representatives plan to construct a power line. We want to share information about the proposed upgrades and invite you to an open house to learn more.

JOIN US TO SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

Please join us at one of the events on the dates and at the locations listed below:

Wednesday, August 6
Enchanted Event Center
4934 US-90
Del Rio, TX 78840
4 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 7
Fort Stockton Convention Center
2181 West I-10
Fort Stockton, TX 79735
4 to 7 p.m.

Both events offer the same information. You can view detailed maps and talk with team members about the preliminary links. There will be no formal presentation, so you can arrive at any time.

The Howard-Solstice Transmission Line Project involves building approximately 370 miles of 765-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from AEP Texas’ Solstice Substation, located near Fort Stockton, to CPS Energy’s Howard Substation, located southwest of San Antonio. AEP Texas will construct, own, and operate the western half of the power line, and CPS Energy will construct, own, and operate the eastern half.

The extra high-voltage transmission lines will introduce a more efficient and reliable delivery system, creating additional opportunities for future growth throughout West Texas. These upgrades are part of the larger Permian Basin Reliability Plan Study prepared by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) to support future electrical load growth in the Permian Basin region.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) requires AEP Texas and CPS Energy officials to file a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) application for review and approval of the project. Following the review of the CCN application, the PUCT determines the final transmission line route. AEP Texas and CPS Energy representatives plan to file a CCN application for the project in February 2026 and expect to receive a response from the PUCT by fall 2026.

AEP Texas and CPS Energy project teams are evaluating preliminary links in the area for the proposed power line. Each preliminary link represents an option for the PUCT to consider when selecting a final transmission line route.



We invite you to share your input on the proposed links at one of our in-person open houses or online. Your feedback is essential to help determine the best route for the new transmission line. See below for how to participate.

IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSES: Please join us at one of the planned events on the dates and at the locations listed below:

Wednesday, August 6

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At the open house, you can view detailed maps and talk with team members about the preliminary links. We encourage visitors to bring the attached comment form and provide comments to the team after reviewing the maps. There will be no formal presentation, so you can arrive anytime during the event.

CPS Energy is hosting similar open house events on the eastern half of the project area:

- **Monday, August 4, at the Silverado Event Center, 16490 I-35 South, Atascosa, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, August 5, at the Uvalde County Fairplex Commissioners Auditorium, 215 Veterans Lane, Uvalde, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE: If you can't attend the in-person open house, you may visit the virtual open house at **[AEPTexas.com/Howard-Solstice](https://www.aeptexas.com/howard-solstice)** to access project information, view an interactive map and submit comments.

ALTERNATE WAYS TO PROVIDE INPUT OR CONTACT THE PROJECT TEAM:

- Call **833-329-4865** to leave a message with your feedback or questions for the project team.
- Email your input or questions to AEPTexasOutreach@aep.com
- Review the enclosed fact sheet and FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions), complete the enclosed property information comment form and mail it back to us in the envelope provided.
- Submit comments to the project team through the interactive map on the project website.

When sharing your input, please feel free to include information about your property, such as:

- Historically significant buildings or landmarks
- Natural features such as wetlands or springs
- Future plans for your property

Please share your input by September 3, 2025. Your local knowledge is vital to help identify the most suitable path for this important infrastructure. Visit **[AEPTexas.com/Howard-Solstice](https://www.aeptexas.com/howard-solstice)**, email us at **AEPTexasOutreach@aep.com**, or call **833-329-4865** to learn more and get involved.

Sincerely,

Michael Harris

Project Outreach Specialist

Para obtener más información en español, visite **[AEPTexas.com/Howard-Solstice](https://www.aeptexas.com/howard-solstice)**.



el 17 de julio de 2025

INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE SOBRE SU PROPIEDA

«Name_1» «Name_2»

«CO_DBA»

«Mailing_Address»

«City», «State» «Zip_Code»

RE: Invitación Para La Casa Abierta del Howard-Solstice Transmission Line Project

Querido vecino,

Usted recibe esta carta porque es propietario de una propiedad o vive en el área donde los representantes de AEP Texas y CPS Energy planean construir una línea eléctrica. Queremos compartir información sobre las mejoras propuestas e invitarlo a una casa abierta para obtener más información

PARTICIPE Y COMPARTA SUS COMENTARIOS

Lo invitamos a asistir a uno de los eventos en las fechas y ubicaciones que se indican a continuación:

Miercoles, 6 de agosto

Enchanted Event Center

4934 US-90

Del Rio, TX 78840

De 4 a 7 p.m.

Jueves, 7 de agosto

Fort Stockton Convention Center

2181 West I-10

Fort Stockton, TX 79735

De 4 a 7 p.m.

Ambos eventos ofrecen la misma información. Podrá ver mapas detallados y hablar con los miembros del equipo sobre los enlaces de ruta preliminares. No habrá una presentación formal, por lo que podrá llegar a la hora que le sea más conveniente.

El Howard-Solstice Transmission Line Project consiste en la construcción de aproximadamente 370 millas de línea de transmisión de 765-kilovoltios desde la Subestación Solstice de AEP Texas, ubicada cerca de Fort Stockton, hasta la Subestación Howard de CPS Energy, ubicada al suroeste de San Antonio. AEP Texas construirá, será propietaria y operara la mitad occidental de la línea eléctrica, mientras que CPS Energy construirá, será propietaria y operara la mitad oriental.

Estas líneas de transmisión de extra alto voltaje permitirán un sistema de entrega de energía más eficiente y confiable, creando oportunidades adicionales para el crecimiento futuro en todo el oeste de Texas. Estas mejoras forman parte del estudio extensivo del Permian Basin Reliability Plan preparado por el Consejo de Confiabilidad Eléctrica de Texas (ERCOT) para apoyar el crecimiento futuro de la demanda eléctrica en la región Permian Basin.



La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUCT) requiere que los funcionarios de AEP Texas presenten una solicitud de Certificado de Conveniencia y Necesidad (CCN) para la revisión y aprobación del proyecto. Tras la revisión de la solicitud del CCN, la PUCT determina la ruta final de la línea de transmisión. Los representantes de AEP Texas y CPS Energy planean presentar una solicitud de CCN para el proyecto en febrero de 2026 y esperan recibir una respuesta de la PUCT para el otoño de 2026.

Los equipos del proyecto de AEP Texas y CPS Energy están evaluando enlaces preliminares en el área para la línea eléctrica propuesta. Cada enlace preliminar representa una opción que la PUCT debe considerar al seleccionar una ruta final de línea de transmisión.

Lo invitamos a compartir sus comentarios sobre los enlaces propuestos durante una de nuestras casas abiertas en persona o en línea. Su participación es esencial para ayudar a determinar la mejor ruta para la nueva línea de transmisión. Consulte a continuación como puede participar.

CASAS ABIERTAS EN PERSONA: Lo invitamos a asistir a uno de los eventos programados en las fechas y ubicaciones que se indican a continuación:

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En la casa abierta, podrá ver mapas detallados y hablar con los miembros del equipo sobre los enlaces preliminares. Le animamos a traer el formulario de comentarios adjunto y compartir sus observaciones con el equipo después de revisar los mapas. No habrá una presentación formal, por lo que podrá llegar a cualquier momento durante el evento.

CPS Energy organizara eventos similares de casa abiertas en la mitad oriental del área del proyecto:

- **Lunes, 4 de agosto, en el Silverado Event Center, 16490 I-35 South, Atascosa, de 5:30 a 7:30 p.m.**
- **Martes, 5 de agosto, en el Uvalde County Fairplex Commissioners Auditorium, 215 Veterans Lane, Uvalde, de 5:30 a 7:30 p.m.**

CASA ABIERTA VIRTUAL: Si no puede asistir a una casa abierta en persona, puede visitar la casa abierta virtual en **AEPTexas.com/Howard-Solstice** para acceder a información del proyecto, ver un mapa interactivo y enviar comentarios.

FORMAS ALTERNATIVAS PARA COMENTAR O CONTACTAR AL EQUIPO DEL PROYECTO:

- Llame a **833-329-4865** para dejar un mensaje con sus comentarios o preguntas para el equipo del proyecto.
- Envíe sus comentarios o preguntas por correo electrónico a AEPTexasOutreach@aep.com
- Revise la hoja informativa adjunta y la hoja con preguntas frecuentes, complete el formulario de comentarios de información de propiedad adjunto y envíenoslo por correo en el sobre provisto.



- Enviar comentarios al equipo del proyecto a través del mapa interactivo en el sitio web del proyecto.

Al compartir sus comentarios, no dude en incluir información sobre su propiedad, como, por ejemplo:

- Edificaciones o lugares de importancia histórica.
- Características naturales como humedales o manantiales.
- Planes futuros para su propiedad.

Comparta sus comentarios antes del 3 de septiembre de 2025. Su conocimiento local es fundamental para ayudar a identificar la ruta más adecuada para esta infraestructura importante. Visite [AEPTexas.com/Howard-Solstice](https://www.aeptexas.com/howard-solstice), envíenos un correo electrónico a AEPTexasOutreach@aep.com, o llame al **833-329-4865** para obtener más información y participar.

Sinceramente,

Michael Harris

Especialista de Divulgación del Proyecto

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Howard-Solstice Transmission Line Project

AEP Texas and CPS Energy plan to strengthen the electric transmission system between Fort Stockton and San Antonio by building a 765-kilovolt (kV) power line.

What

The Howard-Solstice Transmission Line Project involves building a 370-mile 765-kV power line between Fort Stockton and San Antonio in partnership with CPS Energy.

AEP Texas officials plan to file a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) following a review of public input on route link development and additional route analysis. Project representatives expect to file a CCN application in early 2026. The PUCT determines the final line route.

Why

As a result of Texas House Bill 5066, the PUCT directed the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) to develop a reliability plan for the Permian Basin region.

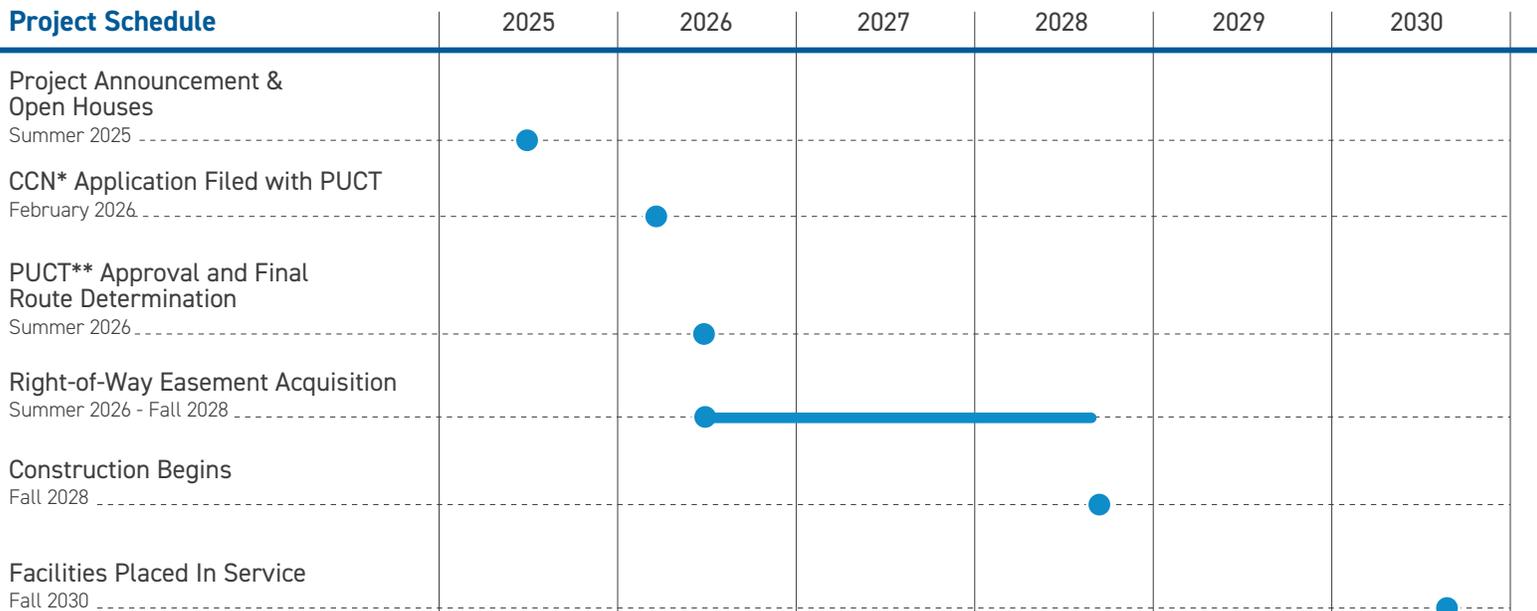
The Howard-Solstice Transmission Line Project is part of that reliability plan. The extra high-voltage transmission line will introduce a more efficient and reliable delivery system, creating additional opportunities for future growth throughout West Texas.

Where

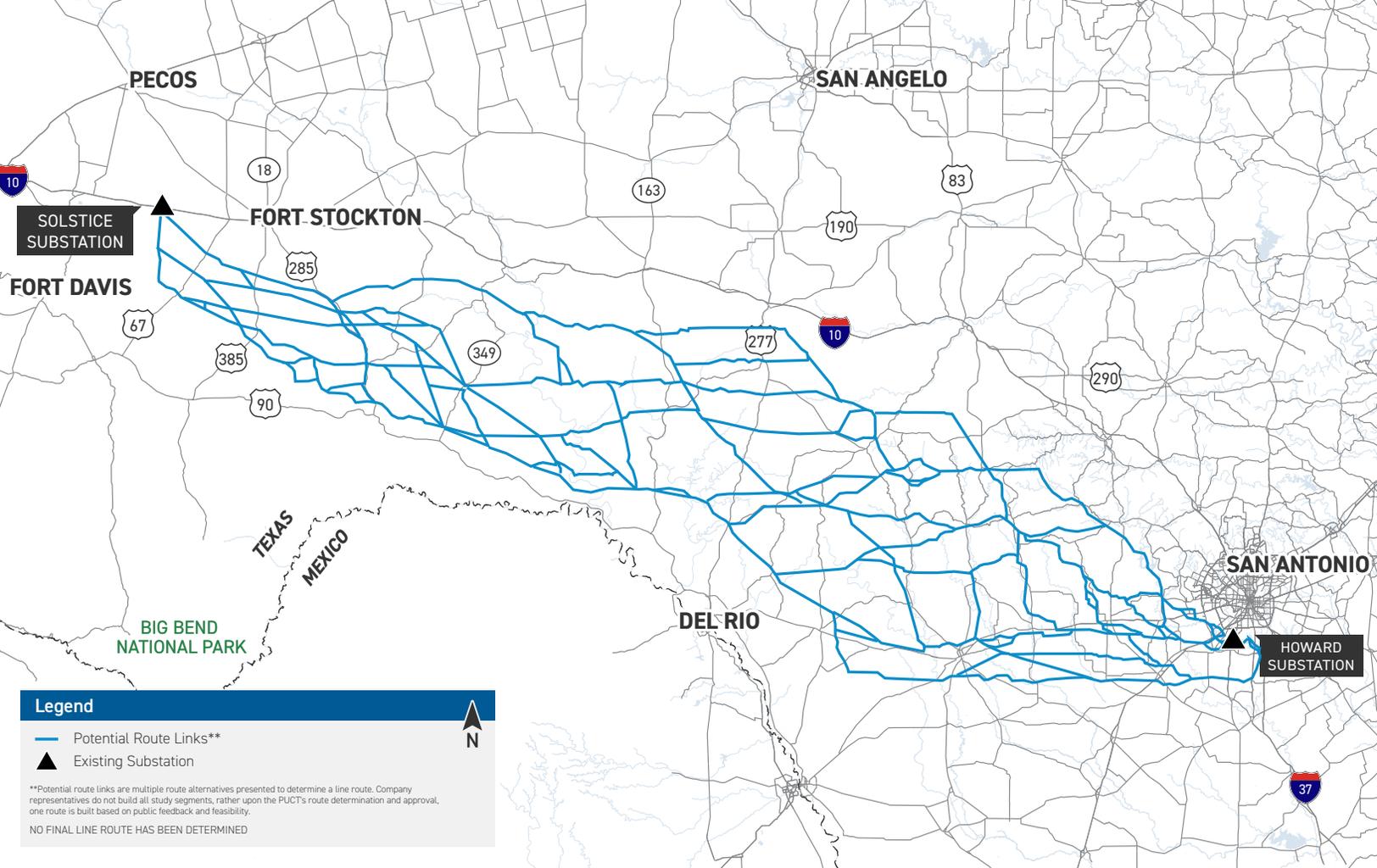
The proposed line stretches between CPS Energy's Howard Substation, located in San Antonio, and AEP Texas' Solstice Substation in Fort Stockton

AEP Texas will construct, own, and operate the western half of the power line, and CPS Energy will construct, own, and operate the eastern half of the power line.

Project Schedule



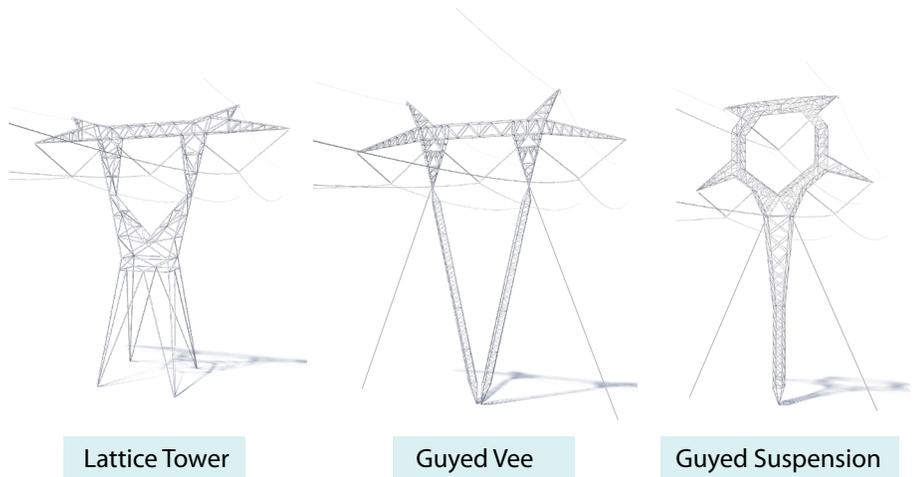
*Certificate of Convenience and Necessity **Public Utility Commission of Texas Timeline subject to change.



Typical Structures

AEP Texas plans to install self-supporting lattice structures and guyed structures on the western half of the power line.

Typical Structure Height: 140-160 feet
 Typical Right-of-Way Width: 200 feet
 Typical Distance Between Structures: 1,400 feet



*Representative structures. The exact height and right-of-way requirements may vary based on geography and other factors.



We value your input. Please send comments and questions to:
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Howard-Solstice Transmission Line Project

AEP Texas y CPS Energy planean reforzar el sistema de transmisión eléctrica entre Fort Stockton y San Antonio mediante la construcción de una línea eléctrica de 765-kilovoltios.

Qué

El Howard-Solstice Transmission Line Project consiste en la construcción de una línea eléctrica de 765 kilovoltios y 370 millas de longitud entre Fort Stockton y San Antonio, en colaboración con CPS Energy.

Los funcionarios de AEP Texas planean presentar una solicitud de Certificado de Conveniencia y Necesidad (CCN) ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUCT), después de revisar los comentarios del público sobre el desarrollo de los enlaces de ruta y realizar análisis adicionales. Los representantes del proyecto esperan presentar la solicitud de CCN a principios de 2026. La PUCT será la encargada de determinar la ruta final de la línea.

Por Qué

Como resultado de la ley 5066 de Texas, la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUCT) instruyó al Consejo de Confiabilidad Eléctrica de Texas (ERCOT) a desarrollar un plan de confiabilidad para la región de Permian Basin.

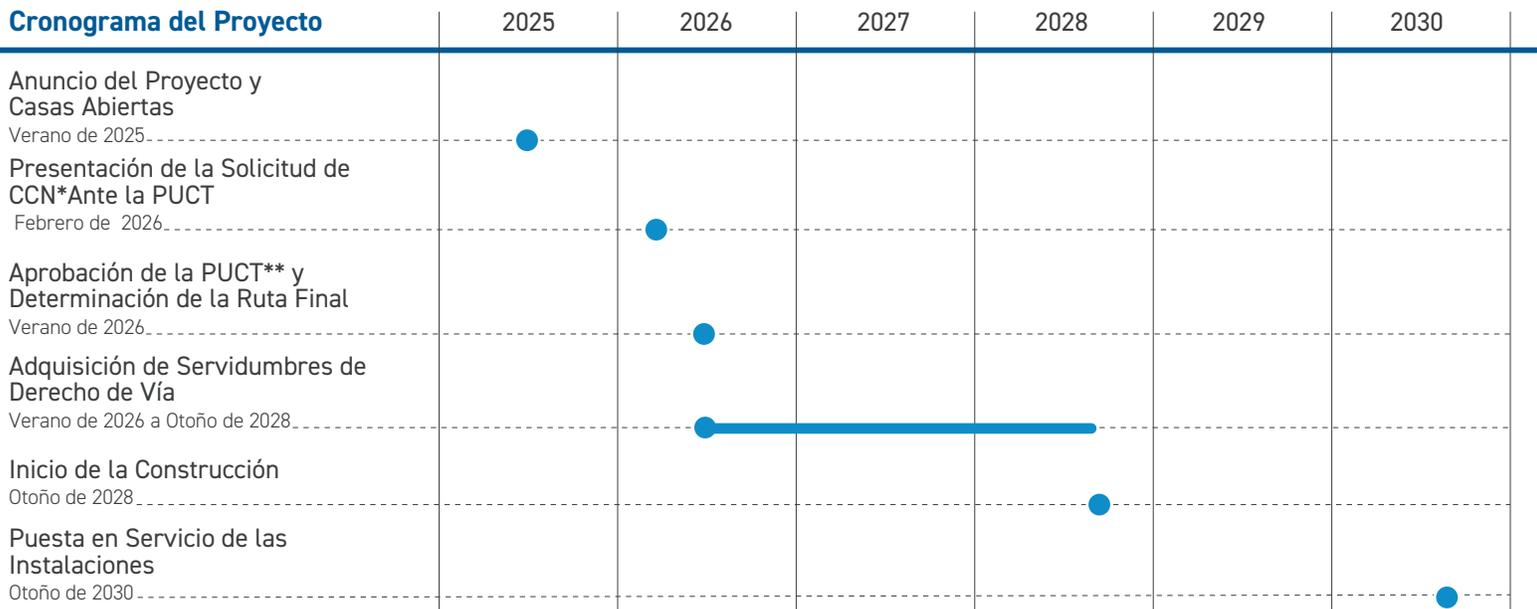
El Howard-Solstice Transmission Line Project forma parte de ese plan de confiabilidad. Esta línea de transmisión de extra alto voltaje permitirá un sistema de entrega de energía más eficiente y confiable, creando oportunidades adicionales para el crecimiento futuro en todo el oeste de Texas.

Dónde

La línea propuesta se extiende entre la subestación Howard de CPS Energy, ubicada en San Antonio, y la subestación Solstice de AEP Texas, ubicada en Fort Stockton.

AEP Texas construirá, será propietaria y operará la mitad occidental de la línea eléctrica, mientras que CPS Energy construirá, será propietaria y operará la mitad oriental.

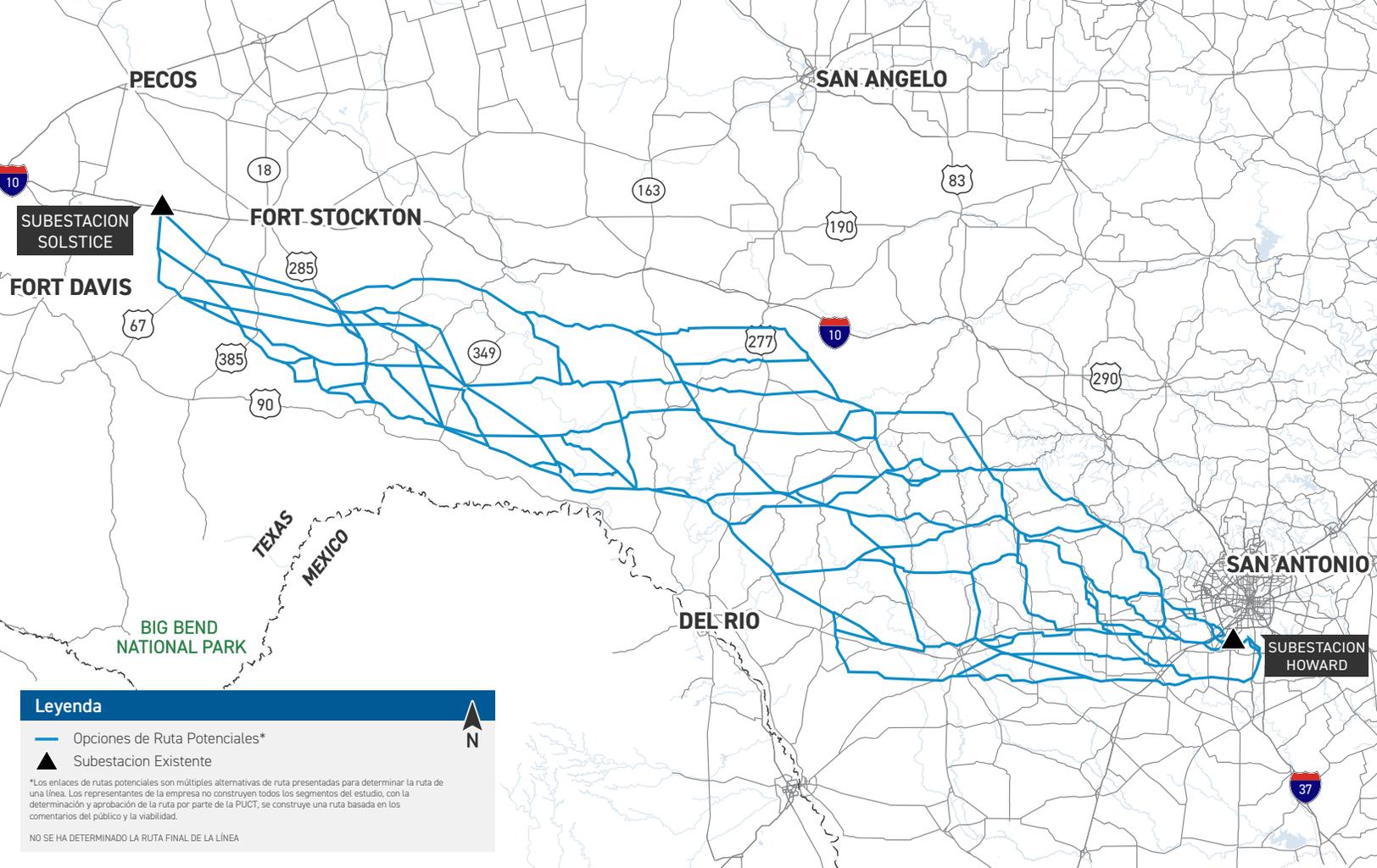
Cronograma del Proyecto



* CCN – Certificado de Conveniencia y Necesidad

** PUCT – Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas

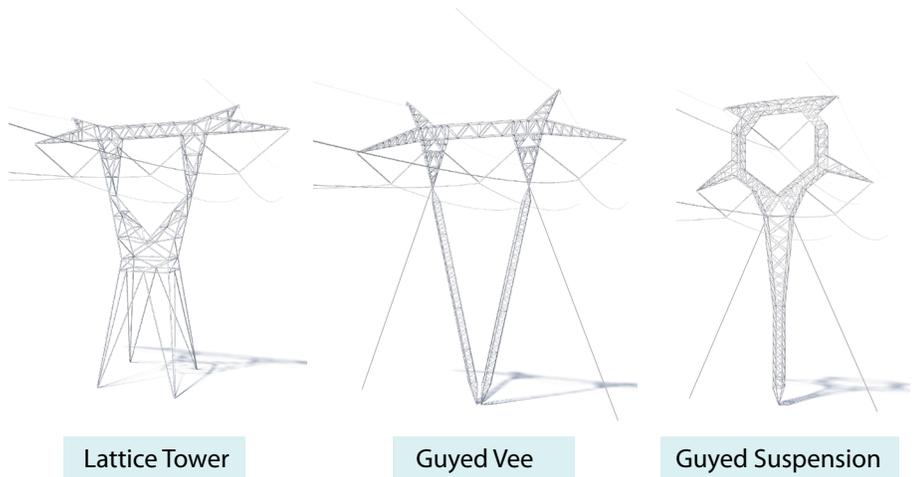
Cronograma sujeto a cambios



Estructuras Típicas

Las cuadrillas de AEP Texas planean instalar estructuras autoportantes de celosía en la mitad occidental de la línea eléctrica.

- Altura típica de la estructura: 140-160 pies
- Ancho típico del derecho de vía: 200 pies
- Distancia típica entre estructuras: 1,400 pies



**Estructura representativa. La altura exacta y los requisitos del derecho de vía pueden variar según la geografía y otros factores.*



Valoramos sus comentarios. Envíe sus preguntas y observaciones a:
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS REGULATORY PROCESS

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Public Utility Commission of Texas?

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) is a state agency created by the Texas Legislature to provide statewide regulation of the rates and services of certain electric, telecommunications and water utilities. The PUCT has jurisdiction over AEP Texas.

How can I provide feedback on the proposed route links?

You can share your comments and concerns by:

- Returning the questionnaire you received as part of your initial informational packet
- Calling the (800) number or writing to the email address listed on the project fact sheet
- Visiting the project website and submitting questions/comments
- Attending an in-person open house to speak directly to a project team member

How does the PUCT determine the final line route?

By law, the PUCT must consider a number of factors when evaluating the proposed line, including cost, environmental impacts, compatibility with existing rights-of-way, property lines and natural features.

The PUCT also accounts for the proximity to existing habitable structures; recreation and historic areas; and aesthetic values.

Ultimately, the PUCT approves a single line route connecting one substation to the other substation, using any combination of the proposed routing links.

Do I have an opportunity to participate in the route selection and regulatory process?

Yes. At AEP Texas, we encourage all landowners to learn about the process by viewing the provided informational materials and visiting the project website.

How do directly impacted landowners participate in the CCN proceeding?

Directly impacted landowners can participate in two ways:

- **Become an Intervenor.** Intervenors are permitted to become a party in the proceeding after showing a justiciable interest. As an Intervenor, the landowner may make legal arguments, conduct discovery, file testimony, cross examine witnesses and testify to the PUCT.
- **Become a Protester.** Protesters do not choose to participate fully in the CCN proceeding as an Intervenor, but may file comments in support or opposition of the application. Protesters are not considered parties in the proceeding but can send written comments to the PUCT stating their position at the time of application or hearing.

How long does the PUCT review and approval process take?

This project has been deemed critical by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), meaning the PUCT will look to approve a final line route six (6) months after company officials file the CCN application.

What happens after the final line route has been approved?

Once approved, landowners in the project area are notified of the PUCT Final Order, determining the final line route. Company right-of-way agents will begin contacting landowners along the final line route to negotiate easements on their properties. Easements are rights that give AEP Texas the ability to safely construct, operate and maintain the transmission line.

Can AEP Texas use eminent domain to obtain rights-of-way?

We make every effort to work directly with affected landowners and pay fair market values for required easements, including financial damages for things like crops that might be damaged during construction.

However, AEP Texas is a certificated electric utility that is fully regulated by the PUCT and therefore have the power of eminent domain.

Can I speak to someone if I have additional questions?

Yes. At AEP Texas, we strongly encourage landowners to contact us with question, comments and concerns. Please refer to the project fact sheet to find an (800) number, email address and project website.

PROCESO REGULADORIO DE LA COMISIÓN DE SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS DE TEXAS

Preguntas Frecuentes

¿Qué es la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas?

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUCT, por sus siglas en inglés) es una agencia estatal creada por la Legislatura de Texas para proporcionar una regulación estatal de las tarifas y los servicios de ciertos servicios públicos de electricidad, telecomunicaciones y agua. La PUCT tiene jurisdicción sobre AEP Texas.

¿Cómo puedo dar mi opinión sobre los enlaces de ruta propuestos?

Puede compartir sus comentarios e inquietudes:

- Devolviendo el cuestionario que recibió como parte de su paquete informativo inicial
- Llamando al número del proyecto o escribiendo a la dirección de correo electrónico que aparece en hoja informativa del proyecto
- Visitando el sitio web del proyecto y enviando preguntas y comentarios
- Asistiendo a una de las casas abiertas en persona para hablar directamente con un miembro del equipo del proyecto

¿Cómo determina la PUCT el enrutamiento final de la línea?

Por ley, la PUCT debe tener en cuenta una serie de factores a la hora de evaluar la línea propuesta, como el costo, el impacto ambiental, la compatibilidad con los derechos de paso existentes, las líneas de propiedad y las características naturales.

La PUCT también tiene en cuenta la proximidad a las estructuras habitables existentes, las zonas recreativas e históricas y los valores estéticos.

En última instancia, la PUCT aprueba una ruta de una sola línea que conecta una subestación con la otra, utilizando cualquier combinación de los enlaces de enrutamiento propuestos.

¿Tengo la oportunidad de participar en la selección de rutas y en el proceso de regulación?

Sí. En AEP Texas animamos a todos los propietarios de tierras a que se informen sobre el proceso consultando el material informativo proporcionado y visitando el sitio web del proyecto.

¿Cómo participan los propietarios directamente afectados en el procedimiento del Certificado de Conveniencia y Necesidad (CCN)?

Los propietarios de tierras directamente afectados pueden participar de dos maneras:

- **Siendo interventores.** Se permite a los interventores pueden ser parte del procedimiento después de acreditar un interés justiciable. Como Interventor, el propietario puede presentar argumentos legales, realizar pruebas, presentar testimonios, contrainterrogar a los testigos y testificar ante la PUCT.
- **Siendo un protestante.** Los protestantes no pueden participar plenamente en el procedimiento de CCN como interventores, pero pueden presentar comentarios en apoyo u oposición a la solicitud. Los protestantes no se consideran ser partes del procedimiento, pero pueden enviar comentarios por escrito a la PUCT indicando su posición en el momento de la solicitud o la audiencia.

¿Cuánto dura el proceso de revisión y aprobación de la PUC?

Este proyecto ha sido considerado crítico por el Consejo de Fiabilidad Eléctrica de Texas (ERCOT), lo que significa que la PUCT buscará aprobar una ruta final de la línea seis (6) meses después de que los oficiales de la Compañía presenten la solicitud de CCN.

¿Qué ocurre después de que se apruebe la ruta de la línea final?

Una vez aprobada, se notifica a los propietarios de la zona del proyecto la orden final de la PUCT, que determina la ruta final de la línea. Los agentes de derechos de paso de la Compañía comenzarán a ponerse en contacto con los propietarios a lo largo de la ruta de la línea final para negociar las servidumbres en sus propiedades. Las servidumbres son derechos que otorgan a AEP Texas la capacidad de construir, operar y mantener la línea de transmisión de manera segura.

¿Pueden AEP Texas utilizar el dominio eminente para obtener derechos de paso?

Hacemos todo lo posible para trabajar directamente con los propietarios afectados y pagar valores de mercado justos para las servidumbres requeridas, incluyendo daños financieros para cosas como los cultivos que podrían ser dañados durante la construcción.

Sin embargo, AEP Texas es una empresa eléctrica certificada que están totalmente reguladas por la PUCT y, por lo tanto, tienen el poder de dominio eminente.

¿Puedo hablar con alguien si tengo más preguntas?

Sí. En AEP Texas, alentamos firmemente a los propietarios de tierras a que se pongan en contacto con nosotros para hacer preguntas, comentarios e inquietudes. Consulte la hoja informativa del proyecto para encontrar el número del proyecto, la dirección de correo electrónico y el sitio web del proyecto.

Howard-Solstice Transmission Line Project



Follow-up questions and comments

Please fill out and mail this comment card using the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope by **September 3, 2025**. If you prefer to provide comments online, visit AEPTexas.com/Howard-Solstice.

Please provide your name and contact information below to ensure we have the most up-to-date information for our records.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please complete this questionnaire after you have reviewed the information provided about this project.

Did you find the content provided to be informative? Yes No

If no, please explain

Please include below any information about features on your property that are in the project area. If you prefer that a project team member contact you to discuss any of your comments, please note in the additional comments below.

Example: "Study Segment 3 is on the west side of my property at 123 Main Street, and there is an existing gas line running parallel to this study segment" and "There is a family cemetery located along the rebuild section approximately 100 feet west of 345 Broad Street."

House, shed or other structure

Springs, streams, wetlands, sensitive species or protected areas

Cave, sinkhole, mine or portal

Approved or documented planned project

Existing conservation easement

Historical or archaeological feature (i.e. homestead, Native American site)

Underground utilities or pipelines (including gas, water, oil, etc.)

Agricultural features including irrigation systems, drainage tiles, etc.

Other land use such as private airstrips, past landfills or buried waste, radio or cellular antennas

Additional Comments

Howard-Solstice Transmission Line Project



Preguntas y Comentarios de seguimiento

Por favor, llene esta tarjeta de comentarios y envíela por correo usando el sobre adjunto con su dirección y sello antes **September 3, 2025**. Si prefiere enviar sus comentarios en línea, visite AEPTexas.com/Howard-Solstice.

Por favor, proporcione su nombre e información de contacto a continuación para asegurar que tenemos la información más actualizada para nuestros registros.

Nombre: _____

Dirección _____

Correo electrónico: _____ Teléfono: _____

Por favor complete este cuestionario después de haber revisado la información proporcionada sobre este proyecto.

¿Le pareció informativo el contenido proporcionado? Sí No

Si no, por favor explique

Por favor incluya a continuación cualquier información sobre las características de su propiedad que se encuentren en el área del proyecto.

Si prefiere que un miembro del equipo del proyecto se comunique con usted para analizar cualquiera de sus comentarios, anótelos en los comentarios adicionales a continuación.

Ejemplo: "El segmento de estudio 3 está en el lado oeste de mi propiedad en 123 Main Street, y hay una línea de gas existente que corre paralela a este segmento de estudio" y "Hay un cementerio familiar ubicado a lo largo de la sección de reconstrucción aproximadamente a 100 pies al oeste de 345 Broad Street."

Casa, cobertizo u otra estructura

Manantiales, arroyos, humedales, especies sensibles o áreas protegidas

Cueva, sumidero, mina o portal

Proyecto planeado aprobado o documentado

Servidumbre de conservación existente

Característica histórica o arqueológica (por ejemplo, granja, sitio de nativos americanos)

Servicios o tuberías subterráneos (incluidos gas, agua, petróleo, etc..)

Características agrícolas que incluyen sistemas de riego, tejas de drenaje, etc.

Otros usos del suelo, como pistas de aterrizaje privadas, rellenos sanitarios pasados o desechos enterrados, antenas de

Comentarios Adicionales

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AEP TEXAS OPEN HOUSE REMINDER POST CARD

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HOWARD – SOLSTICE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

8/6/2025, 4 – 7 p.m. | Enchanted Event Center | 4934 US-90, Del Rio, TX

8/7/2025, 4 – 7 p.m. | Fort Stockton Convention Center | 2181 West I-10, Fort Stockton, TX

Join Us For An Open House

PROJECT INFORMATION

AEP Texas and CPS Energy representatives are planning to build the Howard-Solstice Transmission Line, which involves the construction of approximately 370 miles of 765-kilovolt transmission line between Fort Stockton and San Antonio.

PROJECT BENEFITS

The transmission line will introduce a more efficient and reliable delivery system, creating additional opportunities for future growth in West Texas.

SHARE YOUR INPUT

Please join us from 4 – 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 6, at Enchanted Event Center in Del Rio or from 4 – 7 p.m. Thursday, August 7, at the Fort Stockton Convention Center. You can view detailed maps and talk with project team members about the potential route links for the proposed power line. There is no formal presentation, so you can arrive at any time during the event. No final route is determined at this time. The project requires review and approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, which will determine the final line route.

Spanish-speaking representatives and informational materials will also be available at the open houses.

You may visit the virtual open house at [AEPTexas.com/Howard-Solstice](https://www.aeptexas.com/howard-solstice) to access information, view an interactive map and submit comments. **Please share your feedback by September 3, 2025.**

Acompañenos En La Casa Abierta

INFORMACIÓN DEL PROYECTO

Representantes de AEP Texas y CPS Energy están planificando la construcción del Howard-Solstice Transmission Line Project, que contempla aproximadamente 370 millas de línea de transmisión de 765-kilovoltios entre Fort Stockton y San Antonio.

BENEFICIOS DEL PROYECTO

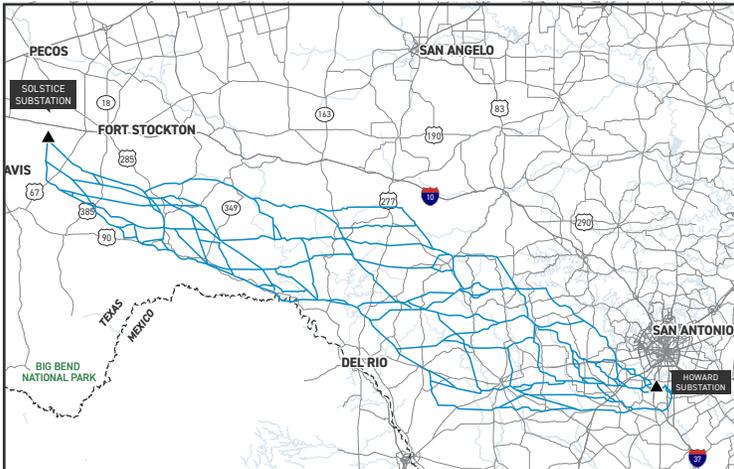
La línea de transmisión introducirá un sistema de entrega de energía más eficiente y confiable, creando oportunidades adicionales para el crecimiento futuro en el oeste de Texas.

COMPARTA SUS COMENTARIOS

Lo invitamos a acompañarnos el miércoles 6 de agosto de 4 a 7 p.m. en el Enchanted Event Center en Del Rio, o el jueves 7 de agosto de 4 a 7 p.m. en el Fort Stockton Convention Center. Podrá revisar mapas detallados y hablar con los miembros del equipo sobre los enlaces de ruta potenciales de la línea eléctrica propuesta. No habrá una presentación formal, por lo que podrá llegar a la hora que le sea más conveniente dentro del horario del evento. Aún no se ha determinado la ruta definitiva. El proyecto requiere la revisión y aprobación de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas, que determinará la ruta final de la línea.

En las casas abiertas habrá representantes que hablan español y materiales informativos en español.

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Legend

- Potential Route Links**
- ▲ Existing Substation



**Potential route links are multiple route alternatives presented to determine a line route. Company representatives do not build all study segments, rather upon the PUCT's route determination and approval, one route is built based on public feedback and feasibility.

NO FINAL LINE ROUTE HAS BEEN DETERMINED

**WE VALUE YOUR INPUT. PLEASE SEND COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS TO:
VALORAMOS SU APORTACIÓN. ENVÍE SUS COMENTARIOS Y PREGUNTAS A:**

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Important Message About Your Property

Dear Neighbor,

You are receiving this because you recently received an invitation to attend open houses regarding AEP Texas and CPS Energy's proposed Howard – Solstice Transmission Line Project.

The 370-mile, 765-kilovolt power line introduces a more efficient and reliable delivery system, creating additional opportunities for future growth throughout West Texas. These upgrades are part of the larger Permian Basin Reliability Plan, prepared by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) to support meet growing demand in the region.

AEP Texas and CPS Energy are currently evaluating potential route links for the proposed power line, with each link representing an option the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) will consider when selecting a final transmission line route.

Your input is vital to help identify the most suitable path for this important infrastructure. Please share your input by **September 3, 2025**, by visiting [AEPTexas.com/Howard-Solstice](https://www.aeptexas.com/howard-solstice), emailing us at AEPTexasOutreach@aep.com or calling 833-329-4865.

What Happens Next

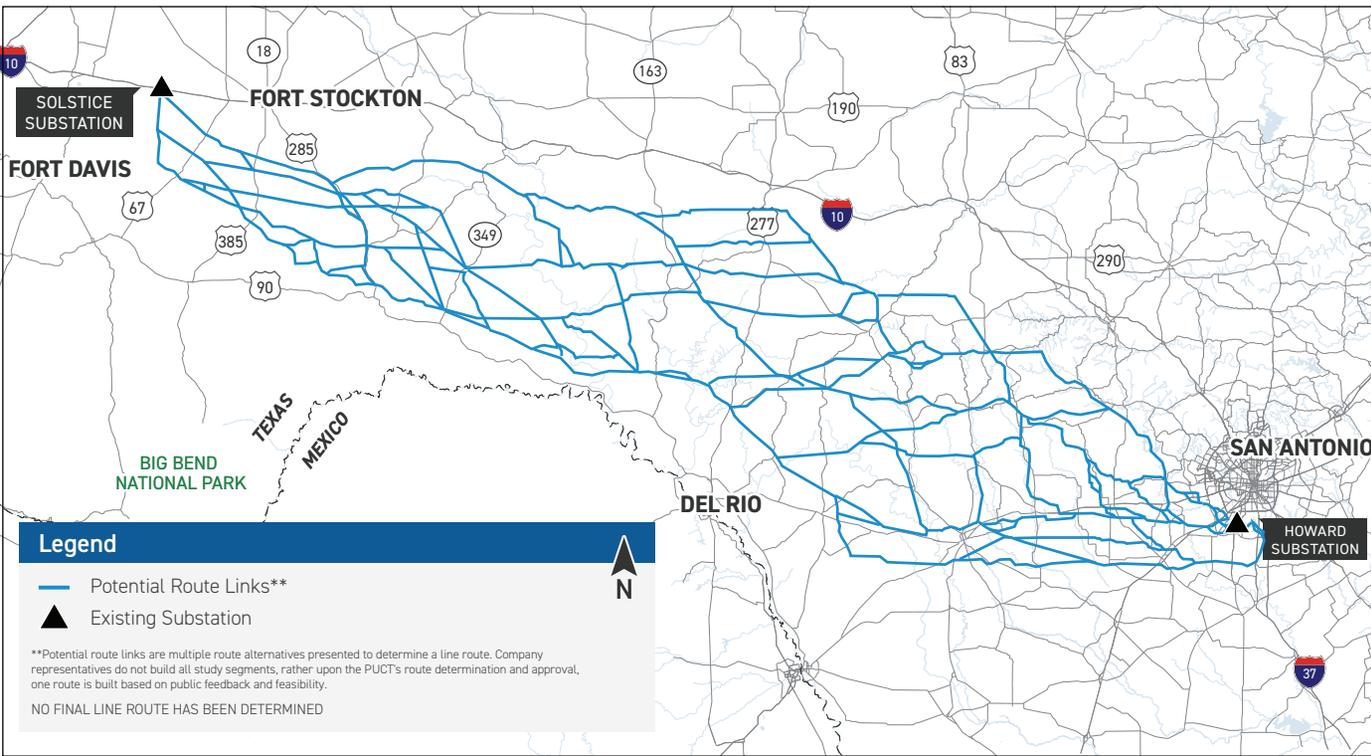
AEP Texas and CPS Energy plan to apply for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) by early 2026. The PUCT reviews and approves the application before determining the final transmission line route based on a number of criteria, including public feedback. AEP Texas and CPS Energy expect to receive the PUCT's response by fall 2026.

To learn more about the project, visit a virtual open house, view an interactive map and submit comments, visit [AEPTexas.com/Howard-Solstice](https://www.aeptexas.com/howard-solstice).

Sincerely,
Michael Harris, Project Outreach Specialist
AEP Texas



ATTN: Adriana Knight
Project Outreach Specialist
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HOWARD - SOLSTICE TRANSMISSION PROJECT



Welcome! Thank you for visiting our virtual open house to learn more about the project and share your input to help us develop project plans. We welcome feedback through the project website, phone, email and mail as we strive to make the most informed decisions possible.

The virtual open house includes details on the following information:

- Project Need & Benefits
- Project Map
- Routing Process
- Engineering
- Right-of-Way Practices
- The Construction Process

JUMP TO A SECTION:

Project Need & Benefits

Project Map

Project Schedule

Proposed Structures

How The System Works

Right-of-Way Activities

Field Activities

Construction Process

Routing Process

Environmental

Thank You

LET'S GET STARTED!

PROJECT NEED & BENEFITS



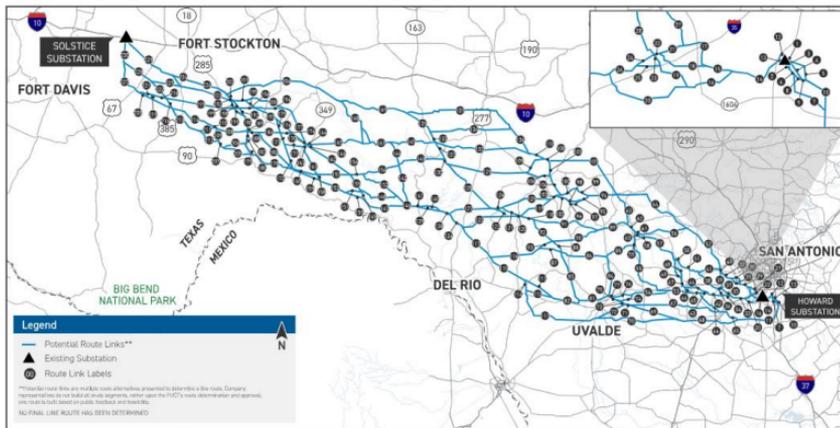
Why is the project important to our community?

Texas House Bill 5066, passed by the Texas Legislature in 2023 and signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott, required the PUCT to direct the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) to develop an electric reliability plan for the Permian Basin region, which is an important energy location for the state and national economies. The Howard-Solstice Transmission Line Project is part of that reliability plan.

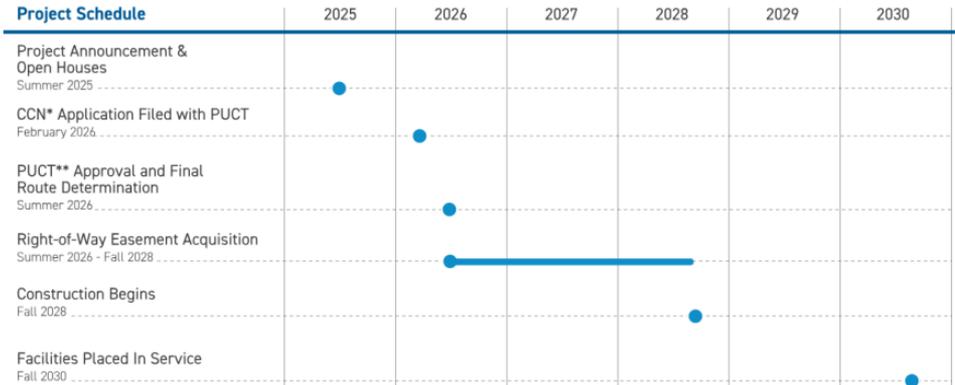
The Howard - Solstice Transmission Line Project:

- Introduces a more efficient and reliable energy delivery system
- Provides additional capacity for growth and economic development

PROJECT MAP

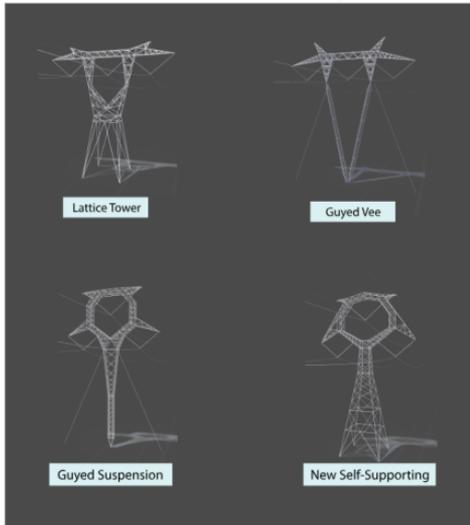


PROJECT TIMELINE



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TYPICAL STRUCTURE

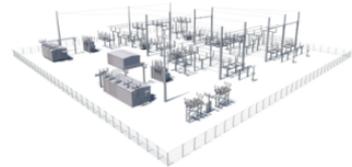
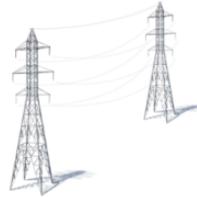


AEP Texas plans to install self-supporting lattice structures and guyed structures on the western half of the power line.

Typical Structure Height: 140-160 feet
Typical Distance Between Structures: 1,400 feet
Typical Right-of-Way Width: 200 feet

*Representative structures. The exact height and right-of-way requirements may vary based on geography and other factors.

HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS



1. Generation Stations:

A generation station produces power to be transported long distances through transmission lines.

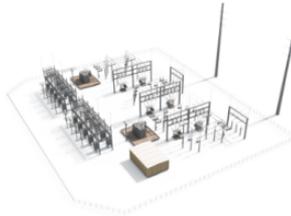
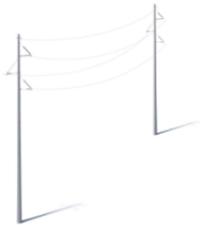
2. EHV Transmission:

Extra-high voltage (EHV) electric transmission lines are generally 765-kilovolt (kV), 500-kV and 345-kV.

3. Transmission Substations:

Substations direct the flow of electricity and either decrease or increase voltage levels for transport.

HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS



4. Local Transmission:

We typically use 69-kV and 138-kV transmission lines to move power shorter distances – for example, to different parts of a city or county.

5. Distribution Substations:

Substations transform 69-kV and 138-kV electricity into lower distribution-level voltages such as 34.5-kV, 12-kV, or 7.2-kV.

6. Primary Distribution:

These main lines (also called circuits) connect substations to large parts of the community.

HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS



7. Lateral Distribution: These lower-capacity lines deliver electricity to neighborhoods and other smaller groups of customers.

8. Individual Service: Smaller transformers step down voltage to levels customers can use. Individual homes typically use 120/240 volts.

To use an analogy, electric transmission is like our national road system. Three kinds of power lines exist between power plants, homes and businesses:

- EHV lines are like interstate highways.
- High-voltage local transmission lines are like four-lane roads.
- Distribution lines are like two-lane roads that eventually connect to a driveway.

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACTIVITIES

We have two key philosophies regarding power line rights-of-way:

1. Routes should minimize disturbance to the community and the environment.
2. Property owners should be fairly compensated for any acquired land rights.



Once we study the land and propose line routes, we reach out to landowners for the following:

To obtain permission to access your property for activities such as:

- Environmental assessments
- Appraisal work
- Land surveying, soil boring and other field activities
- Cultural and historical resource reviews

To secure rights-of-way and communicate:

- Easement compensation
- Easement terms and conditions
- Right-of-way width

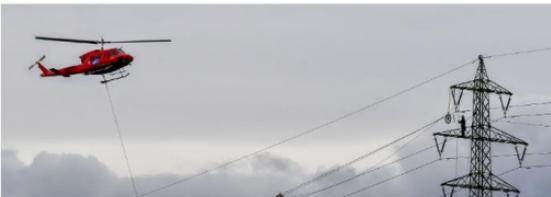
To outline our construction process with a specific focus on:

- Property access and special conditions
- Property restoration
- Damage mitigation as appropriate

FIELD ACTIVITIES



Ground Penetrating Radar: Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) helps identify the location of underground utilities. A device that looks similar to a lawnmower, and is nondestructive to the soil, uses radio frequencies to detect objects below the ground's surface. Maps and images are created from the data.



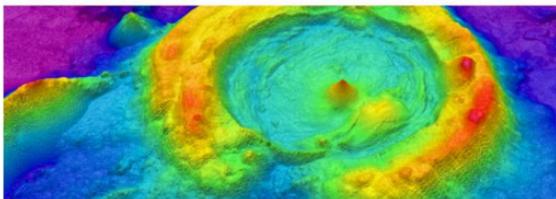
Helicopter: Challenging terrain or other restrictions/obstructions can make accessing certain parts of a project area difficult. In these locations, crews use helicopters to install structures, string conductors, perform line work and maintain electric facilities. Company representatives work with local media outlets to communicate these activities to the public.



FIELD ACTIVITIES



Hydro Excavation: Crews use hydro excavation (hydrovac) in areas where many underground utilities are located near each other. This process involves using pressurized water to break down soil to expose underground utilities. Afterward, crews backfill the area. The process helps prevent damage to underground infrastructure while gathering important information.



LiDAR: LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) uses laser pulses to measure the distance of an object to the source. The data points result in digital 3D maps for accurate design and engineering. LiDAR surveying crews use mobile (car or aerial vehicle) or static (tripod) equipment.

FIELD ACTIVITIES



Soil Borings: Field crews use a drill to bring up soil samples and then backfill the holes. Testing the core samples helps determine soil conditions in the area. Soil conditions and types can affect structure location and foundation design.



Cultural Resource Study: Field crews walk the area and conduct multiple excavation tests to identify historical and archaeological artifacts. Landowners also provide information about their property to survey crews.



FIELD ACTIVITIES



Environmental Survey: Surveyors collect information about the habitats and physical attributes of the project area. They also look for ecological concerns like wetlands, flood plains and forests. This process can help protect endangered species, such as the Indiana Bat and American Burying Beetle.

Unmanned aerial vehicles: Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), or drones, perform aerial inspections and safely gather data and detailed images of electric facilities. Company employees and vendors comply with all commercial Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) guidelines. Company representatives work with local media outlets to communicate these activities to the public.

FIELD ACTIVITIES



Staking:

- Field crews use staking to mark the project area, identify utility equipment and pinpoint future structure locations. This process essentially transfers engineering and construction plans to the field.
- Right-of-way crews use staking to identify parcel boundaries, easement boundaries and other utility locations within the company's rights-of-way.
- Environmental crews use staking to identify wetlands or other environmentally sensitive areas.



Field Survey:

- Field survey crews help determine an appropriate route for a new transmission line by identifying constraints within the project area.
- Engineers conduct extensive studies of the terrain and soil to determine what types of structures and foundations are most suitable. They also gather information to create digital 3D maps of the project area to help engineer and design the project.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION



Construction Corridor Development

Crews prepare for construction by:

- Building access roads.
- Marking utilities and pole locations along the power line route using stakes and flags.
- Removing obstructions from the right-of-way easement area.
- Installing safety and environmental controls such as fencing.

As part of this process, crews clear the right-of-way:

- Forestry crews prepare for transmission line construction by clearing trees and woody-stemmed vegetation from the right-of-way.
- Crews may clear identified danger trees outside the right-of-way as allowed per the easement language.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION



Pole Installation

At most pole locations, crews:

- Assemble the pole and place it near the installation area.
- Install and stabilize the base of the new pole.
- Install and secure the new pole.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION



Wire Installation

Crews install new wires on the new poles along the power line route.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION



Facilities Placed In Service

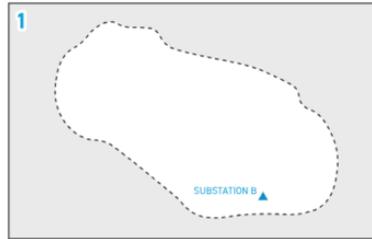
Crews energize the equipment after finishing pole and wire installations.

Post-Construction & Site Restoration

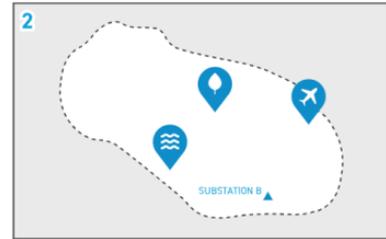
We restore properties to as close to their pre-construction condition as possible. Our teams work with individual landowners to address any property damage.

ROUTING PROCESS

We implement a comprehensive routing process that takes land use, the environment, public input and engineering guidelines into account to develop a transmission line route. The information below illustrates each stage of the routing process.

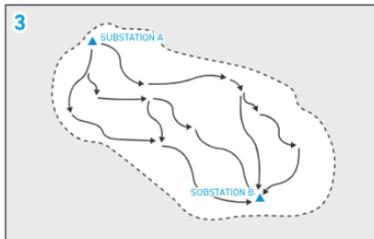


1. Study Area: Develop a study area for the project that incorporates both end points of the power line and the area between.

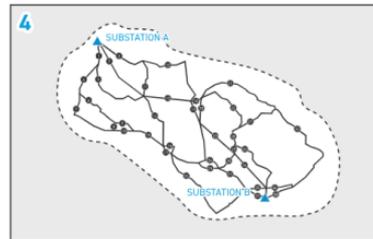


2. Information Gathering: Data is gathered for the defined study area including environmental, land use, historic and cultural resources, existing infrastructure and sensitive areas.

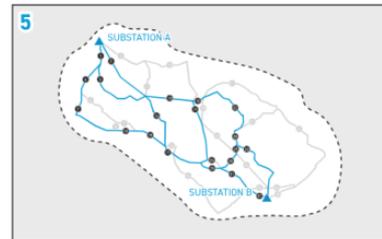
ROUTING PROCESS



3. Conceptual Routes: The routing team uses data gathered to develop conceptual routes adhering to a series of general routing and technical guidelines.

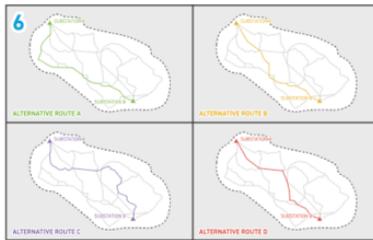


4. Study Segments: Study Segments are derived from conceptual routes. Study segments are formed between two common points of intersection. Together, the collection of study segments is referred to as the study segment network.



5. Refined Study Segments: As more information is gathered, the study segments are refined. Some study segments are eliminated or modified, leaving the refined study segments for further consideration.

ROUTING PROCESS



6. Alternative Routes: After public input is gathered, study segments are further refined and evaluated. The most suitable segments are selected and assembled into alternative route options.



7. Proposed Route: Alternative routes are assessed, and a proposed route is chosen. The proposed route minimizes impact to the community and environment, while considering cost, line length, and design requirements.

ROUTING CONSIDERATIONS



We aim to build transmission lines that power communities and the economy while minimizing community and environmental impacts.

 Our project teams review a variety of environmental factors including:

 <p>Current and proposed public and private land uses</p>	 <p>Aesthetics and visual impacts</p>	 <p>Water quality, including potential impacts on wetlands, streams and water bodies</p>	 <p>Wildlife, vegetation and fisheries, including threatened and endangered species</p>	 <p>Soils and geology</p>	 <p>Community and neighborhood growth and development</p>	 <p>Historic and archaeological sites</p>	 <p>Existing Infrastructure, such as power lines, roads, railroads, pipelines and renewables</p>	 <p>Environmental & Social Justice Impacts</p>
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We identify and comply with all required local, state and federal permitting agencies.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE CRITERIA FOR TRANSMISSION LINE EVALUATION



Land Use

Length of alternative route

Number of habitable structures^a within 300 feet^b of the right-of-way (ROW) centerline

Length of ROW using existing transmission line ROW

Length of ROW parallel to existing transmission line ROW

Length of ROW parallel to other existing compatible ROW (roads, highways, railways, etc. – excluding oil and gas pipelines)

Length of ROW parallel to apparent property lines (not following existing ROW)^c

Sum of evaluation criteria 4, 5, and 6

Percent of evaluation criteria 4, 5, and 6

Length of ROW across parks/recreational areas^d

Number of additional parks/recreational areas^d within 1,000 feet of ROW centerline

Length of ROW across cropland

Length of ROW across pastureland/rangeland

Length of ROW across land irrigated by mobile irrigation systems (rolling or pivot type)

Length of ROW across conservation easements and/or mitigation banks (Special Management Areas)

Length of ROW across gravel pits, mines, or quarries

Length of ROW parallel to existing pipeline^e ROW <500 feet from route centerline

Number of pipeline^e crossings

Number of transmission line crossings

Number of Interstate, United States, and State highway crossings

Number of Farm-to-Market (FM)/Ranch-to-Market (RM) road crossings

Number of FAA-registered public/military airfields^f within 20,000 feet of ROW centerline (with runway >3,200 feet)

Number of FAA-registered public/military airfields^f within 10,000 feet of ROW centerline (with runway <3,200 feet)

Number of private airstrips within 10,000 feet of ROW centerline

Number of heliports within 5,000 feet of ROW centerline

Number of commercial AM radio transmitters within 10,000 feet of ROW centerline

Number of FM radio transmitters, microwave towers, and other electronic installations within 2,000 feet of ROW centerline

Number of recorded water wells within 200 feet of ROW centerline

Number of recorded oil and gas wells within 400 feet of ROW centerline

ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE CRITERIA FOR TRANSMISSION LINE EVALUATION



Aesthetics

Estimated length of ROW within foreground visual zone^a of Interstate, United States, and State highways

Estimated length of ROW within foreground visual zone^a of FM/RM roads

Estimated length of ROW within foreground visual zone^a of parks/recreational areas^d

Ecology

Length of ROW through upland woodlands/brushlands

Length of ROW through bottomland/riparian woodland/brushland

Length of ROW across National Wetland Inventory-mapped wetlands

Length of ROW across designated critical habitat for federally endangered or threatened species

Number of stream crossings

Length of ROW parallel (within 100 feet) to streams

Length of ROW across open water (ponds, lakes, etc.)

Length of ROW across Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zones

Cultural Resources

Number of recorded cultural sites crossed by ROW

Number of additional recorded cultural sites within 1,000 feet of ROW centerline

Number of cemeteries within 1,000 feet of ROW centerline

Number of NRHP-listed or determined-eligible sites crossed by ROW

Number of NRHP-listed or determined-eligible sites within 1,000 feet of ROW centerline

Length of ROW crossing areas of high archeological/historical site potential

- (a) Single-family and multifamily dwellings and related structures, mobile homes, apartment buildings, commercial structures, industrial structures, business structures, places of worship, hospitals, nursing homes, schools, or other structures normally inhabited by humans or intended to be inhabited by humans on a daily or regular basis.
- (b) Due to the potential inaccuracies of the aerial photography and data utilized, all habitable structures within 520 feet have been identified.
- (c) Property lines created by existing road, highway, or railroad ROW are not double counted in the "Length of ROW parallel to property lines" criterion.
- (d) Defined as parks and recreational areas owned by a governmental body or an organized group, club, or place of worship.
- (e) Pipelines 8.0 inches diameter or greater.
- (f) As listed in the Chart Supplement South Central U.S. (formerly known as the Airport/Facility Directory South Central U.S.).
- (g) 0.5 mile, unobstructed.

AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS



FEDERAL

- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland
- Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph
- Laughlin Air Force Base
- Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse
- National Parks Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Representatives in Project Area
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Senators for Texas

STATE

- Railroad Commission of Texas
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Texas General Land Office
- Texas Historical Commission
- Texas Office of Public Utility Counsel
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Texas Senators
- Texas State Representatives
- Texas Water Development Board

LOCAL

- Alamo Area Council of Governments
- Alamo Soil and Water Conservation District
- Edwards Aquifer Authority
- San Antonio River Authority
- San Antonio Water System

ATASCOSA COUNTY

- Atascosa County Judge
- Atascosa County Commissioners
- City of Lytle
- Lytle Independent School District
- Pitter Independent School District
- Somerset Independent School District
- Atascosa County Historical Commission

BANDERA COUNTY

- Bandera County Judge
- Bandera County Commissioners
- Bandera County
- City of Bandera
- Bandera Independent School District
- Medina Independent School District

- Utopia Independent School District
- Bandera County River Authority
- and Groundwater District
- Bandera County Historical Commission

BEXAR COUNTY

- Bexar County Judge
- Bexar County Commissioners
- City of San Antonio
- City of Somerset
- Edgewood Independent School District
- Lackland Independent School District
- Northside Independent School District
- South San Antonio Independent School District
- Southside Independent School District
- Southwest Independent School District
- Bexar County Historical Commission

CROCKETT COUNTY

- Crockett County Judge
- Crockett County Commissioners
- Crockett County
- Common School District
- Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District
- Crockett County Historical Commission

EDWARDS COUNTY

- Edwards County Judge
- Edwards County Commissioners
- Nueces Canyon Consolidated Independent School District
- Rocksprings Independent School District
- Real-Edwards Conservation and Reclamation District
- Edwards County Historical Commission

KERR COUNTY

- Kerr County Judge
- Kerr County Commissioners
- Center Point Independent School District
- Comfort Independent School District
- Divide Independent School District
- Hunt Independent School District
- Ingram Independent School District
- Kernville Independent School District
- Kerr County Historical Commission

KIMBLE COUNTY

- Kimble County Judge
- Kimble County Commissioners
- Junction Independent School District
- Kimble County Groundwater Conservation District
- Kimble County Historical Commission

KINNEY COUNTY

- Kinney County Judge
- Kinney County Commissioners
- City of Brackettville
- Brackett Independent School District
- Kinney County Historical Commission

MEDINA COUNTY

- Medina County Judge
- Medina County Commissioners
- City of Castroville
- City of Devine
- City of Hondo
- City of Natalia
- O'Hanis Independent School District
- Devine Independent School District
- Hondo Independent School District
- Medina Valley Independent School District
- Natalia Independent School District
- Medina County Historical Commission

PECOS COUNTY

- Pecos County Judge
- Pecos County Commissioners
- City of Fort Stockton
- Buena Vista Independent School District
- Fort Stockton Independent School District
- Traan-Sheffield Collegiate Independent School District
- Middle Pecos Groundwater Conservation District
- Pecos County Historical Commission

REAL COUNTY

- Real County Judge
- Real County Commissioners
- City of Camp Wood
- Leakey Independent School District
- Real County Historical Commission

SUTTON COUNTY

- Sutton County Judge
- Sutton County Commissioners
- City of Sonora
- Sonora Independent School District
- Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District

TERRELL COUNTY

- Terrell County Judge
- Terrell County Commissioners
- Terrell Independent School District
- Terrell County Historical Commission

UVALDE COUNTY

- Uvalde County Judge
- Uvalde County Commissioners
- City of Sabin
- City of Uvalde
- Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District
- Knippes Independent School District
- Sabin Independent School District
- Uvalde County Historical Commission

VAL VERDE COUNTY

- Val Verde County Judge
- Val Verde County Commissioners
- Comstock Independent School District
- San Felipe del Rio Consolidated Independent School District
- Val Verde County Historical Commission

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Hill Country Alliance
- Hill Country Conservancy
- Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance
- Lower Colorado River Authority
- Pecos River Authority
- Texas Agricultural Land Trust
- Texas Cave Management Association
- Texas Land Conservancy
- Texas Land Trust Council
- Texas Water Trade
- The Nature Conservancy
- Watershed Association

TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT REVIEW PROCESS



A transmission addition is determined necessary for service reliability or connection of new load/generation.

Transmission Routing Process:

Environmental Assessment and Routing Study

- Define study area
- Identify routing link constraints

Establish Preliminary Routing Links

- Invite public involvement
- Finalize links, develop routes

Select Alternative Routes for Filing

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) Approval Process

AEP Texas and CPS Energy Utilities File Application at PUCT

- Direct mail notice of application to landowners, local public officials, and electric utilities
- Publication of notice in local newspaper
- 45-Day intervention period

If No Hearing is Requested

- Application for a critical project is processed in 90 days

If Hearing is Requested

- Application processed within 180 days
- Hearing by administrative law judge (ALJ)
- ALJ makes recommendation to PUCT

PUCT Makes the Final Decision

- Approve or deny application
- If approved, decides location of approved route

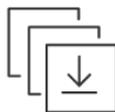
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The same information will be provided at each meeting.

August 4, 2025

5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Silverado Event Center
16490 I-35 S
Atascosa, TX 78002

August 5, 2025

5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Uvalde County Event Center-Commissioner's Auditorium
215 Veterans Ln.
Uvalde, TX 78801

August 6, 2025

4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Enchanted Event Center
4934 US-90
Del Rio, TX 78840

August 7, 2025

4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Fort Stockton Convention Center
2181 W I-10
Fort Stockton, TX 79735

CPS Energy and AEP Texas representatives will be available to receive comments and answer questions from area residents. This event will have an informal "come and go" type format consisting of information stations addressing specific areas of the project. Attendees are encouraged to review each station and ask questions.

The events are free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact **Antonio DeMendonca**, Project Manager for CPS Energy, at **210-353-6673 option 7**, or **Michael Harris**, Lead Outreach Specialist for AEP Texas at **833-329-4865**.



Sheriff: Baby dies during nap at day care

By Jacob Beltran
STAFF WRITER

Authorities are investigating after a baby girl died suddenly at a Southeast Side day care.

The baby, identified as 4-month-old Laurelin Eathena Deluna, reportedly experienced a medical episode on Wednesday at Kid Country Early Learning, located at 1708 Donop Road, according to the Bexar County Sheriff's Office.

"Our family is devastated, and no words can truly

express the depth of our grief," Vanessa De Luna, the baby's grandmother, wrote in a GoFundMe web page seeking donations.

Staff members at the day care called 911 to report that the baby was not breathing, officials said.

Arriving first responders performed CPR until she was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office is now investigating Laurelin's cause and manner of death.

Sheriff Javier Salazar said the baby had been ill in the days prior, but that her symptoms had been managed with Tylenol.

He said daycare workers had put the baby down for a nap on Wednesday, with no toys, blankets or anything that could cause suffocation.

"By all indications, by the parents and the daycare workers, she had been happy and healthy when they put her down," Salazar said. "Then they found her deceased, unfortunately."

The GoFundMe, which seeks donations for the funeral, had collected more than \$7,800 by Friday at noon.

"Laurelin brought light, joy, and love into our lives during their short time on Earth. Every smile, every cry, every tiny moment was a gift we will forever treasure," the family wrote on GoFundMe. "Losing such a young soul so unexpectedly has left our family facing not only emotional heartbreak but also unexpected financial burdens."

Nancy M. Freyer-Johnson contributed to this story.



Christophe Lee/San Antonio Express-News
Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar said a 4-month-old died at a Southeast Side day care center.

Bexar County man facing terrorism, weapons charges

By Nancy M. Freyer-Johnson and Gabriella Ybarra
STAFF WRITERS

A man was arrested in northern Bexar County after authorities say he made threats of mass violence and possessed bomb-making materials.

Nathan James Henderson, 39, was arrested a few weeks ago after a search warrant was executed at his home, the Bexar County Sheriff's Office said Thursday.

Henderson is charged with terrorism and possession of prohibited weapons, explosives and components of explosives.

The case marks the first time the sheriff's office has filed a terrorism charge under a new state law that classifies the offense as a first-degree felony punishable by five to 99 years or life in prison.

Henderson was booked into the Bexar County jail on \$750,000 bail.

According to arrest affidavits obtained by the San

Antonio Express-News, authorities received a credible tip on July 4. They executed a search warrant on July 4 at Henderson's home on Oracle Drive in Timberwood Park, north of Stone Oak. Charges were announced Thursday, records show.

Henderson reportedly expressed a desire to kill Black and Jewish individuals and government officials and told a family member he identified as a Nazi and white supremacist. He said he admired alleged domestic terrorist Luigi Mangione — accused of the Dec. 4 fatal shooting of United Healthcare executive Brian Thompson in Manhattan — an investigator wrote.

Investigators said Henderson told his relative that he had purchased a suppressor for one of his rifles and displayed what he claimed to be a homemade detonator but refused to provide more details about it. And he voiced suicidal intent if confronted by police.

A multi-agency team, including the sheriff's office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, San Antonio Police Department Bomb Squad and Fire Marshal's Office, executed the search at Henderson's home.

Inside the home, deputies found multiple firearms and ammunition. They also recovered 24 inert grenades, 193 metal cylinders used for blasting caps, a remote igniter, and notebooks referencing "extremist ideology and vague plans to disrupt public venues."

One grenade had been modified to include a primer and functional fuse, according to the affidavits. Letters found in Henderson's home and truck were determined to be correspondence with known white supremacist individuals, including a suspect arrested for allegedly conspiring to attack Baltimore's power grid, and others arrested for alleged violent, hate, and race-related crimes.

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The Ward Cousins' Celebrate a Successful 36th Annual Reunion

By: Melinda Ward

On July 18-20, the Mary B. Powers Hall in Barksdale was once again filled with descendants of William Carroll and Mary Sansom Ward. A record number attended, with 139 family and friends present for the 36th Ward reunion. The oldest present was 92 year old Tommy Ward with the youngest being Paige Schomber's son Cason, who was born three weeks ago. This photograph is of Tommy and his children, nieces, and nephews.

The days were full of great food, visiting, a silent auction, genealogy, dominoes, and washer pitching. The Cauy Routh Memorial Washer Tournament's first place winners were Jace Pape and Tanner Shelton, with second place going to Jim Gower and Katherine Routh. The "42" domino contest had first place won by Paige Ward and Shane Elms. Second place winners were Lonnie Ward and Ryder Ward.

Descendants of Bill and Minnie Ward in attendance were Chet, Kim, Amanda, and Carrol Ann Ward Miller of Rodeo, New Mexico, Jim and Linda Ward Smith, and Travis Smith of Houston, and Chris Smith of Fredericksburg. Chester and Vera Ward Strawn were represented by Bud and Wanda Strawn Gower of Killeen, Jim, Kellie, Jane, and Adam Gower, and Shane, Slone and Shauna Gower Elms of Florence, Sy and Sophia Elms, Fred and Lana Strawn Shelton, Tanner Shelton and Aaron, Kristen, Elena, Sierra, and Joel Shelton of Killeen. Carlton and Dorothy Ward's family attending

were Daryl and Patsy Ward of Goldthwaite, Kevin and Angela Ward and Scott Ward of San Angelo, Hannah Ward of College Station, Lloyd and Susie Ward of Sheffield, Justin, Lindsay, Elena, and Halle Ward of San Angelo, Vaughn and Melinda Ward of Camp Wood, Beau, Ioana, Elias, Tyler, Andi, and Madalena Ward of Petersburg, Alaska, Travis, Katy, and Liliana Ward of Austin, Lonnie and Sonya Ward of Brownwood, Amber Ward, and Nathan, Courtney, and Emmy Ward of San Angelo, Paige and Shawna Ward of Snyder and Melinda Ward of Sweetwater. Ira and Ruth Ward's children present were Linda Pape, Jace Pape, and Ben, Crystal, Lexi, Leah, Dax, and Drew Pape of Baytown, Pete and Tina Pape of Leander, Andy, Rona, and Owen Pape of Frederick, Maryland, Dennis and Shirley Ward, and Lane, Marley, Bode, and Briggs Ward of Southlake, and McKinsey Mendel and Paxton McKay of Granbury, Kathy Ward, Zach, Ava, Morgan, Hunter, and Jamie Ward Gugliotti, Nathan, Tristan, Madalynn, Brody, and Bryson Ward of Seguin, Dano and Elizabeth Ward Stotts, and Lynn, Chase, Addison, and Ginger Stotts Baker of Barksdale, Roy, Cody, and Katherine Stotts Routh of Uvalde, Cole Routh and fiancée Tiffany Casey of San Angelo, Randal, Stephanie, Rylynn, Ryder and Roper Ward of Camp Wood, Paige and Cason Schomber of Barksdale, Randy Ward, Marc Delgado and Ian Garcia of Rocksprings, Steve Ward of Sonora, Keith and Tammy Woodard and Kendon, MacKenzie, Elliot and Emmet



Pictured: Front Row - Liz Ward Stotts, Wanda Strawn Gower, Tommy Ward, Patsy & Daryl Ward, Lonnie Ward Middle Row- Linda Ward Pape, Tammy Ward Woodard, Shirley Ward, Collette Ward Bryant, Melinda Ward, Melinda Ward Pechacek, Lloyd & Susie Ward, Shawna Ward, Sonya Ward Back Row - Keith Woodard, Dayno Stotts, Dennis Ward, Monte Ward, Vaughn Ward, Hollis Ward, Steph & Randal Ward, Paige Ward

Woodard of Lubbock, and Keitha Woodard Clifton of Odessa. Our patriarch Tommy Ward of Camp Wood attended along with his family, Collette Ward Wickersham of Kerrville, Monte and Abba Ward, Hollis and Elisa Ward and Elaina and Jameson Barrera of Camp Wood, and Andrew, Ali, and Thomas of San Antonio. Haze and Jessie May Ward Taylor were represented by Lee Sweeten of Barksdale. Guests attending were Helen Davis and Chuck Osborn of Tucson, AZ, Sandra Fairchild, Louis Ray and Connie Webb of Camp Wood, and Faith Campos and Bowen Walker of San Antonio. The Ward clan hopes to have just as many in attendance July 17-19, 2026 for the 37th reunion.

Have You Tested Your Water Lately?

By Real-Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District

If your drinking water comes from a private well, how long has it been since the water was tested? Experts recommend testing your private well water ANNUALLY. Real-Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District can screen your water for the most commonly found contaminants in our area and specifically screen for the following pollutants:

Total coliforms: coliform bacteria found in the digestive systems of warm-blooded animals, in soil, on plants, and in surface water. The microbes typically do not make you sick; however, if the count is high, then it is possible that harmful microbes might also be present. Fecal coliforms: a specific kind of total coliform found in humans and warm-blooded animals. E.coli is part of this group and is potentially harmful.

Nitrate: an element naturally found in many types of foods. However, high levels in drinking water can make people sick.

Although there may be other elements that naturally occur or be the result of past pollution, the above are potential elements commonly found in our waters. A few reasons to have your water screened: if you notice a change in color, taste or odor of the water; after pump or well maintenance; and if there is any change in the health of those who drink the water. Also, part of our screening process, the following components are assessed.

PH levels: indicates acidity or alkalinity of the water.

Total Dissolved Solids (hardness): natural deposits dissolved in the water. This could be calcium, limestone and other natural minerals in our area.

Our District offers water sample screening at no cost to landowners in Edwards and Real counties. If you suspect other contaminants, we can assist you locating a lab for a comprehensive analysis. Contact the RECRD office at 830-232-5733 to schedule your water screening.

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Ag commissioner lauds Gilleland Farms

The state of Texas honored Gilleland Farms of Uvalde County as a Family Land Heritage Property, recognizing over 100 years of continuous family operation.

Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller presented the Gillelands with a certificate and bronze plaque during the 50th-Annual Family Land Heritage Ceremony at the Texas Capitol on Oct. 16, 2024. Miller celebrated their legacy alongside 60 other ranching families from 43 counties who continue to uphold Texas' proud tradition of land stewardship.

Bruce Gilleland, the grandson of Lenice Gilleland, founder of the Gilleland Farm and Ranch, and Rader Gilleland, the founder's great-grandson, attended the ceremony.

RANCH HISTORY

Throughout 121 years, the Gillelands have developed a kinship for agriculture, guided by the promise of good land and the hope of a better future.

Lenice Lester "L.L." Gilleland was born in Milam County. He was the great-grandson of Daniel and Priscilla (Boatwright) Gilleland, who originally came to Texas with Moses Austin and his son, Stephen F. Austin, as part of the "Old Three Hundred" colony of 1821, crossing the Brazos River and settling in Milam County. There, they had to pledge to become Mexican citizens and embrace the Catholic religion.

Gilleland bought 200



Uvalde County Judge Bill Mitchell (right) joins Rader Gilleland (left) and Bruce Gilleland July 1 at the county courthouse as they display a plaque from Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller, recognizing Gilleland Farms as a Family Land Heritage Property.

acres of land in 1905 from C.J. Farris in Uvalde County. In the following years, he acquired an additional 675 acres. He and his wife Alice (Harris) Gilleland had four children: Wilson Gilleland, Norene Young, Irene Martin, and Lester Gilleland.

He raised corn, cotton, wheat, sheep, cattle and more, and was known throughout several counties for raising, training, and selling quality mules and horses that were used to pull farm equipment.

Lester Gilleland, the youngest child, purchased the land from his siblings around 1945. He and his wife Nell (Reagan) Gilleland had three children: Phyllis Hunsinger, Bruce Gilleland, and Weldon Gilleland. He raised cotton, corn, vegetables, oats, wheat, sheep, and cattle. Lester also raised and trained quarter horses. In 1957, he was one of the first farmers to put in an Edwards irrigation well.

Bruce Gilleland inherited title to 475 acres, includ-

ing the original 200 acres, in December 1993 from his father. He raises corn, oats, cotton, milo, and wheat while maintaining a large custom farming and hay operation. Throughout the years, the family has been active in 4-H and various other agriculture organizations and endeavors.

Bruce and his wife, Linda (Staggs) Gilleland have one child, Rader Gilleland, who is next in line to inherit the family farm, thereby continuing the tradition of farming and ranching.

State files three civil lawsuits

The state filed habeas corpus suits against three people, and one person filed the same suit against the state in the 38th Judicial District Court of Judge Kelley Kimble in June.

Habeas corpus cases typically involve a court order to bring a person before a court to determine if detention is lawful.

Creditors filed three suits for unresolved debts.

The state filed one notice of intention to seize forfeited property.

One person filed suit against the Texas Depart-

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ment of transportation involving motor vehicle injuries, and another person filed a premises liability suit, involving someone injured on another's improperly maintained property.

Four suits are classified as "other civil case," four couples filed for divorce, and one couple filed for annulment.

Eight couples submitted a completed application for a marriage license to the Uvalde County Clerk's office.

County to discuss draft budget, Knippa fire department petition

Uvalde County Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. July 28 in the courthouse to review the second draft of the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget and discuss a petition from the Knippa Volunteer Fire Department.

Some Knippa firefighters want to join Emergency Services District No. 2, which currently covers the Concan area.

State law prevents county commissioners from over-seeing this petition. Instead, the law requires the ESD board to hold a public hearing at least 31 days after receiving the petition, posting public notices beforehand. If the board approves, ESD district and Knippa voters will decide for or against annexation in an election. This timing would likely push the measure past the November

2025 election deadline.

If the ESD No. 2 board agrees to annex Knippa, and voters approve it, Knippa residents would pay what is presently a 10-cent property tax and 1 percent sales tax to ESD No. 2.

County commissioners plan a closed session to discuss litigation, including the possible release of records related to the Robb Elementary school shooting, after a court ruled in favor of media outlets seeking access. The city has released records, and the Uvalde school board recently agreed to do so as well. No members of the public attended a July 23 budget workshop, where county clerk Donna Williams requested raises for her staff. The draft will not reflect the request due to timing.

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BARC-to-school: shelter offering free class supplies

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STAFF WRITER

For a limited time, students can get their back-to-school shopping and daily dose of cuteness in one spot — Briscoe Animal Resource Center.

The rescue, also known as BARC, is giving away free supplies like notebooks, pencils and highlighters to anyone who walks or spends time with a shelter dog. Uvalde public schools start on August 6, and the deal is good while supplies last.

“It helps them socialize and makes them more adoptable,” Cielo Castro, program manager at BARC, said about the back-to-school walk program. “They’re kenneled up pretty much all day, every day, so any outings they can get for socialization really helps them.”

Former BARC employee Cintia Uriegas came up with the idea to give away school supplies.

As of July 30, nine students had already taken advantage of the deal, and



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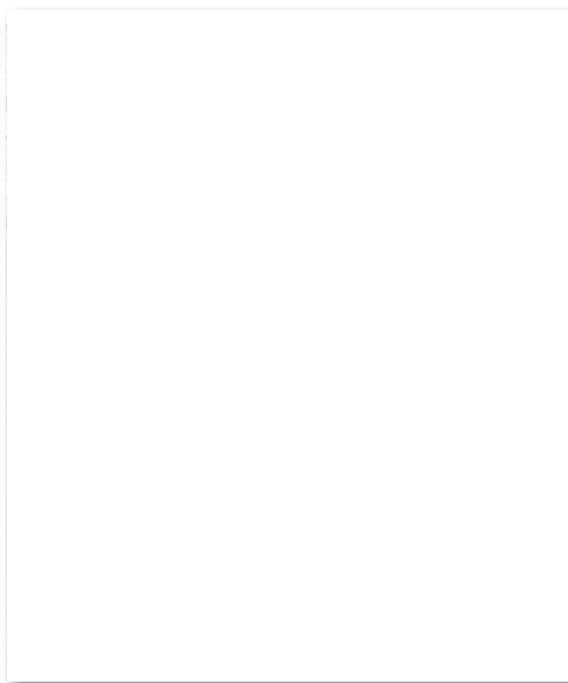
Uvalde students Mia and Ezekiel Moppert on their walk with Lola, an adoptable dog at BARC. The shelter is giving away free school supplies in exchange for walking dogs.

the shelter had about 11 bags of supplies left.

Mia and Ezekiel Moppert visited BARC right as the shelter opened to walk Lola, an Australian Cattle Dog and Carolina Dog mix. The UCISD students said

they plan on donating the school supplies to family members.

Mia said she wanted to give a dog “happiness and a better chance in life, so they know not all humans are bad.”



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Madison Saiz (left) and Ariel Velasquez (right) walked Clover and Ranger at BARC on July 30.

Students Ariel Velasquez and Madison Saiz also participated in the deal on Wednesday, taking Ranger and Clover on a morning walk. Hector Mata, assistant program director at BARC, said Ranger has “a

lot of common sense,” and loves playing fetch.

BARC currently houses eight adoptable dogs and six cats, four of which are

currently quarantined. Castro recommended students walk Kaylee, a female lab mix who has been in shelters for two and a half years. She said Kaylee is great with kids and small dogs, and walks well on a leash. Stacy, another Australian Cattle Dog mix, has also been at the shelter for two years. Stacy is good with other dogs and cats, and loves playing in the water.

BARC works with Uvalde Animal Control, and places pets with various rescues and shelters every week based on their temperament. The center is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and by appointment on Saturday. Anyone can come during business hours to walk a dog or spend some time with the animals.

Photos and information on adoptable dogs and cats is available at <https://barcuvalde.com/available-pets/>

CALENDAR

AUG. 6

SOUTH TEXAS BLOOD and Tissue’s Bloodmobile will be at Continental Tire Uvalde Proving Grounds, 6969 FM 117, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/9v6hdskm>.

ENDEAVOR’S TRANSITION SUPPORT Program will host a free mentor training workshop from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at El Progreso Memorial Library. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/4zbnb7rc>

AUG. 9

LOCAL AUTHOR COLLEEN James will hold a book signing and reading of her new children’s book “The Instrument Maker and the Mandolin” at 10:30 a.m. at El Progreso Memorial Library.

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Obituaries

With profound sadness our family announces the passing of our mother, Doris Fullington, who departed this world peacefully on June 28th, 2025. Even at the age of 85, Doris's radiant presence in our lives, and the lives of those who knew her. She created a circle of warmth and generosity because of her remarkable ability to bring joy to any gathering.

Doris was born in Saint Bernard's hospital in Cook County, Chicago IL. She dedicated her life to her



DORIS FULLINGTON

family and the community. She was preceded in death by her parents, George Leslie Barker and Myrtle Riley, her husband David Albert

Fullington, brother Ricky Barker, and daughter Susan Stinson Canady.

Doris survived by her brother Robert Barker (Mona Barker), and sisters Shirley Will, Sandy Rogers and Cindy Harmon (Todd Harmon). Doris was a loving mother and is also survived by her son Robert Dean Stinson (Amy Stinson), her daughter Debbie Lyn Johnson (William Johnson), and Sheryl Gay Trevino (David Trevino), stepchildren, Julie Moser, and Jeff Fullington. She

treasured being a grandmother and loved to share her wisdom and shower affection on her grandchildren, Kristi Johnson Haygood, Megan Canady, William Johnson, Kyle Stinson, Shannon Stinson Miller, Isaac Trevino, Elyssia Trevino, Henry Schmidt, Brooke Fullington Hayes, Stacey Fullington Phillips, Cody Maklin, and 13 great grandchildren.

Doris had a passion for gardening, cooking, and charity work which she shared with friends and

family alike. Her home rang with laughter, the scent of delicious meals and the warmth that welcomed everybody who entered. She was also known for her volunteer work at church and with the Order of the Eastern Star. She dedicated countless hours helping others and making huge differences in her community.

A celebration of Doris Fullington's remarkable life will be held on July 31, 2025, at 2 PM at Bandera Funeral Chapel. We invite all who knew and loved her

to join us in honoring her memory. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Bandera OES Chapter #643, c/o: Carol Dungan, 250 Red Bird Loop, Center Point, TX 75010.

Though Doris is no longer with us, her legacy of love, compassion, and resilience will live on and will inspire all of us who had the privilege of knowing her. She will be dearly missed but forever cherished in our hearts.

BEC Foundation, BEC donate \$9,000 to school bash

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The BEC Foundation and Bandera Electric Cooperative announced last week they donated a combined \$9,000 to Hill Country Samaritans to help fund the nonprofit's annual Back to School Bash, which provides backpacks and school supplies to students throughout Bandera County.

The BEC Foundation contributed \$8,000, and Bandera Electric added \$1,000 toward supplies for more than 1,000 students expected to participate this year.

The Back to School Bash is scheduled for Saturday, July 26, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Lakehills Community Center.

More than 60 community groups are expected to participate, including the BEC Fiber team, which will be distributing items at the event.

"Every child should be properly equipped for the school year, regardless of their financial status," said Toba Wright, president of



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BEC Foundation President Toba Wright presents donation checks on behalf of BEC and BEC Foundation.

the BEC Foundation. "Having two kids of my own in Bandera ISD, this hits close to home."

Wright presented the donation on behalf of both organizations and joined other volunteers on-site to help assemble backpacks.

"I will always lend a hand where I can," she said. The event is open to all

Bandera County residents.

While backpacks and supplies are reserved for students enrolled in local public, private, or homeschool programs, the broader event is free and open to the public.

"This is truly a community-powered event," said Kelly Beedle, a representative of Hill Country Samaritans. "We're so thankful for those

participating by funding, volunteering and showing up. We expect to reach students from every corner of the county."

Hill Country Samaritans hosts several community-focused initiatives each year, including a free Thanksgiving meal and the annual Walk Through Bethlehem event in December.



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City Secretary tapped to serve as Interim City Administrator

By VERONICA RECTOR
For the Bulletin

Bandera City Council took swift action at its regularly scheduled meeting last Tuesday to unanimously appoint City Secretary Jill Dickerson to the interim position of City Administrator.

She will work as a dual city-secretary and city-administrator during the interim period.

Dickerson, who has worked under eight different city administrators in the nine-year span she served as City Secretary, says she feels well-versed for the position. The Bandera City Council shares Dickerson's confidence.

"I would not have offered Jill as an option if I did not believe that she was a strong candidate," Mayor Denise Griffin said. "She is the one who was training the others hired as the admin in the past four to five years. So, yes, I believe that Jill is very capable of holding the position permanently."

The program consists of seven semesters, and Dickerson plans to finish the final three courses this year if her schedule allows. Her hope is that she can bring stability to a role that has caused some frustration for the city.

"I saw firsthand how frequent turnover in the city administrator role negatively impacted staff and created instability across departments," Dickerson said. "Given my experience, knowledge of the duties, and desire to provide continuity and stability, I felt it was in the best interest of the city and



Jill Dickerson

step with several different administrators and during that time working on her certifications for city administration."

Dickerson began working toward her Certified Public Manager certification through Texas State University a few years ago.

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our staff to apply for the position myself. I believed that stepping into the role officially would help ensure long-term consistency and leadership for our organization."

In addition to working on her CPM program certification, Dickerson is enrolled in the Texas Municipal League, The Texas City Management Institute. The program will begin in September and end in March, upon which she will receive another professional certification.

Regarding current plans as interim city administrator, Dickerson is prioritizing projects, including the relocation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

"This is critical infrastructure and moving it will help ensure the city is better equipped to meet current and future needs," Dickerson said.

She also plans to move forward with the flood infrastructure grant, which is in the final stages and should conduct construction soon – its key focus to protect the community from future flood risks.

With that, Dickerson noted that the city is in partnership with Bandera County to implement a more effective weather alert system to better inform and protect the community during severe weather events.

On her immediate sightline are plans to review operations, address any unresolved items, and carefully go through anything that may have been overlooked by previous administrators. On a personal note, Dickerson stated how proud she is to have called Bandera her home for years.

"My family purchased property here in 2004, and I built my home in 2014," Dickerson said, adding that before her move to Bandera, she lived in the Pipe Creek area for 8 years. "I'm married to a hardworking, kind, and wonderful man, Jerry Dickerson. I have a 32-year-old daughter and was blessed to adopt my son when he was just two—he's now 11 and has spent all his school years in Bandera ISD. I also have a very blended and loving extended family, with several other kids who are part of our lives. Rounding out the household is Franice, our 10-year-old German Shepherd, who has been a loyal and beloved part of the family for a decade."

Sheriff's Arrests

Editor's note – Readers are reminded that an arrest is not an indication of guilt. People are presumed innocent after an arrest until convicted.

Although reasonable care is taken, clerical errors may exist.

In the section where those individuals who are arrested and booked are listed, law enforcement entities are denoted by the following abbreviations: SO – Sheriff's Office; BTM – Bandera Town Marshal; DPS – Texas Department of Public Safety; PCT – Precinct/Constable; TPW – Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Joshua Mark Reigel of Bandera was arrested July 14 on open container law charges, two charges of failing to maintain fiscal responsibility, unsafe speed and child not

secured by safety belt.

Quincy Ray Behrends was arrested July 16 on two charges of burglary of a building and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Joshua Albert Hallberg was arrested July 17 on seven warrants.

Cevanda Kira Somers of Spring Branch was arrested July 20 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Joshua Matthew Ebert of Lakehills was arrested July 22 on a warrant.

Robert Ely Bowen IV of Lakehills was arrested July 24 for theft of property.

Charles Steven Paarack of Bandera was arrested July 24 for theft of property and theft of a motor vehicle parts or accessories.

Jayden Wyatt Urbanowicz of Pipe Creek was arrested July 27 on a warrant.

HISTORY COMES TO LIFE AT LIBRARY



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The Medina Community library hosted a program that featured how to make cypress shingles. Read the full story in the Bulletin's e-edition, available now at BanderaBulletin.com

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Fans mourn death of Ozzy Osbourne, iconic 'Prince of Darkness'

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Ozzy Osbourne, the legendary frontman of Black Sabbath and one of heavy metal's most influential figures, has died at the age of 76.

Born John Michael Osbourne on Dec. 3, 1948, in Aston, West Midlands, United Kingdom, he rose from humble beginnings — the son of a toolmaker and a factory worker — to become a towering presence in rock history. With three older sisters and two younger brothers, Osbourne grew up in a working-class household that would later shape his music.

Osbourne first achieved fame in the early 1970s as the lead singer of Black Sabbath, widely credited with pioneering the heavy metal genre.

The band's ominous sound redefined rock music, with classics like "War Pigs," "N.I.B.," "Iron Man" and the anthem "Paranoid" securing their legacy.



OSBOURNE

"Black Sabbath wasn't a band that was created by some big mogul guy," Osbourne told the BBC in 2017. "It was four guys who went, 'Let's have a go.' We had a dream and it came true beyond our wildest expectations."

After parting ways with Black Sabbath in 1979, Osbourne launched a solo career that would prove just as impactful. With albums like "Blizzard of Ozz" and "Diary of a Madman," he cemented his status as a

metal icon.

Over his decades-long career, Osbourne sold more than 100 million records worldwide between his solo work and his time with Black Sabbath.

He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2006 as a member of Black Sabbath and again in 2024 as a solo artist. He was also recognized by the U.K. Music Hall of Fame in both capacities.

Osbourne played what would become his final concert on July 5, 2025, in his hometown of Birmingham, England. Performing once again with the reunited Black Sabbath, he was joined by a star-studded lineup including Metallica, Guns N' Roses and Aerosmith's Steven Tyler.

The show drew 45,000 fans to Villa Park stadium and was livestreamed to an estimated 5.8 million viewers globally, an emotional farewell for the man dubbed the "Prince of Darkness."

In recent years, Osbourne had publicly battled health issues, including a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease, which his wife and longtime manager Sharon Osbourne revealed in early 2025 had left him unable to walk.

Despite his condition, he insisted on performing one final time.

Osbourne also became a pop culture figure thanks to his MTV reality show, "The Osbournes," which aired from 2002 to 2005 and introduced him to a new generation. Known for his eccentricity, humor and unpredictability, as well as a deep love for his family, Osbourne remained one of rock's most charismatic and resilient figures.

He is survived by Sharon; their children, Aimee, Kelly and Jack; his children from a previous marriage, Louis Osbourne, Jessica Starshine Osborne and adopted son Elliot Kingsley; and several grandchildren.



PERRY

Doctor pleads guilty to selling Matthew Perry ketamine in weeks before actor's death

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A doctor pleaded guilty Wednesday to giving Matthew Perry ketamine in the month leading up to the "Friends" star's overdose death.

Dr. Salvador Plasencia became the fourth of the five people charged in connection with Perry's death to plead guilty. He stood next to his lawyer and admitted guilt to four counts to Judge Sherilyn Peace Garnett in federal court in Los Angeles.

Plasencia, 43, was to have gone on trial in August until the doctor agreed last month to plead guilty to four counts of distribution of ketamine, according to the signed document filed in federal court in Los Angeles.

He spoke only to answer the judge's questions. When asked if his lawyers had considered all the possibilities of pleas and sentencing in the case, Plasencia replied, "They've considered everything."

"Dr. Plasencia ... is fully accepting responsibility by pleading guilty to drug distribution. Dr. Plasencia intends to voluntarily surrender his medical license, acknowledging his failure to protect Mr. Perry, a patient who was especially vulnerable due to addiction," the doctor's attorney, Debra White, said in an emailed statement after the hearing.

Flood relief concert on tap in Fredericksburg



Justin Ross and Deadwood Revival will perform at the Hill Country United for Flood Relief Concert, set for July 26 in Fredericksburg. (Courtesy photo)

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The Resort at Fredericksburg will host the Hill Country United for Flood Relief Concert at 6 p.m. Friday, July 26.

All donated items will be delivered directly to ground zero at the Ingram Volunteer Fire Department for distribution to those affected by the recent flooding.

Admission is free with the donation of any of the following items: chainsaws and accessories such as bar oil, chainsaw sharpeners and fuel mix; personal protective equipment, including safety glasses, ear plugs, gloves and rubber boots (sizes 9-12); orange T-shirts; and comfort items like men's socks and underwear (sizes 34, 36, 38 and 40).

Guests can enjoy live performances by Sam Donald, Justin Ross and Deadwood Revival as the community comes together to support neighbors in a time of need.

The Resort at Fredericksburg is at 3567 U.S. 290 in Fredericksburg.

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Some summer camps are reopening after devastating flood

Carlos Noguera Ramos
The Texas Tribune

CENTER POINT — After closing because of the deadly July 4 flood, a handful of summer camps near the Guadalupe River have reopened — including a camp for children and adults with disabilities that welcomed 89 campers 10 days after the flood.

The campers at Children’s Association for Maximum Potential, or Camp CAMP, rode horses, created arts and crafts projects and explored outdoor areas, ecstatic to be back. More than 200 volunteers and staff members supervised the activities.

Among the campers anxious to return was Becky J., a 55-year-old camper from Dilley, who has come to Camp CAMP since the late 1980s (the camp did not share Becky’s last name due to its privacy policy). Becky said she had been excited to learn how to ride a horse, take archery lessons and to see the counselors and fellow campers again.

“I was kind of sad” when the camp had to shut down after the flood, she said. “But I knew it was for the best.”

Except for a riverside area about 90 feet downhill, where campers launched canoes, held picnics and fished, the 55-acre camp had not sustained major damage during the devastating July 4 flood along the Guadalupe River that claimed at least 108 lives in Kerr County alone — including 37 children.

Most of the children claimed by the flood were at another summer camp, Camp Mystic, nearly 30 miles upriver. So far, 27 campers and counselors have been confirmed dead from the camp.

“We don’t want to minimize the losses that others have experienced,”

said Brandon Briery, Camp CAMP’s chief operating officer, who added that the camp is the only one in the area tailored for people with severe disabilities. “We believe those campers need it.”

Kerr County, tucked into the Hill Country, is one of the state’s most popular spots for summer camps. At least 16 camps call the county home and are located along the Guadalupe River, which winds through the county.

At least eight camps decided to reopen after the flood, The Texas Tribune confirmed from camp administrators and social media. Two of the camps said that their facilities are high enough above the river to be safe from flooding. If there’s another flood, they said, they’re confident their emergency plans would keep their campers and staff safe. Another camp in Kerr County said it was far enough from the Guadalupe River to avoid any damage and resume programming.

Briery said his camp’s pantry is stocked with enough food and supplies to serve campers for days. He said they bought additional backup generators that can also supply electricity if the power goes out. “We have tried to think of everything,” Briery said.

SOME CLOSE FOR SUMMER

On Facebook, other camps whose cabins were closer to the river have announced closures.

Vista Camps, which has hosted two separate summer camps for boys and girls ages 6 to 16 since 1921, announced the morning of July 4 that their facilities had sustained “significant damage” in the flood, although no campers were present at the time.

Vista added that they



Brandon Briery, chief operating officer of Camp CAMP, gives a thumbs up to a camper, Adam, during breakfast on Tuesday, July 22, in Center Point. (Photo by Eli Hartman for The Texas Tribune)

didn’t know whether they could resume camp for the rest of the summer.

Another, Camp La Junta, said on Facebook that the Guadalupe River “rose swiftly and swept through camp,” but all of the campers, counselors and staff evacuated safely. The boys-only camp in Hunt, founded in 1955, said it will reopen next summer.

“Our focus now is caring for those most affected, especially the families in our camp and Hunt communities, beginning the long road to rebuild, and doing everything possible to welcome boys back next summer,” Scott Fineske, the camp’s director, wrote on Facebook.

A third camp, Heart O’ The Hills, which serves girls ages 6 to 16, announced on its website that the camp was “right in the path of the flood” and would be closed the rest of the summer. No campers were present on July 4, but the camp’s director and co-owner, Jane Ragsdale, died during the flood.

“The extent of damage to camp facilities is still being determined, but it is serious,” the camp said on its website. “At the moment,

we’re all struggling personally to deal with our loss, but we will do our best to keep you informed in the days to come.”

VOLUNTEERS HELP WITH FLOOD CLEANUP

Just over a week after the floods, Camp CAMP readied its cabins, dining hall and medical facilities, thrilled to have campers back. More than 100 volunteers helped the campers settle into their cabins and run the week’s programs, which include sports and musical activities.

The camp, which can accommodate up to 120 campers overnight at a time, serves people with mild to severe disabilities and runs one-week sessions tailored to varying levels of disability. Every camper is on a buddy system, meaning they’re accompanied by a volunteer at all times.

Briery said no campers and fewer than a dozen employees were on the property when the flood struck, and they didn’t realize the magnitude of the flood until much later.

Camp CAMP is 90 feet above the Guadalupe River. Briery said the camp doesn’t

plan to use its riverfront property, where the camp kept canoes, kayaks and a swing set, anytime soon.

That area was covered in flood debris. The water dragged away the canoes, kayaks and swing but spared a concrete table and a stone fireplace built by a camper in 2022.

Cord Shiflet, a real estate magnate in Austin, put out a call for help to his 66,000 Facebook followers and arrived in Kerr County the day after the flood with around 250 volunteers, construction crews and equipment — by the fourth day, the number of volunteers had grown to more than 1,100 volunteers.

When Camp CAMP requested the group’s help, Shiflet wrote on Facebook: “THIS is what we’ve been looking for — a truly amazing opportunity to help and make a very meaningful difference with a huge and immediate positive impact. We need to throw everything we’ve got at this.”

Four days before the camp was set to open, the area was swarming with volunteers driving in and out of the riverside area. Piles of debris towered over

the volunteers, and they used a dump truck, excavators and other equipment to remove it.

GIRL’S CAMP REOPENS

Nearly 30 miles northwest, in Hunt, where the swelling river hit hardest, Camp Honey Creek for Girls has also partially resumed its programs.

In the early morning of July 4, the flood destroyed five cabins belonging to workers, but none of the cabins where the campers sleep, said Sandra Schmitt, the camp’s director of 24 years. The camp waited until Sunday to evacuate the girls on a school bus to the Hunt Independent School District, where parents picked them up. Schmitt said the only reason the camp decided to evacuate was that there was no power on the property.

The infirmary and dining hall were not damaged, and electricity has been restored, but all of the camp’s waterfront equipment, including canoes and slides, was swept away.

The camp, which typically hosts 175 girls ages 6 to 17, invited back 42 high school girls for horseback riding, archery, rifle shooting, chorus, arts and crafts, and sports starting July 19 — but swimming in the river will be off the list for the rest of the summer.

Schmitt said the parents were anxious for the girls to return to finish out the summer.

For the high school girls, “it’s important for them to finish their last year at camp and do the things that they normally would,” Schmitt said. “I think it’s important to have them come back ... it’s a very healing recovery sort of time for them and for us.”

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ANNABELLE MARTIN HEADS TO ITALY AS ALL-AMERICAN VOLLEYBALL STAR

By Annabell McNew

Brackettville's own AnnaBelle Martin took flight this past Sunday—destination: Italy. Selected as an EXACT All-American International athlete, the talented sophomore is representing Brackettville, Texas, in Milan and Venice this week, competing against top Italian volleyball clubs. It's a major achievement for the home-schooled student athlete, who has been turning heads with her relentless drive, powerful gameplay, and deep love for the sport.

AnnaBelle, an outside hitter with six years of experience, plays for a Del Rio travel team and is known for her aggressive, versatile style, according to her PrepDig player bio. "I love to hit the ground and I love to win," she says. Her hard work hasn't gone unnoticed—she was named Nike Camp's 2024 Hardest Hitter, is featured as a Player to Watch on PrepDig, and has already been invited to represent the U.S. as an international player with "America's Team" in the Dominican Re-



Photos submitted by Ashley Collier



public next summer.

AnnaBelle was also invited to camps by several colleges and universities this summer. She was personally invited to a 3 day Trinity University's Prospect Camp which is for players they are watching, and attended the Junior Volleyball Showcase as a potential Texas college recruit, as well as the EXACT X1 Showcase that was in front of colleges from around the country.

Daughter of local real estate duo, Ashley and Brian Collier, AnnaBelle's mother credits so much of her success to her amazing club coaches and incredible teammates who taught her how to love the game again. AnnaBelle's family has been a tremendous part of her volleyball journey. Her parents helped turn her driveway into a personal training zone, complete with a rebounder, spiking tool, and handmade net, so she can practice right here at home in Brackettville. Her passion doesn't stop at personal progress—she mentors younger players, passing on her skills and team-first attitude.

Off the court, AnnaBelle is just as dynamic. A tomboy at heart, she loves spending weekends outdoors and

TIGER CHEER & TIGER PAWS SPIRIT CAMP OFF TO A GREAT START!

Source: Brackett ISD Facebook



working with horses. She's funny, fiercely competitive, and grounded in both nature and community. AnnaBelle also has a long-term goal of studying Criminal Justice in college, seeking a school where she can thrive both athletically and academically.

Though games in Italy won't be streamed, AnnaBelle plans to share daily updates and videos on her Instagram: @annabelle_volleyball28. Brackettville is proud to cheer her on from afar as she brings the heart of small-town Texas to the international stage.

In Memory of CHUCK HALL

Chuck Hall shared his wit, wisdom, and reflections with readers of the Kinney County Post for years through his lighthearted column of musings and memories. We are honored to republish a selection of his writings in memory of a man who brought humor, warmth, and perspective to our pages—and our community.

THINGS NOT TO DO AFTER 75

By Chuck Hall

Originally published on Thursday, February 9, 2025, Kinney County Post

As my birthday nears I am reminded of my limitations. If it's not near your age then forget 75 years make it 75 drinks, 75 miles per hour, 75 who knows what. Make it 75 something. Anyway here's my list.

- Don't drink cheap wine. If you can't afford the good stuff, save up your money until you can. The cheap wine will make your head hurt the next day. So go for the good stuff.
- Don't eat extra bacon. It puts on lots of tonnage. And goodness knows what it does to your blood vessels. Limit your daily intake of hog siding to one pound. Per sitting.
- Don't skinny dip. Especially at 75. Those at my age look much better with wrapping on. Lots of it. And what would the grandkids think? At the very least wait until the darkest night.
- Don't buy a sports car. Those gadgets might have been ok back when they were financially out of reach. But now we would look foolish. And increase the likelihood of killing ourselves.
- Don't try to get back in shape in a short time. You'll either die a slow painful death or quit after about 15 minutes. One way or the other, it'll be over soon. And remember, round is a shape.
- Don't speed. The drug or the rate of doing something. Both are bad.
- Don't go fast. Not in a car or even walking. Take your time. That's about all we have left at our disposal. Slow down.
- Don't buy a boat. Don't make that purchase unless it's very small (bathtub size) or for your grandkids. They'll use it. You won't. And when you fall overboard, you're a gonner.
- Don't stop voting.
- Don't ever think that your grandchildren are smarter or better informed than you. What have they done? Our generation put a man on the moon. We made the neatest cars, the best music and developed the computer.
- Don't try to impress anyone. Just be yourself. You're not that good looking. You can't lift that much. You don't have that much money. And you don't write that well.
- Don't generate lists. You start out thinking there'll be 10 ideas come to your mind. But you're too old for that.

But I could be wrong.

A Letter from the Hall Family

I want to sincerely thank every single person who brought food, stopped by to talk, or simply sat with me. Your presence meant more than words can say. I'm especially grateful to those who responded to the emergency call and stayed with Chuck until the very end—your compassion will stay with me always. So many of you have helped me and my family in countless ways, and my heart is deeply thankful to have you in our lives.

Connie Hall & Family

GOLF CART STOLEN IN FORT CLARK SPRINGS



Janet and Ed Miller's golf cart, "Lilly" was stolen from under their carport on Fairway Circle (Eagleway) sometime between the evening of June 23 and the early morning of June 24.

"Lilly" is a 1994 EZGO with light green hubcaps, a seat patched with duct tape, and distinct decals—including a chandelier on the front right side and an American flag on the hood.

Fort Clark Springs Security and the Kinney County Sheriff's Office are investigating. The Millers are asking neighbors to check any security footage that might show someone driving off with the cart during that time.

If you have any information, please contact the Kinney County Sheriff's Office at (830) 563-2788. Every tip helps.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

VOICE YOUR OPINION

FCSA Credit Card Purchases

SUBMITTED BY WILLIAM F. HAENN

On Monday, December 23, 2024 General Manager Charlena Cavender made multiple purchases with FCSA's Chase corporate credit card at two local retailers in the total amount of \$1,012.84. Three separate purchases were made at the Dollar General Store totaling \$744.55 and two purchases were made at the Family Dollar store totaling \$268.29, all in one day. Last week I asked Ms. Cavender in writing what specifically did she purchase and were these purchases budgeted for the primary purpose of acquiring, constructing, managing, maintaining, and caring for FCSA property (as required of a Texas HOA) or were they for private use and consumption? She has categorically refused to provide any answer or explanation. What is a Fort Clark Springs property owner to think about how our money is being spent or wasted? If you remember, Member Services closed early on Christmas Eve. Must have been one hellava Christmas party for her team at what appears to be considerable member expense?

To submit a letter, please email us at Editor@KinneyCountyPost.com

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FCSA SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
9AM, FCS BOARD ROOM

BYSCO 3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER
8AM REGISTRATION,
FORT CLARK SPRINGS GOLF COURSE

SUNDAY, JULY 27

FUNDRAISER FOR FLOOD VICTIM DEPUTY OLIVARES
12PM-4PM, CIVIC CENTER

ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH, LOTERIA
2PM, CHURCH PARISH HALL

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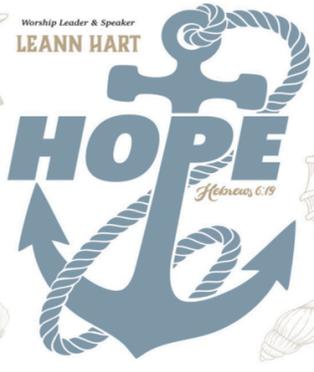
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- Edwards •Medina
- Jim Hogg •Real
- Kendall •Starr
- Kerr •Uvalde
- Kimble •Zapata

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY Center for Grazinglands and Ranch Management
TXGLC
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Funding for this project is provided by the USDA NRCS Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) (NR237442XXXX0015)

2025 Women's Conference
Worship Leader & Speaker
LEANN HART



SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH
All women are welcome, come join us for a one-day event focused on uplifting the women of our community through encouraging talks, great music, and fabulous food. Children will be provided for children 12 and under.

8:00am - 4pm
Registration & Breakfast starts at 8:00am, event ends at 4pm.
First Baptist Church, 301 N Ann St, Brackettville, TX 78832
Visit: FBCBRACKETT.ORG/WOCO or scan the QR Code for more information and sign up!

SIGN UP BY JULY 31ST to guarantee space availability and t-shirt.

\$50 PER PERSON
Includes: light breakfast, t-shirt, lunch

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ICE CREAM AT THE DUCK INN SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 2-5PM

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BEYOND OUR WORLD
Gilmer Library

HIKE & HUNT
DEVIL'S SINKHOLE
State Natural Area
FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST
10 AM-NOON

FREE! Come enjoy a visit to the state natural area!

Join us for a nature adventure as we go hiking and hunting for native plants, species, and natural landmarks at our very own, Devil's Sinkhole.

DEVIL'S SINKHOLE GATES OPEN @ 10 AM
After entering gate, travel main road for 3 miles to Sinkhole Parking Area. Be mindful of 20 MPH speed. Watch for pedestrians and other vehicles.

HIKERS DON'T FORGET THE ESSENTIALS!
Required:
*Closed-Toe Shoes (good for walking)
*Large Water Bottle or Hydration Pack

Recommended:
*Sunscreen Prior to Arrival
*Lightweight Backpack (keeps hands free)
*Phone or Camera for Pictures During Hunt
*Lightweight and light-colored clothing

Hike Participants: 3rd Grade to Adults

MOMMY MONDAYS

AT
LAS MORAS CREEK CAFE
BRACKETTVILLE, TX



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(children too!)

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UP AND AT 'EM

The elementary will look a bit different this year. There will be newly constructed awnings on the front of the building on Concho Street, also along the side of the rock building on College Street.

ANGIE BRYANT | THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

ASU Commercial Aviation Program Earns Prestigious FAA Designation

Just three months after announcing the new Air Traffic Operations degree track in its commercial aviation program, Angelo State University has been designated an Air Traffic Collegiate Training Initiative (AT-CTI) institution by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Angelo State is just the 26th institution in the U.S. to attain the AT-CTI designation and the only one in Texas. As a result, ASU students who earn a Bachelor of Commercial Aviation (B.C.A.) degree through the Air Traffic Operations track will be eligible to bypass the Air Traffic Basics Course, which is the first five weeks of air traffic controller qualification training at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City.

Achieving the AT-CTI designation was a multi-step process that began in October 2024 with the goal of earning the designation by the fall of 2026, which has been exceeded by over a year.

"This designation provides a tremendous opportunity for our students," said Dr. Scott Turner, commercial aviation program director. "Our Air Traffic Operations graduates will now receive preferential consideration when applying to the FAA Academy. But this is more than just a

milestone for the program; it's a notice to potential students and their families that ASU is recognized at the national level for meeting the FAA's standards in air traffic control education. This designation means our students are not only receiving top-tier training, but they're also positioned ahead of the curve when it comes to launching successful careers in aviation."

The lead instructor for the Air Traffic Operations track is Angelo State alumnus Mark Arzate. He graduated in 1998 through ASU's ROTC Det. 847 and then completed a distinguished U.S. Air Force career in air traffic control operations and airfield and airport management, logistics, administration, training and deployments, including overseas tours in support of U.S. combat units.

"We knew we needed an expert to help us stand up the new degree track, and Mark Arzate has proven to be that person," Turner said. "His knowledge and initiative have been instrumental at every step, and his contributions to the program cannot be overstated."

Earning the AT-CTI designation required a full investment by ASU's commercial aviation faculty to meet the FAA's rigorous standards for air traffic control training. Supporting that effort was the addition of specialized new simulators from industry-leading UFA Inc., which is recognized globally for its advancements in air traffic control simulation

technology.

"I believe the effort we put in to obtain the AT-CTI status is a testament to our commitment to strategic planning, innovative thinking and delivering a best-possible Air Traffic Operations education," Turner said. "We are very excited for the fall and welcoming our first ATO students."

Achieving AT-CTI status marks a significant milestone, but looking to the future, ASU's Air Traffic Operations team is already pursuing the FAA's Enhanced AT-CTI designation, which would enable ASU graduates to completely bypass the FAA Academy and begin advanced training at an FAA facility. Only seven institutions in the U.S. currently hold the enhanced designation, and none are in Texas, making it a natural next step in ASU's mission to elevate student success and career readiness.

The recent addition of the Air Traffic Operations track and earning the AT-CTI designation are also prime examples of why securing funding to support hands-on learning and career preparation opportunities for students is one of the top priorities of ASU's ongoing "Leading the Charge" capital campaign heading into ASU's centennial celebration in 2028.

More details on the campaign and ways to contribute are available online at angelo.edu/leading-the-charge or by calling the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at 325-942-2116.

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 - Wednesday, July 30th**
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Carrots, Wheat Bread, Apple Slices, Milk
 - Thursday, July 31st**
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West Texas Crime Spree Suspect Captured at Dove Creek

A suspect wanted in connection with a series of thefts, burglaries, and stolen vehicles in the Coleman and Brown County areas was apprehended this morning following a chaotic pursuit.

Scotty Ray Dyer, 47, of Brownfield, Texas, was arrested at approximately 10:18 a.m. on Friday, July 25th, after attempting to evade officers by entering the waters of Dove Creek.

The incident began around 7:05 a.m. when the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office received a call from a citizen in the 11,000 block of Twin Lakes Lane reporting that an individual had knocked on their door claiming to be a federal agent. The suspect, later identified as Dyer, was riding an ATV and had

already driven through two fences in the area. When deputies responded, Dyer fled through dense brush and over additional fences.

Assistance was requested from the San Angelo Police Department K-9 and drone teams, along with ground and air support from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Over the next two hours, Dyer allegedly burglarized a residence and outbuildings, stole at least two ATVs and two other vehicles in his attempts to escape. Deputies later located Dyer driving

on Dove Creek Lane East and initiated a short pursuit which ended when Dyer crashed through a fence and into a group of trees. He then fled on foot and entered Dove Creek, avoiding capture for forty minutes by hiding in and around the water before finally being taken into custody.

Dyer was processed at the Tom Green County Sheriff's Detention Center on outstanding warrants from Terry County for theft, assault, and possession of controlled substances. Additional charges

from Tom Green, Brown, Coleman, and Jones Counties are expected.

Dyer previously eluded Brown County authorities on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, and is a suspect in multiple vehicle thefts to include the theft of a Brown County, county-owned work truck.

On Thursday, July 24, 2025, Dyer eluded Coleman County authorities and is a suspect in multiple felonies, including theft of a firearm.

Dyer's criminal history includes over thirty arrests and convictions for burglary and drug offenses.

Texan MIA Accounted for From World War II

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced Thursday, July 24, 2025, that U.S. Army Pfc. Nicholas Hartman, 20 of Houston, Texas, killed during World War II, was accounted for May 2, 2025.

Hartman's family recently received their full briefing on his identification, therefore, additional details on his identification can be shared.

In June 1944, Hartman was assigned to 500th Medical Collecting Company, 60th Medical Battalion. On June 6 (D-Day), Hartman was aboard LCI-92 (Landing Craft Infantry 92), along with roughly 200 other servicemembers, en route to land on Omaha Beach, in Normandy, France. As LCI-92 steamed toward the shore, it struck an underwater mine which caused the craft to burst into flames. The craft was also hit by enemy artillery fire, causing an explosion that ignited the ships fuel stores and instantly killed

everyone in the troop compartment.

Due to the urgency of the situation, it was impossible for others to search for survivors. Hartman's remains were not accounted for after the war.

Around June 10th, or some four days after D-Day, members of the 500th Medical Collecting Company examined the wreckage of LCI-92 and noted the burnt remains of servicemen in the troop compartment where Hartman and others were last seen. American Graves Registration Command (AGRC), the organization that searched for and recovered fallen American personnel in the European Theater, removed small amounts of remains from LCI-92 and buried them in the United States Military Cemetery St. Laurent-sur-Mer.

Beginning in 1946, AGRC analyzed the remains found in LCI-92, segregating them into four separate Unknowns (X-53,

X-83, X-83B, and X-83C). Despite their efforts, AGRC were unable to identify the Unknowns at the time, and they were interred in Normandy American Cemetery, an American Battle Monuments Commission site in Normandy, France.

In June and August 2021, the Department of Defense and ABMC officials exhumed the mingled remains of the four Unknowns and transferred them to the DPAA Laboratory for analysis.

Hartman's name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at Normandy American Cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, France, along with others still missing from WWII. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Hartman will be buried in his hometown on a date yet to be determined.

For family and funeral information, contact the Army Casualty Office at (800) 892-2490.

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AIRLINE - FROM PAGE 5

'Fly DRT, Del Rio connecting to the world,' so that is our slogan for the effort. We have t-shirts we're giving to those who participate, but it's simply to get out there and say this is a concerted effort, and it's really not even for the individuals receiving it, but for a regional airline to see that all of us are in support of this effort," Burkhart said.

"We want to show them visually and verbally that this is very important to us," she added.

Burkhart said the first team of airline representatives will fly into Del Rio in the morning, have an afternoon meeting with the key stakeholders and dinner in the evening.

"The next day they will

do a tour of the airport. They will meet with Mr. Kusenberger (owner of Pico Aviation, a fixed-base operator at the airport) and learn about all about the services he has to offer and what the airport provides, and after that they will meet with Laughlin (representatives), with a group at the base that does all the airline bookings," Burkhart said.

She said the airline representative will also meet with representatives of U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Burkhart said the city's consultants, Volaire Aviation, will be with the representatives of the airline when they visit Del Rio.

EDC board member Raul

Barksdale asked if the airline representatives have given the city "any idea of what they need on the current structure of the airport for a regional airline."

"Each entity is different, but they will need some ground cargo handling and equipment handling so there is going to be a need for that. There is also going to be a need for a financial match if it's a two- or three-year contract. All of that is still to be determined. They have not given any final numbers of any kind to us, but they are really very interested in us," Burkhart replied.

"This entity that we're working with right now is not as big of a plane as before, but does connect to

a major hub. There's only two real major hubs we can connect to, Dallas or Houston, and so it does connect to Dallas, and we would be the beginning and the ending of their flight path, so in the morning they would start out from here and in the evening, they would stay overnight here, so there is a commitment on the part of the city to provide the lodging," Burkhart said.

Burkhart said once the city reaches the point at which the airline representatives begin providing specific requirements they need to serve Del Rio, she would discuss those with the EDC board.

"We're thrilled just to have the opportunity to

talk to them," Burkhart told the board.

Board president Ken Smith commented, "Historically, the contract with American worked fine. Historically there were some problems, and I think you mentioned that they are meeting with the transportation service group for the base. There was some kind of safety classification that the airline had to be in," Smith said, asking if the airline with whom Burkhart would be meeting met that criteria, and she said it did.

"The way we came through that channel was internal recruiting or was it part of our agreement (with

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Your guide to local places to go and things to do! If you have an event for our Do Something! listing, please e-mail summer.mccloskey@fortstocktonpioneer.com

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The Fantastic Four: First Steps: [PG-13]
@ West Texas Cinema
7pm

AUG 2ND

Live at Zero Stone
W/ Rock Ruiz and a Few Too Many
7:30pm-9:30pm

JULY 31ST & AUG 2ND

Karaoke Night
@ Joe's Place, 9pm

JULY 31ST & AUG 2ND

Thursday Night Scramble
@ Desert Pine Golf Course,
5:30pm

AUG 2ND

Film Screening: The Goonies
@ The Fort Stockton
Community Center
Doors open 6:30pm-Show
starts 7:00pm
FREE ADMISSION

AUG 2ND

1st Annual Trooper Kevin
Ramirez-Vasquez
Blue Valor Fitness Challenge
@ Fort Stockton High School
8:00am

AUG 2ND

Purina Days Event
@ Tractor Supply Co. 10:00am

AUG 2ND

Stockton Market
@ Pecos County Civic Center
12pm-7pm

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The Fantastic Four: First Steps:
[PG-13]
@ West Texas Cinema
4pm

AUG 3RD

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[PG-13]
@ West Texas Cinema
4pm & 7pm

AUG 6TH

Wine'd Up Wednesdays w/
Live Music @ The Grey Mule
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LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

New Books of the Week:

Uptown Girl by Christie
Brinkley

Fix Your Brain by John E.
Elmer Whitcomb

The Cortisol Detox Diet for
Women by Gregory Long

Cancer free with Food by
Liana Werner-Gray

Stoic Self-Discipline by

Dominic Mann

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PIONEER PET OF THE WEEK

Badger



Our pet of the week is Badger, he is a 1-year-old Shih tzu, he weighs about 20lbs and is White and Tan in color. He is in the process of getting neutered and is already vaccinated against Parvo/Distemper and Bordetella. He is vocal and will definitely be a great partner in crime. His sponsor is Myras Grooming Salon. "Together We Can Make a Difference!"

adopt . don't shop.

2025 "LIVE AT ZERO" STONE RETURNS

FRIDAY AUGUST 1

The 2025 "Live at Zero Stone" concert continues this Friday, August 1, with Rick Ruiz and A Few Too Many.

Bring your lawn chairs, ice chests, and picnic dinners to Zero Stone Park at 400 S

Nelson and enjoy an evening of free live music. Concerts start at 7:30 pm.

The 2025 concert series is presented by the Fort Stockton Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by The Pecos County State Bank and the H

Edward Petsch Arts & Music Memorial.

For more information about the Live at Zero Stone concert series, contact the Fort Stockton Chamber of Commerce at 336-2264 or visit fortstockton.org

Bear in the Library!



The Fort Stockton Public Library offered a special thanks to Jeremy Williams, Kayla Driver and the staff from the Texas A&M Forest Service for their participation in the Summer Reading Program. Smokey Bear was here as well. He has been a nationally recognized symbol since 1944 for wildfire prevention. His message of "only you can prevent wildfires" encourages personal responsibility.

Photo courtesy of FSPL

The Goonies is good, clean fun for all ages

BY KIRBY WARNOCK
CONTRIBUTOR

This Saturday, August 2, at 7:00 pm, the Fort Stockton Film Society will host a FREE screening of The Goonies at the Nelson Street Theater, 102

South Nelson.

The Goonies is a rollicking adventure story that is suitable for all ages. It features a cast of child stars who went on to bigger things (notably Sean Astin and Josh Brolin) and a thrill-ride of adventure.

The film captured the hearts of audiences with its unlikely crew of young misfits embarking on an exciting quest for the treasure of the movie's legendary pirate, One-Eyed Willy.

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4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Enchanted Event Center
4934 US-90
Del Rio, TX 78840

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Fort Stockton Convention Center
2181 W I-10
Fort Stockton, TX 79735

Representantes de AEP Texas y CPS Energy estarán disponibles para recibir comentarios y responder preguntas. No habrá una presentación formal. Los asistentes pueden llegar en cualquier momento durante el evento y se les amina hacer preguntas.