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**Subject: HOWARD TO SOLSTICE 765-kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT IN  
SOUTHWEST TEXAS**

In response to House Bill 5066 passed by the Texas Legislature in 2023, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“PUC”) directed the Electric Reliability Commission of Texas to develop a reliability plan for the Permian Basin Region of Texas (the “Permian Basin Reliability Plan”).<sup>1</sup> The Permian Basin Reliability Plan was approved by the PUC in April 2024. As part of the plan, the PUC approved transmission lines to create 765-kV import paths. The extra high voltage transmission lines will introduce a more efficient and more reliable delivery system that creates additional opportunities for future growth in communities throughout West Texas and the Permian Basin.

AEP Texas Inc. (“AEP Texas”) and CPS Energy (“CPS”) were assigned a 765-kV transmission line project to connect AEP Texas’ Solstice substation near Fort Stockton, Texas to CPS Energy’s Howard substation near San Antonio, Texas (the “Howard to Solstice 765-kV Transmission Line Project” or the “Project”), which is estimated to traverse approximately 370 miles.

The Howard to Solstice 765-kV Transmission Line Project requires that AEP Texas and CPS Energy file a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) application for PUC review and approval of the project. The PUC determines the final line route following the review of the CCN application. AEP Texas and CPS Energy plan to file the CCN application for the project in early 2026. It is the expectation that the PUC will make a decision on the final line route by summer of 2026.

AEP Texas Inc. and CPS Energy held Open House-format public meetings to discuss and obtain input from potentially affected landowners and interested parties regarding the Project. The landowners and interested stakeholders were invited to learn more and share their input in the ways listed below and were asked to include information about their property, such as:

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<sup>1</sup> PUC Project No. 55718, Reliability Plan for the Permian Basin under PURA §39.167.

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

When AEP Texas and CPS Energy file the CCN Application with the PUCT for approval of the project, it will also provide notice of the Application to the Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse as required by the PUCT.

Enclosed please find a completed Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse – Informal Request Review Form for the Project. Also enclosed is a Fact Sheet with an overview map of the Project study area that shows the preliminary routes that were presented at the open houses, a Frequently Asked Questions document, and a KMZ file of the preliminary links as presented at the Open House. The virtual open house, an interactive map, and other resources are also available at [aeprtransmission.com/texas/howard-solstice/](http://aeprtransmission.com/texas/howard-solstice/).

If you would like to contact AEP Texas regarding the proposed project, please contact me directly, at 512-612-7173, or by email at [kschmidt@aep.com](mailto:kschmidt@aep.com).

Sincerely,  
/s/ Kathryn Schmidt

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Regulatory Case Manager  
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Enclosures: Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse – Informal Review Request Form, Project Fact Sheet, Frequently Asked Questions Sheet, and KMZ of Proposed Location



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March 2, 2026

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**RE: JOINT APPLICATION OF AEP TEXAS INC. AND THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD TO AMEND THEIR CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE HOWARD TO SOLSTICE 765-KV SINGLE-CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE IN ATASCOSA, BANDERA, BEXAR, CROCKETT, EDWARDS, KERR, KINNEY, MEDINA, PECOS, REAL, SUTTON, TERRELL, UVALDE, AND VAL VERDE COUNTIES**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS (PUC) DOCKET NO. 59336**

To Whom It May Concern:

AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas) and the City of San Antonio, acting by and through the City Public Service Board (CPS Energy), give notice that they are requesting approval from the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to amend their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) for the Howard to Solstice 765-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in Southwest Texas.

AEP Texas and CPS Energy are jointly proposing to construct a new single-circuit 765-kV transmission line in Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Crockett, Edwards, Kerr, Kinney, Medina, Pecos, Real, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, and Val Verde Counties, Texas (Project). The Project will begin in the vicinity of the existing CPS Energy Howard 345-kV Station, which is located in the southwest San Antonio area, approximately two miles north of the intersection of State Highway (SH) 1604 and SH 16 in Bexar County, and which will be expanded for 765-kV operation. The new 765-kV transmission line will extend west-northwest until it reaches the vicinity of the existing AEP Texas Solstice 345-kV Station, which is located approximately 28 miles west of the City of Fort Stockton along Interstate 10 in Pecos County, and which will be expanded for 765-kV operation. The Project includes telecommunication facilities (including necessary fiber repeater huts) that are critical to the reliable operation of the proposed transmission facilities.

On March 2, 2026, AEP Texas and CPS Energy filed an application with the PUC in Docket No. 59336 - *Joint Application of AEP Texas Inc. and The City of San Antonio, acting by and through the City Public Service Board to Amend their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity for the Howard to Solstice 765-kV Single-Circuit Transmission Line in Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Crockett, Edwards, Kerr, Kinney, Medina, Pecos, Real, Sutton, Terrell, Uvalde, and Val Verde Counties* (Application).

AEP Texas and CPS Energy have proposed 77 alternative transmission line route options in their Application for the PUC's consideration. The 77 route options reflect various combinations of the 268 route segments (links) identified in the Application. As indicated below, the Commission may approve any combination of the route segments even if the combination is not one of the 77 alternative route options proposed in the Application. The routing options for this Project range from approximately 335 miles to 393 miles in length. The estimated cost range for the project is approximately \$2,750 million to \$3,099 million (including costs for station work at CPS Energy's Howard Station and AEP Texas' Solstice Station.) AEP Texas and CPS Energy plan to construct the transmission line primarily on lattice steel towers including guyed and self-supporting lattice structures within a typical right-of-way approximately 200 feet wide.

Maps illustrating the proposed routes are enclosed for your review. You can also visit the Project Website at <https://aeptransmission.com/Texas/howard-solstice> or <https://www.cpsenergy.com/content/corporate/en/about-us/new-infrastructure/howard-solstice-transmission.html> to access project information and view an interactive map. Also enclosed is a written description of the routing links that make up each proposed alternative route option that has been filed with the PUC in this CCN application.

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

Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records  
Attn: Filing Clerk  
1701 N. Congress Avenue  
P. O. Box 13326  
Austin, Texas 78711-3326

Your request for intervention may also be filed electronically and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention form. Instructions for electronic filing via the "PUC Filer" on the Commission's website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>. Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at [https://ftp.puc.texas.gov/public/puct-info/industry/filings/E-Filing\\_Instructions.pdf](https://ftp.puc.texas.gov/public/puct-info/industry/filings/E-Filing_Instructions.pdf). Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Filer, you may email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: [centralrecords@puc.texas.gov](mailto:centralrecords@puc.texas.gov). For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or [helpdesk@puc.texas.gov](mailto:helpdesk@puc.texas.gov). You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.

Persons who wish to intervene in the docket must also email or mail a copy of their request for intervention to all parties in the docket and all persons that have pending motions to intervene, at or before the time the request for intervention is filed electronically or mailed to the PUC. In addition to the intervention deadline, other important deadlines may already exist that affect your participation in this docket. You should review the orders and other filings already made in the docket. The PUC brochure available to be downloaded from the PUC's website explains how you can access these filings.

The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is April 1, 2026, and the PUC should receive your intervention request by that date if you wish to participate.

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

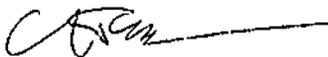
A detailed routing map may be reviewed during normal business hours at the following locations:

- CPS Energy, 500 McCullough, San Antonio, Texas 78215
- Lytle Public Library, 19325 W FM 2790 S, Lytle, Texas 78052
- Uvalde City Hall, 101 E. Main Street, Uvalde, Texas 78801
- Val Verde County Library, 300 Spring St, Del Rio, Texas 78840
- Fort Stockton Public Library, 500 N Water St, Fort Stockton, Texas 79735

The Commission has developed a brochure titled "*Landowners and Transmission Line Cases at the PUC*" that provides basic information about how you may participate in this docket, and how you may contact the PUC. Copies of the brochure and the comment and intervention form may be downloaded from the PUC's website at [www.puc.state.tx.us](http://www.puc.state.tx.us). To obtain additional information about this case, you may call the PUC's Customer Assistance Hotline toll free at 1-888-782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUC's Customer Assistance Hotline toll free at 1-800-735-2989.

If you have questions about the transmission line project, you may contact AEP Texas' Regulatory Case Manager Chad Tomanec at (361) 881-5703 or CPS Energy's Project Manager Antonio DeMendonca at (210) 353-6673.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

- Map of Multiple Routing Options
- Alternative Route Link Descriptions