



March 2, 2026

The Honorable Benjamin Barkley
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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 the Office of the Public Utility Counsel:

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).

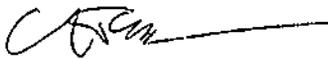
AEP Texas and CPS Energy have proposed 77 alternative transmission line route options in their Application for the PUC's consideration. The 77 alternative route options reflect various combinations of the 268 route segments (links) identified in the Application. As indicated below, the Commission may 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 of 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.

The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is April 1, 2026.

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 Commission in this CCN application.

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