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En total, los republicanos del Senado tienen la oportunidad de ganar más escaños, lo que podría darles su mayoría más robusta en años, una salida triunfal para el líder saliente de la minoría republicana, Mitch McConnell, quien dedicó su carrera a trazar un camino hacia el poder, esta vez reclutando a republicanos adinerados y alineados con Trump. Las campañas al Senado superaron los 2.000 millones de dólares.

La lucha por el control de la cámara baja se convirtió en una batalla estado por estado, gran parte de la cual se desarrolló lejos de la carrera presidencial.

Johnson se expresó confiado de una victoria republicana, escribiendo en X: “Estas elecciones históricas han demostrado que la mayoría de los estadounidenses están a favor de fronteras seguras, costos más bajos, paz por medio de la fuerza y el regreso del sentido común”.

Las contiendas por la Cámara de Representantes se centraban en Nueva York y California, donde los demócratas intentaban recuperar algunos de los 10 escaños o más donde los republicanos han logrado sorprendentes avances en los últimos años.

Otras carreras a la Cámara de Representantes están dispersas por todo el país, con algunas de las más polémicas en Maine, el llamado “punto azul” de mayoría tradicionalmente demócrata en Omaha, Nebraska, y en Alaska. Para ganar el control de

la Cámara de Representantes, los demócratas necesitan voltear cuatro escaños de los republicanos, mientras mantienen todos los suyos, una tarea especialmente alta en los distritos donde Trump ha ganado. El control de la Cámara de Representantes podría depender de solo un puñado de escaños, o apenas uno.

Esta es la primera elección presidencial desde el ataque al Capitolio federal del 6 de enero de 2021, cuando Trump envió una turba de sus seguidores a “luchar como el infierno” contra el resultado de la elección de 2020. Muchos republicanos en el Congreso votaron en contra de la victoria del presidente Joe Biden.

El Congreso será llamado nuevamente el próximo año para certificar la elección de 2024. Aún así, la elección siguió a uno de los cursos parlamentarios más caóticos de la era moderna, en el que la Cámara de Representantes de mayoría republicana expulsó a su presidente, Kevin McCarthy, amenazaba con cierres del gobierno y tenía dificultades para llevar a cabo las operaciones básicas de gobernanza.

Agenda ambiciosa

Johnson ha dicho que los republicanos en la Cámara y el Senado han trabajado en una agenda “ambiciosa” de 100 días: reducir impuestos, asegurar la frontera de Estados Unidos y enfrentar con “soplete” las regulaciones federales, si logran llevarse la Casa Blanca y el Congreso.

El propio Trump ha prometido deportaciones masivas y retribuciones a sus enemigos percibidos.

Los republicanos quieren sacar las agencias federales fuera de Washington y reorganizar la fuerza laboral del gobierno, dijo Johnson, para llevar al gobierno federal “al redil”. Trump está “pensando en grande” sobre su legado, dijo Johnson.

Varios estados enviarán pioneros al nuevo Congreso. Los votantes eligieron a dos mujeres de raza negra para el Senado: la demócrata Lisa Blunt Rochester, por Delaware, y la demócrata Angela Alsobrooks, quien derrotó al republicano Larry Hogan, el exgobernador, en Maryland. Solo tres mujeres negras han servido en el Senado, y nunca antes habían servido dos al mismo tiempo. Y en Nueva Jersey, Andy Kim se convirtió en el primer coreano-estadounidense elegido para el Senado. El escaño se abrió cuando Bob Menendez renunció este año después de su condena federal por cargos de soborno..

En la Cámara de Representantes, la candidata Sarah McBride, una legisladora estatal demócrata de Delaware cercana a la familia Biden, se convirtió en la primera persona abiertamente transgénero elegida para el Congreso.

Aún no está claro quién liderará el nuevo Senado Republicano, ya que el veterano líder McConnell se prepara para dejar el cargo. El senador de Dakota del Sur, John Thune, el republicano número 2, y el senador de Texas, John Cornyn, quien ya ocupó ese puesto, son los favoritos para reemplazar a McConnell en una elección que está prevista a puerta cerrada programada en Washington para esta semana.

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A Karnes Halloween



Karnes County families tick or treat on Thursday, Oct. 31. Despite multiple trunk-or-treats throughout the county, hundreds of residents took to the streets for traditional trick-or-treating. (Joni Huwe photos)



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Pictured at left are the Karnes City Science Fair Participants. Lillian Brown earned 1st place at the Karnes City Science Fair, with Brannon Lewallen in 2nd and Alelia Trevino in 3rd. Honorable mentions went to Camilla Valadez (4th), Tony Tatar (5th), Mckynlee Holt (6th), Regina Garza Reyna (7th), Elvia Vela (8th), Yoali Martinez Lopez (9th), and Tatum Cook (10th). Riley Rosales received the prestigious Best in Show award for her standout project. (Contributed photos)

Karnes City students compete at annual science fair

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The recent Science Fair brought out the best in KCISD students, showcasing their impressive scientific skills and dedication. After weeks of conducting experiments at home and crafting detailed displays, participants demonstrated their understanding of the scientific method and how it connects to their classwork.

Taking 1st place was Lillian Brown, with Brannon Lewallen in 2nd place, and Alelia Trevino securing 3rd place. Honorable mentions include Camilla Valadez (4th), Tony Tatar (5th), Mckynlee Holt (6th), Regina Garza Reyna (7th), Elvia Vela (8th), Yoali Martinez



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Lopez (9th), and Tatum Cook (10th). The prestigious Best in Show award went to Riley Rosales for her standout project.

Students worked on their projects with the help of their families, aligning their experiments with material learned in class. The fair was made possible with the help

of dedicated judges, who received a heartfelt thank you from participants and staff alike. "We're so proud of all of

our students for their hard work and creativity," said Principal Jennifer Foster. "They truly exemplify the spirit of learning and innovation."

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Cornyn in position to win big from GOP’s gains

By Jeremy Wallace

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With Republicans retaking the majority in the U.S. Senate this week, Texas Republican John Cornyn is in a position to fill a key role in Congress that no Texan has held since Lyndon B. Johnson used the post to help make Houston mission control for the nation’s space program more than 60 years ago.

Cornyn, 72, was already a top contender to be the GOP leader in the Senate in 2025, but now he’s in the running to be the majority leader.

The four-term senator is no sure bet to win the position as he battles other announced candidates, including U.S. Sens. John Thune, R-S.D., and Rick Scott, R-Fla., for the position. There is speculation that the list of names could grow now that Republicans have won back control of the Senate.

The winner could be decided as soon as this week. Republicans have scheduled a vote on Wednesday.

At the core of Cornyn’s pitch to his colleagues is his promise to end backroom deals or forcing members to vote on bills or amendments without adequate time to prepare. Having been in the Senate since 2002, Cornyn said, “I have learned what works and what does not.”

But his fate could be in the hands of President-elect Donald Trump and who he wants in the position.

Cornyn and Trump haven’t always seen eye to eye. Last year, while Trump was starting to run for the GOP nomination, Cornyn said the GOP should pick a candidate who “can actually win” and said of Trump: “Time has passed him by.”

However, earlier this year Cornyn endorsed Trump and has been on the campaign trail at times



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U.S. Sen. John Cornyn is in the running to be named Senate majority leader now that Republicans have regained control of that legislative body. If he ascends to the post, Texas stands to gain.



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Sen. Rick Scott of Florida is among those who have announced they will seek the Senate leadership post.

with the former president in places like Nevada.

In a statement to the media Tuesday night, Cornyn talked up his relationship with Trump.

“Over the years, President Trump and I have worked closely together, es-

pecially while I served as Senate Majority Whip, on some of his biggest achievements like landmark tax reform and the confirmations of Justices Gorsuch and Kavanaugh,” Cornyn said.

If Cornyn gets the post,

Texas would be in a position not only to help shape key state-centric policies around national defense, energy and the space program but also to bring more projects back to the Lone Star State.

“Under the rules, all 100

senators are equal in theory, but the majority leader is more equal than everybody else,” joked Jim Manley, who spent six years as the communications director for former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Manley said not only does the Senate leader have broad influence over public policy, but the position allows them to deliver big victories for their home states, like Johnson did in the 1950s to make sure Houston would be at the core of the space program for generations. It was Johnson’s shrewd tactics in scoring projects back home and passing major legislation that earned him the title “Master of the Senate” long before he became vice president and later president.

A lot of those victories can be more quiet in nature, Manley said. In Reid’s case, he used his position to make sure the Las Vegas gaming and hospitality industry was protected from

other states trying to expand gambling.

U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has been more forthright in talking about gains he has made for his home state in the position. McConnell, who has been the Republican leader since 2007, announced earlier this year he would vacate the position even as he serves out his term in the Senate.

While campaigning in 2019, McConnell bragged about using the position to get \$400 million for a new veterans hospital in Louisville, \$25 million to fight Asian carp in western Kentucky, and for coal miner pension and health benefits — a key industry in that state.

“I was directly responsible — directly responsible — for these items,” McConnell said during a news conference while campaigning for reelection in 2019.

More recently, current Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer has used his position to score major projects for his home state of New York. Earlier this year, he was able to guide \$6.1 billion in federal grants to Micron Technology near Syracuse to boost U.S. semiconductor chip production to compete with China.

Cornyn has already been a major player in that issue, working to convince the Biden administration to make Texas the home of a \$2 billion national research hub for the semiconductor industry.

Cornyn was born in Houston but went to Trinity University in San Antonio. He later attended law school at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio. He was a state district court judge before being elected to the Texas Supreme Court in 1990. In 1998, he was elected Texas attorney general, a post he held until running for the U.S. Senate in 2002.

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Insurance hikes make affordable housing tougher

A growing number of Texas homeowners are forgoing buying homeowners' insurance as premiums skyrocket, according to a recent report from the Texas comptroller.

Recent natural disasters — hurricanes, severe storms, and wildfires — have prompted some insurers to limit or even eliminate coverage in Texas. Daniel Oney, research director of the Texas Real Estate Research Center at Texas A&M University, says premium increases in Texas have outpaced the rest of the country.

Oney said a "surprisingly large number of people" are choosing not to have insurance once their home is paid for. Mortgage lenders require homeowner insurance, but there is no requirement to do so once a home is paid for.

The high cost of insurance is just one factor affecting the state's housing shortage, which is driving up home prices and rental costs. *The Texas Tribune* reported that in 2022 the state needed about

320,000 more homes than existed, according to an estimate by Up For Growth, a housing policy organization.

Northeast Texas officials attack reservoir study

A recent study by the Texas Water Development Board on the long-proposed Marvin Nichols Reservoir is under attack by northeast Texas officials. *The Dallas Morning News* reported. The proposed 66,000-acre lake would be built in Franklin, Red River, and Titus counties to pump water more than 100 miles to the Dallas-Fort Worth area at an estimated cost of \$7 billion. It has been on the state's planning books since 1968, drawing staunch

opposition from landowners and officials in the affected counties.

The Region D water planning group, which represents those counties, said the draft report is biased and misleading. Opponents of the reservoir say it would destroy homes, farms, churches, and cemeteries while not providing any benefit

for people living in that area. Proponents say the reservoir is a solution to Dallas-Fort Worth's growing water needs as its population continues to boom.

Kevin Ward, the chair of Region C, which represents the metroplex area, said the concerns of northeast Texas residents have been heard.

Texas buys two ranches near the border

The state General Land Office announced last week that it has bought a massive ranch in the Big Bend Region and a smaller ranch in Starr County. *The Tribune* reported. The 353,785-acre Brewster Ranch that borders Big Bend National Park is a collection of 28 ranches put together by its previous owner over two decades. Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham said the ranch could be used for hunting, agriculture, and carbon sequestration.

Also purchased was a 1,400-acre ranch in Starr County, along the Texas-Mexico border. The state plans to build a border wall on the property to deter illegal migration.

Battleship Texas still looking for a new home

The U.S.S. Texas has been undergoing repairs at a dry dock near Galveston after the Legislature approved \$25 million to keep the ship seaworthy, but wharves officials have rejected a proposal to dock it there permanently, according to the *Texas Standard*.

The battleship is the only one still in existence that served in both World Wars. For decades it was docked in the Houston Ship Channel near the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site and served as a museum. Over the years it developed leaks and was in danger of sinking before it was towed to a dry dock in Galveston for renovation. The Texas is currently berthed next to the Elissa, the official tall ship of Texas.

However, there has been a backlash from business owners near the ship, who are concerned that if not moored correctly the ship could cause damage if a hurricane or tropical storm struck Galveston.

Repairs likely will take at least another year, during which the ship's supporters hope to find a permanent location for the venerable vessel.

RRC digitizes more than 83 million oil and gas records

The ongoing effort by the Texas Railroad Commission to digitize its oil and gas records continues, with 83.4 million now searchable online from any place with an internet connection. The records date back to the 1930s and include oil and gas production records, such as well depths and location of producing fields.

The link to the digitized records can be found at tinyurl.com/msmtst86.

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Captivating hat

Noralyn Ripps (left) and Nancy de la Zerda, both of San Antonio, admire a hat loaned to the Texas Civil War Museum during an Oct. 24 visit to Fort Worth. Because of the museum's impending closure, which took place Oct. 31, new homes have been found for many of the displays. However, the future of many other displays remains in doubt. De la Zerda wondered if it would be possible to procure some Texas artifacts from the Civil War-era museum for another venue. "Wouldn't that make a nice display in a Wilson County museum?" she said of the palmetto hat.

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GOP win raises stakes for Cornyn's leadership bid

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According to *The Dallas Morning News*, Cornyn said voters rejected Democrats' "years of disastrous border policies, reckless spending, and failed management that has caused the Senate to lurch from one avoidable crisis to the next."

Cornyn faces competition from U.S. Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., Senate Minority Whip, and U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla. Senate Republicans plan to hold their leadership elections this week by secret ballot. If elected leader, Cornyn vowed to improve transparency with GOP senators.

Republicans largely flip Rio Grande Valley from blue to red

More counties in the Rio Grande Valley and surrounding areas went Republican this election, continuing what GOP leaders are calling the culmination of a years-long strategy. The party

has managed to flip 16 counties since the 2016 presidential election, according to the *Texas Standard*.

The economy clearly was a major issue among voters in this election between former president Donald Trump and Vice President Kamala Harris.

For example, in Starr County, Biden beat Trump by five points in 2020, but four years later voters there chose the former president over Harris by 16 points.

Election Day runs smoothly across state

Voting in Texas went fairly smoothly with no major disruptions reported, according to *The Texas Tribune*. Roughly half of the state's 18.6 million registered voters cast ballots during early voting either in person or by mail, and another two million went to the polls on Election Day. That is slightly under the 11.3 million who voted in 2020, thus far, with counting of provisional ballots nearly complete.

There was only one violent incident reported at the polls, when a man punched an election worker in Bexar County after being asked to remove his Trump hat. Wearing clothing backing a candidate or proposition inside a Texas polling location is illegal. After the assault, the man was charged with a felony.

In another case, a Tarrant County man claimed a voting machine flipped his ballot from Trump to Harris, but election officials say he made a mistake while filling out his ballot. That ballot was discarded, and he was allowed to cast another ballot, prompting Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick to note that machines were not flipping votes.

State population estimates released by demographic center

The Texas Demographic Center has released its population estimates for July 1, 2023, and Jan. 1, 2024. Final population estimates are available for counties and places by age, sex, and race/ethnicity at demographic.texas.gov. Information for the estimates is collected through five surveys taken from October to February, gleaned information from counties, cities, and educational institutions.

The state's estimated population rose from 29,145,505 in 2020 to 30,749,924 on Jan. 1, 2024 — an increase of 5.5 percent. Counties showing the largest percentage increase in that time period were Kaufman (26.7 percent); Rockwall (25 percent); Kendall (22.2 percent); and Liberty (20.3 percent).

The U.S. Census Bureau also makes annual population estimates, and Texas Demographic Center says differences in input data and methodologies lead to

slight variations between the two.

DFW area predicted to be hottest real estate market in 2025

A real estate trends study reported by the *Texas Standard* predicts the Dallas-Fort Worth area will be the hottest real estate market in the nation for investment and development next year. The study compiled data from more than 2,000 industry experts.

Both sales and home prices are fairly flat in 2024, with supply reaching levels not seen in a dozen years, Wooten said.

"You're not seeing sales change a lot," he said. "I think a lot of people are still sitting on the sidelines trying to figure out what's going to happen in 2025."

Record number of Texas horned lizards released to the wild

The state reptile, the Texas horned lizard, has been listed as a threatened species since 1977. *The Houston Chronicle* reports that thanks to captive breeding efforts to populate the wild with the iconic critter, more than 600 hatchlings were recently released to the Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area in Central Texas in cooperation with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The lizards are popularly referred to as horny toads. Their population decline is blamed on the pet trade, wild habitat loss, and the spread of invasive fire ants. The Texas horned lizard was designated as the state reptile in 1993. Their range takes them across the state's borders to northern Mexico and throughout much of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico. The hatchlings, about three-fourths of an inch in length, can reach as much as 7 inches in length at maturity.

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BRIEFS

BCSO November Career Fair

The Bexar County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) wants you! The sheriff's office will have a Career Fair on Saturday, Nov. 16, at YMCA Tripoint, 3233 N. St. Mary's St. in San Antonio.

Everyone is invited to apply with testing beginning at 9 a.m. BCSO is currently offering a \$2,000 signing bonus, tuition reimbursement, two for one retirement, promotion opportunities, and a recently approved historic pay increase.

For more information, text "DEPUTY" to 210-934-7028.

De La Cruz plans mobile hours in Floresville

Staff from U.S. Rep. Monica De La Cruz's office will be available to meet with residents on Monday, Nov. 25, from 1-4 p.m., at the Sam Fore Jr. Wilson County Public Library, 1103 Fourth St. in Floresville.

Constituents can get assistance with Veterans Administration or Social Security issues, U.S. passports, or other services. No appointments are needed.

PROPOSED REBUILD OF A TRANSMISSION LINE



CPS Energy will host an Open House to share information about the re-construction of a transmission line south of San Antonio, passing through Bexar, Wilson, and Karnes Counties.

November 18, 2024

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Floresville Early Childhood Center Cafeteria

1200 5th St.

Floresville, TX 78114

CPS Energy 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.

This Open House is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact Kevin Phillips Project Manager, CPS Energy at 210-353-6673.



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November 4, 2024

Dear CPS Energy Customer:

We invite you to attend an open house to learn about a proposed transmission line rebuild project in your area. The Spruce to Pawnee Transmission Line Rebuild Project involves the proposed reconstruction of approximately 46 miles of transmission infrastructure traversing parts of Bexar, Wilson and Karnes Counties.

The proposed transmission line project will connect the CPS Energy Spruce Station and the Pawnee Station.

At the Open House, you may learn more about the project need, what this project consists of, as well as the transmission line route that we are currently evaluating. We welcome your questions, comments, and input regarding this project. CPS Energy 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.

**CPS Energy Open House
Spruce to Pawnee Transmission Line Rebuild Project**

November 18, 2024
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Floresville Early Childhood Center Cafeteria
1200 5th St.
Floresville, TX 78114

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 cpsenergy.com/infrastructure. Scroll down to the "Spruce to Pawnee Transmission Line Rebuild Project."

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,

Kevin Phillips

Project Manager II, CPS Energy
S&T Regulatory Support



4 de noviembre de 2024

Estimado cliente de CPS Energy:

Lo invitamos a asistir a una reunión pública para informarse sobre el proyecto de reconstrucción de una línea de transmisión en su área. El Proyecto de Reconstrucción de la Línea de Transmisión de Spruce a Pawnee incluye la reconstrucción propuesta de aproximadamente 46 millas de infraestructura de transmisión que atraviesa partes de los condados de Bexar, Wilson y Karnes.

El proyecto de línea de transmisión propuesto conectará la estación Spruce de CPS Energy y la estación Pawnee.

En la reunión pública podrá obtener más información sobre la necesidad del proyecto, en qué consiste y cuál es el trazado de la línea de transmisión que estamos evaluando actualmente. Agradeceremos sus preguntas, comentarios y aportaciones sobre este proyecto. Los miembros del equipo de CPS Energy directamente implicados 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.

Reunión Pública de CPS Energy
Proyecto de Reconstrucción de la Línea de Transmisión de Spruce a Pawnee

18 de noviembre de 2024
6-8 PM
Cafetería del Centro de Primera Infancia de Floresville
1200 5th St.
Floresville, TX 78114

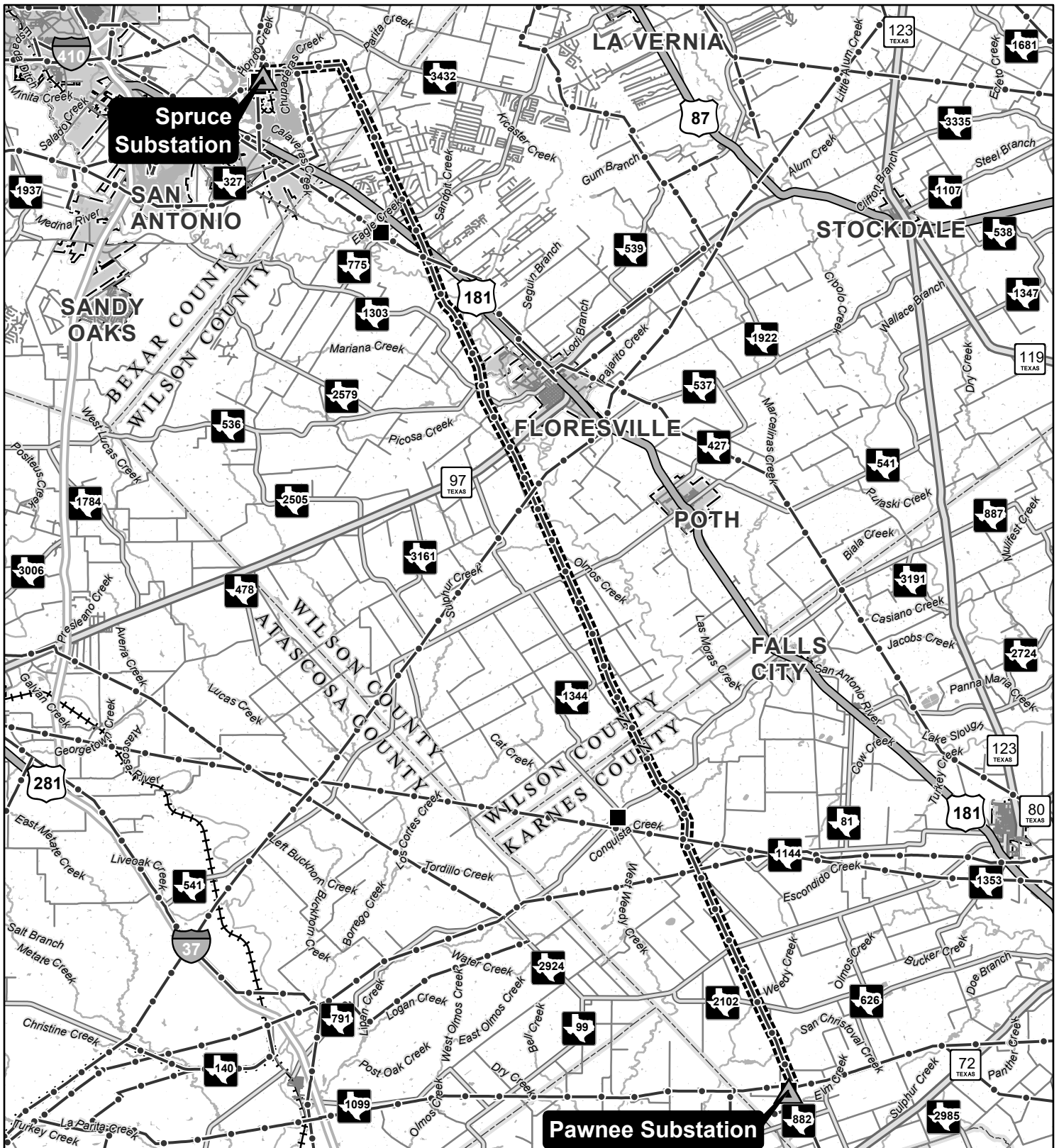
En este paquete se incluye un folleto que describe el proyecto propuesto y un mapa del área de estudio. También habrá información adicional disponible en www.cpsenergy.com/infrastructure. Baje hasta encontrar “Spruce to Pawnee Transmission Line Rebuild Project.”

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

Atentamente,

Kevin Phillips

Director de Proyectos II, CPS Energy
S&T Regulatory Support



Project Substation Study Area Boundary Existing Substation Existing Transmission Line	Interstate Highway US Highway State Highway Farm-to-Market Road County / Local Road	Railroad River / Stream Waterbody City Limit County Boundary
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Project Area

**SPRUCE TO PAWNEE
345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE
REBUILD PROJECT**

STUDY AREA

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Miles

Date: 10/9/2024

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Spruce to Pawnee Transmission Line Rebuild Project Questionnaire

Your feedback is important to us.

Please take a moment to respond to the following questions so we may evaluate public comments.

1. Did you attend the Spruce to Pawnee Transmission Line Rebuild Project Open House?
Yes No
2. Do you understand the need for the Spruce to Pawnee Transmission Line Rebuild Project?
Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree
3. If you attended the Open House or have reviewed the project information from the website, have your questions about the Spruce to Pawnee Transmission Line Rebuild Project been answered?
Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree
4. If you answered "Disagree" or "Strongly Disagree" to Question 3, and you still have questions about the project that have not been answered to your satisfaction, would you like for someone from the project team to contact you to discuss the project with you further?
Yes No
5. Were the exhibits at the Open House helpful to you? If not, do you have suggestions for improvements?
Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

Suggestions for Improvement:

6. Below is a list of factors that CPS Energy, and its consultants, will consider when evaluating the project route. Please rank your top five factors below from most important (1) to least important (5).

_____ Impact to residences

_____ Impact to businesses

_____ Proximity to schools, churches, cemeteries

_____ Impact to streams/floodplains

_____ Proximity to parks/recreational areas

_____ Impact to trees and other vegetation

_____ Proximity to archaeological/historical sites

_____ Visibility of structures

_____ Impact to woodlands/grasslands/wetlands

_____ Parallel property lines

_____ Parallel existing roadways/highways

_____ Total project cost

_____ Parallel existing transmission lines

7. Are there any other factors that you feel should be considered when evaluating the project route? _____

8. Following your review of the Land Use and Environmental Constraints map at the Open House or from the project website, please indicate any features that should be added which were not identified in the appropriate location or that were not included on the map.

9. A potential transmission segment or segments are near my home/business.
- ☐ List segment(s): _____
- ☐ A potential transmission segment or segments cross my property.
List segment(s): _____
- ☐ Other. Please specify _____
10. Is there any other information you would like the Project Team to know, or take into consideration, when evaluating the project?

You may submit this form to the welcome table at the Open House, via mail or email to the following:

CPS Energy
Kevin Phillips
Mail Drop RT0801
500 McCullough
San Antonio, TX 78215

Email:
Spruce-PawneeProjectt@cpsenergy.com

Please provide your name and contact information below.
(Optional)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Sus comentarios son importantes para nosotros.

Por favor, tome un momento para responder las siguientes preguntas para que podamos evaluar los comentarios del público.

- ¿Asistió a la Reunión Pública del Proyecto de Reconstrucción de la Línea de Transmisión de Spruce a Pawnee?
Sí No
- ¿Comprende la necesidad del Proyecto de Reconstrucción de la Línea de Transmisión de Spruce a Pawnee?
Totalmente de Acuerdo De Acuerdo Neutral En Desacuerdo Totalmente en Desacuerdo
- Si asistió a la reunión pública o ha consultado la información sobre el proyecto en la página web, ¿se han respondido sus preguntas sobre el Proyecto de Reconstrucción de la línea de Transmisión de Spruce a Pawnee?
Totalmente de Acuerdo De Acuerdo Neutral En Desacuerdo Totalmente en Desacuerdo
- Si ha respondido “en desacuerdo” o “totalmente en desacuerdo” a la pregunta 3, y aún tiene preguntas sobre el proyecto que no han sido respondidas a su satisfacción, ¿le gustaría que alguien del equipo del proyecto se pusiera en contacto con usted para discutir el proyecto con usted?
Sí No
- ¿Le resultaron útiles las exposiciones de las reuniones públicas? Si no, ¿tiene alguna sugerencia de mejora?
Totalmente de Acuerdo De Acuerdo Neutral En Desacuerdo Totalmente en Desacuerdo

Sugerencias de Mejora:

- Abajo figura una lista de factores que CPS Energy, y sus consultores, tendrán en cuenta al evaluar la ruta del proyecto. Por favor, clasifique sus cinco factores principales desde el más importante (1) al menos importante (5).

_____ Impacto sobre las residencias

_____ Impacto a los negocios

_____ Proximidad a escuelas, iglesias y cementerios

_____ Impacto en los ríos/llanuras inundables

_____ Proximidad a parques/áreas recreativas

_____ Impacto a los árboles y otra vegetación

_____ Proximidad a sitios arqueológicos/históricos

_____ Visibilidad de las estructuras

_____ Impacto en los bosques/pastizales/humedales

_____ Líneas de propiedad paralelas

_____ Carreteras/autopistas paralelas existentes

_____ Costo total del proyecto

_____ Líneas de transmisión paralelas existentes

7. ¿Existen otros factores que, en su opinión, deban tenerse en cuenta al evaluar el trazado del proyecto? _____

8. Una vez revisado el Mapa de Uso del Terreno y Limitaciones Medioambientales en la reunión pública en el sitio web del proyecto, indique cualquier característica que deba añadirse que no se haya identificado en el lugar adecuado o que no se haya incluido en el mapa. _____

9. Hay un segmento o segmentos de transmisión potenciales cerca de mi casa/negocio.

☐ Enumere el segmento(s): _____

☐ Un segmento o segmentos potenciales de transmisión atraviesan mi propiedad.

Enumere el segmento(s): _____

☐ Otro. Por favor, especifique: _____

10. ¿Hay alguna otra información que le gustaría que el Equipo del Proyecto conociera o tuviera en cuenta a la hora de evaluar el proyecto?

Puede presentar este formulario en la mesa de bienvenida en la reunión pública, por correo postal o electrónico a la siguiente dirección:

CPS Energy

Kevin Phillips

Buzón de Correo RT0801

500 McCullough

San Antonio, TX 78215

Correo Electrónico:

Spruce-PawneeProjectt@cpsenergy.com

Indique a continuación su nombre e información de contacto.
(Opcional)

Nombre: _____

Dirección: _____

Ciudad _____ Estado _____

Código Postal _____

Teléfono: _____

Correo Electrónico: _____



Spruce to Pawnee Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Frequently Asked Questions

Project Overview

What is the Spruce to Pawnee Transmission Line Rebuild Project?

CPS Energy is proposing to rebuild approximately 46 miles of existing horizontal single circuit 345kV transmission infrastructure into new vertical double circuit 345kV transmission infrastructure traversing through Bexar, Wilson and Karnes Counties. Transmission lines consist of specially designed structures composed of various material (wood, concrete, steel, etc.) and wires that move electricity long distances at high voltages from station to station.

Why is this new transmission line needed in this area?

The new transmission line will increase the resiliency and reliability of Texas' electric grid by adding another electric transmission pathway between generation resources and the accelerating load growth in San Antonio and surrounding areas.

What is a transmission line?

The proposed transmission line consists of specially designed steel structures and wires that move electricity long distances at high voltages between station endpoints.

How does electricity get delivered to homes and businesses?

Typically, electricity is generated from remotely located electric power plants (including wind and solar farms) and then travels from those remote generating sources to substations closer to population centers through a system of high-voltage transmission lines. Once at a substation, the electricity is reduced to a voltage level that is appropriate for distribution to customers. Electricity then travels from the substation through the network of distribution lines, supplying electricity to homes and businesses.

When does construction begin?

Construction of the Spruce to Pawnee Transmission Line Rebuild Project is anticipated to begin in November 2025.

When will crews be working on this transmission project?

Under normal circumstances, work will be performed Monday through Friday, 7 A.M.-5 P.M. Weekend work will be performed as needed. Please note that the work will be done within transmission easements.

Transmission Line Routes

Who selects the final transmission line route?

After determining the project is needed, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) utilizes an established regulatory process to evaluate and approve the route to be constructed following its review of the data presented by the applicants in their application; recommendations from the PUC staff of experts; and the views and concerns of affected landowners and other interested parties. After completion of the PUC process, the CPS Board of Trustees will review and approve the portion of the project inside the city of San Antonio.

Will landowners receive notice of the PUC proceeding?

Yes. All landowners who are crossed by a potential transmission line route, or who own a habitable structure within 500 feet of the centerline of the transmission line, will be mailed a notice from the CPS Energy that an application has been filed at the PUC requesting approval to construct and operate the project. CPS Energy will also publish notice of the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) application filing in the newspaper and update the project website (see the end of this FAQ sheet for the website address for this project) announcing the filing of the application. The mailed notice packet will include the Docket Number used for tracking documents filed at the PUC along with forms for interested persons to provide public comment on the project or to participate in the PUC proceeding and other important information regarding the PUC regulatory process. If the PUC issues a final order approving the project and the route to be constructed, each landowner will receive a notice of the outcome.

Can landowners or other interested persons participate in the PUC proceeding?

Yes. Landowners or other persons impacted by the potential transmission line route may file a public comment regarding the project or request to participate in the PUC proceeding. A person participating in the PUC proceeding is generally referred to as an "intervenor" during the proceeding and must follow the specified responsibilities to maintain intervenor status throughout the regulatory process.

Environmental

Will it be necessary to remove trees and other vegetation to construct the project?

Yes, some removal of trees and other vegetation is often required to safely and reliably construct and operate transmission lines. CPS Energy will work with landowners and communities to responsibly comply with tree preservation requirements and minimize the impact where necessary to operate the transmission line infrastructure safely and reliably.

**Will the project impact endangered species in the area?**

CPS Energy will conduct studies set forth by the PUC's ordering decision to mitigate impact to endangered wildlife and plant species to the extent any such impacts are implicated by the construction of the project.

Infrastructure**What will the transmission line poles look like?**

CPS Energy anticipates using galvanized steel tubular monopole structures, although other types of structures may be used when the circumstances warrant.

Will the transmission lines create electric and magnetic fields (EMF) for people living nearby?

Transmission lines are designed to operate safely for people living, working, and recreating nearby and are not anticipated to result in any adverse EMF effects for people near them. For more information on EMF, please visit:

<https://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/agents/emf>

Real Property**What rights do landowners have when a utility acquires the necessary transmission line right of way?**

Landowners whose property will be crossed by the approved transmission line route, or from whom the land for the substation site will be acquired, have rights that are generally set out in The Texas Landowner Bill of Rights, published by the Attorney General of Texas. A copy may be found at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/files/divisions/general-oag/landowners-bill-of-rights-24.pdf>. Interested landowners are encouraged to review that document to become more familiar with their rights under the law. Affected landowners will receive a copy of The Texas Landowner Bill of Rights from the Applicants by US Mail before an easement is negotiated.

How will landowners along the chosen transmission route be affected?

For all or the majority of the project, CPS Energy will replace the existing transmission infrastructure within the existing right of way so no additional new permanent right of way will be needed in this portion of the project. Temporary construction easements may be necessary, and some short-term impacts may be experienced by landowners during construction. CPS Energy currently anticipates that most or all construction activities will take place within the existing transmission line right of way.

If any new permanent right of way is needed, CPS Energy will purchase a property right known as an easement from existing property owners. In accordance with the terms of the easement, vegetation growing under the transmission line will be trimmed, and in some cases cleared to allow for the line construction. The easement document will also address issues such as roadways, fencing, access and notice rights, and other matters regarding CPS Energy's construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line facilities.

How does CPS Energy arrive at values for property rights acquired from landowners?

CPS Energy will evaluate property values using industry standard practices and offers landowners fair market value for property rights to be acquired.

Does CPS Energy have the power of "eminent domain" to acquire property rights?

Eminent domain authority is available to CPS Energy to acquire private property rights for public use. However, it is used as a last resort, as CPS Energy will first try to negotiate a mutually agreeable resolution with landowners from whom property rights will be needed.

Next Steps**What happens after the Open House?**

CPS Energy's project team will evaluate all project information, including public input received. The project team will then meet to identify an adequate number of alternative transmission routes, including identification of which route best meet all applicable regulatory criteria. The project team will identify potential transmission line routes based on consideration of community values, recreational and park areas, historical and aesthetic values, environmental integrity, engineering, design, construction, operations and maintenance, and estimated cost.

When will CPS Energy file the CCN Application?

The anticipated date to file the CCN application is February 2025. Updates will be posted on the project webpage at cpsenergy.com/infrastructure (search Spruce to Pawnee). Affected landowners will be notified when the application is filed.

Resumen del Proyecto

¿Qué es el Proyecto de Reconstrucción de la Línea de Transmisión de Spruce a Pawnee?

CPS Energy propone reconstruir aproximadamente 46 millas de infraestructura de transmisión de 345kV de un solo circuito horizontal existente en una nueva infraestructura de transmisión de 345kV de doble circuito vertical que atraviesa los condados de Bexar, Wilson y Karnes. Las líneas de transmisión consisten de estructuras especialmente diseñadas compuestas de diversos materiales (madera, cemento, acero, etc.) y cables que transportan la electricidad a largas distancias a altos voltajes de una estación a otra.

¿Por qué es necesaria esta nueva línea de transmisión en esta área?

La nueva línea de transmisión aumentará la resiliencia y fiabilidad de la red eléctrica de Texas mediante la adición de otra vía de transmisión eléctrica entre los recursos de generación y el crecimiento acelerado de la carga en San Antonio y sus alrededores.

¿Qué es una línea de transmisión?

La línea de transmisión propuesta consiste en estructuras de acero y cables especialmente diseñados para transportar electricidad a grandes distancias y a altas tensiones entre los puntos finales de las estaciones.

¿Cómo llega la electricidad a los hogares y los negocios?

Normalmente, la electricidad se genera en plantas eléctricas situadas en lugares remotos (incluyendo parques eólicos y solares) y luego viaja desde esas fuentes de generación remotas hasta las subestaciones situadas más cerca de los centros de población a través de un sistema de alta tensión. Una vez en la subestación, la electricidad se reduce a un nivel de tensión adecuado para su distribución a los clientes. Luego, la electricidad viaja desde la subestación a través de la red de líneas de distribución, suministrando electricidad a hogares y negocios.

¿Cuándo comienza la construcción?

Se prevé que la construcción del Proyecto de Reconstrucción de la Línea de Transmisión de Spruce a Pawnee comience en noviembre de 2025.

¿Cuándo trabajarán los equipos en este proyecto de transmisión?

En circunstancias normales, el trabajo se realizará de lunes a viernes, de 7 a.m. a 5 p.m. Los fines de semana se trabajará según sea necesario. Tenga en cuenta que el trabajo se realizará dentro de las servidumbres de transmisión.

Rutas de Líneas de Transmisión

¿Quién selecciona la ruta definitiva de la línea de transmisión?

Tras determinar que el proyecto es necesario, la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) utiliza un proceso regulatorio establecido para evaluar y aprobar qué ruta debe construirse tras su revisión de los datos presentados por los solicitantes en su solicitud; las recomendaciones del personal de expertos de la PUC; y las opiniones y preocupaciones de los propietarios afectados y otras partes interesadas. Una vez finalizado el proceso de la PUC, la Junta Directiva de CPS revisará y aprobará la parte del trazado dentro de la ciudad de San Antonio.

¿Recibirán los propietarios notificación del procedimiento de la PUC?

Sí. CPS Energy enviará por correo a todos los propietarios de terrenos atravesados por el trazado de una posible línea de transmisión, o que posean una estructura habitable a menos de 500 pies de la línea central del trazado de la línea de transmisión, un aviso de que se ha presentado una solicitud ante la PUC pidiendo la aprobación para construir y operar el proyecto. CPS Energy también publicará un aviso de la presentación de la solicitud de Certificado de Conveniencia y Necesidad (CCN) en el periódico y actualizará el sitio web del proyecto (consulte al final de esta hoja de preguntas frecuentes la dirección del sitio web para este proyecto) anunciando la presentación de la solicitud. El paquete de notificación enviado por correo incluirá el número de expediente utilizado para el seguimiento de los documentos presentados ante la PUC, junto con formularios para que las personas interesadas puedan hacer comentarios públicos sobre el proyecto o participar en el procedimiento de la PUC y otra información importante sobre el proceso regulador de la PUC. Si la PUC emite una orden final aprobando el proyecto y la ruta a construir, cada propietario recibirá una notificación del resultado.

¿Pueden los propietarios u otras personas interesadas participar en el procedimiento de la PUC?

Sí. Los propietarios de tierras u otras personas afectadas por el posible trazado de la línea de transmisión pueden presentar un comentario público sobre el proyecto o solicitar participar en el procedimiento de la PUC. Una persona que participa en el procedimiento de la PUC generalmente se denomina "interveniente" durante el procedimiento y debe seguir las responsabilidades especificadas para mantener la condición de interveniente durante todo el proceso regulatorio.

Medio Ambiente

¿Será necesario eliminar árboles y otra vegetación para construir el proyecto?

Sí, a menudo es necesario eliminar algunos árboles y otra vegetación para construir y operar las líneas de transmisión de forma segura y fiable. CPS Energy trabajará con los propietarios de tierras y las comunidades para cumplir de forma responsable con los requisitos de preservación de árboles y minimizar el impacto en los árboles y otra vegetación, retirando árboles y otra vegetación solo cuando sea necesario para operar la infraestructura de la línea de transmisión de forma segura y fiable.

¿Impactará el proyecto a las especies en peligro de extinción en el área?

CPS Energy llevará a cabo los estudios establecidos por la decisión de la PUC para mitigar el impacto de las especies de plantas y vida silvestre en peligro de extinción en la medida en que dicho impacto se vea afectado por la construcción del proyecto.

Infraestructura

¿Qué aspecto tendrán los postes de la línea de transmisión?

CPS Energy utiliza generalmente estructuras tubulares de acero galvanizado, como monopostes, aunque pueden usarse otros tipos de estructuras cuando las circunstancias lo justifiquen.

¿Las líneas de transmisión crearán campos eléctricos y magnéticos (EMF) para las personas que viven cerca?

Las líneas de transmisión están diseñadas para funcionar de forma segura para las personas que viven, trabajan y se recrean en las proximidades y no se prevé que provoquen ningún efecto (EMF) adverso para las personas cercanas. Para más información sobre los (EMF), visite: <https://www.niehs.nih.gov/health/topics/agents/emf>

Bienes Inmuebles

¿Qué derechos tienen los propietarios de terrenos cuando una compañía de servicios públicos adquiere el derecho de paso necesario para la línea de transmisión?

Los propietarios cuya propiedad será atravesada por la ruta aprobada de la línea de transmisión, o de quienes se adquirirá el terreno para el sitio de la subestación, tienen derechos muy específicos que generalmente se establecen en la Declaración de Derechos de los Propietarios de Texas (The Texas Landowner Bill of Rights), publicada por el Procurador General de Texas.

Se puede encontrar una copia en <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/sites/default/files/files/divisions/general-oag/landowners-bill-of-rights-24.pdf>. Se recomienda a los propietarios interesados que consulten este documento para conocer mejor los derechos que les otorga la ley. Los propietarios afectados recibirán una copia de la Declaración de Derechos de los Propietarios de Texas de CPS Energy por correo postal antes de que se negocie una servidumbre.

¿Cómo se verán afectados los propietarios de terrenos a lo largo de la ruta de transmisión elegida?

Para la totalidad o la mayor parte del proyecto, CPS Energy sustituirá la infraestructura de transmisión existente dentro de la servidumbre de paso existente, por lo que no se necesitará una nueva servidumbre de paso permanente en esta parte del proyecto. Es posible que sean necesarias servidumbres de construcción temporales y que los propietarios de las tierras sufran algunos impactos a corto plazo durante la construcción. CPS Energy prevé actualmente que la mayor parte o la totalidad de las actividades de construcción tendrán lugar dentro de la servidumbre de paso de la línea de transmisión existente.

Si se necesita un nuevo derecho de paso permanente, CPS Energy comprará un derecho de propiedad conocido como servidumbre a los propietarios existentes. De acuerdo con los términos de la servidumbre, se podará la vegetación que crezca bajo la línea de transmisión y, en algunos casos, se despejará para permitir la construcción de la línea. El documento de servidumbre también abordará cuestiones como las carreteras, el cercado, los derechos de acceso y notificación y otros asuntos relacionados con la construcción, operación y mantenimiento de las instalaciones de la línea de transmisión por parte de CPS Energy.

¿Cómo calcula CPS Energy el valor de los derechos de propiedad adquiridos a los propietarios?

CPS Energy evaluará los valores de la propiedad utilizando las prácticas estándar del sector y ofrecerá a los propietarios un valor justo de mercado por los derechos de propiedad que se adquieran.

¿Tiene CPS Energy el poder de “dominio eminente” para adquirir derechos de propiedad?

CPS Energy tiene autoridad de dominio eminente para adquirir derechos de propiedad privada para uso público. Sin embargo, se utiliza como último recurso, ya que CPS Energy intentará primero negociar una solución de mutuo acuerdo con los propietarios de los terrenos de los que se necesiten derechos de propiedad.

Siguientes Pasos

¿Qué sucede después de la reunión pública?

El equipo del proyecto de CPS Energy evaluará toda la información del proyecto, incluidas las aportaciones públicas recibidas. Después, el equipo del proyecto se reunirá para identificar un número adecuado de rutas de transmisión alternativas, incluyendo la identificación de la ruta que mejor cumpla todos los criterios normativos aplicables. El equipo del proyecto identificará las posibles rutas de las líneas de transmisión teniendo en cuenta los valores de la comunidad, las zonas recreativas y de parques, los valores históricos y estéticos, la integridad medioambiental, la ingeniería, el diseño, la construcción, las operaciones y el mantenimiento, y el costo estimado.

¿Cuándo presentará CPS Energy la solicitud de CCN?

La fecha prevista para presentar la solicitud de CCN es febrero de 2025. Las actualizaciones se publicarán en la página web del proyecto en cpsenergy.com/infrastructure (busque Spruce to Pawnee). Se notificará a los propietarios afectados cuando se presente la solicitud.

Who is CPS Energy?

Established in 1860, CPS Energy is the nation's largest community-owned provider of electric and natural gas services. We provide safe, reliable, and competitively priced services 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 over the last 80 years.

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.



How can you follow the progress of this project?

The CPS Energy project team will post project information on the CPS Energy website at cpsenergy.com/infrastructure.

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

Kevin Phillips Project Manager II
Spruce to Pawnee Transmission Line
Rebuild Project
Mail Code RT0801
500 McCullough Ave.
San Antonio, Texas 78215
(210) 353-6673
Spruce-PawneeProject@cpsenergy.com



SPRUCE TO PAWNEE

TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD PROJECT



*Typical
Transmission
Structure*

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPRUCE TO PAWNEE TRANSMISSION LINE REBUILD PROJECT

What is the Spruce to Pawnee Transmission Line Rebuild Project?

CPS Energy is proposing to rebuild approximately 46 miles of existing horizontal single circuit 345kV transmission infrastructure into new vertical double circuit 345kV transmission infrastructure traversing through Bexar, Wilson and Karnes Counties. Transmission lines consist of specially designed structures composed of various material (wood, concrete, steel, etc.) and wires that move electricity long distances at high voltages from station to station.

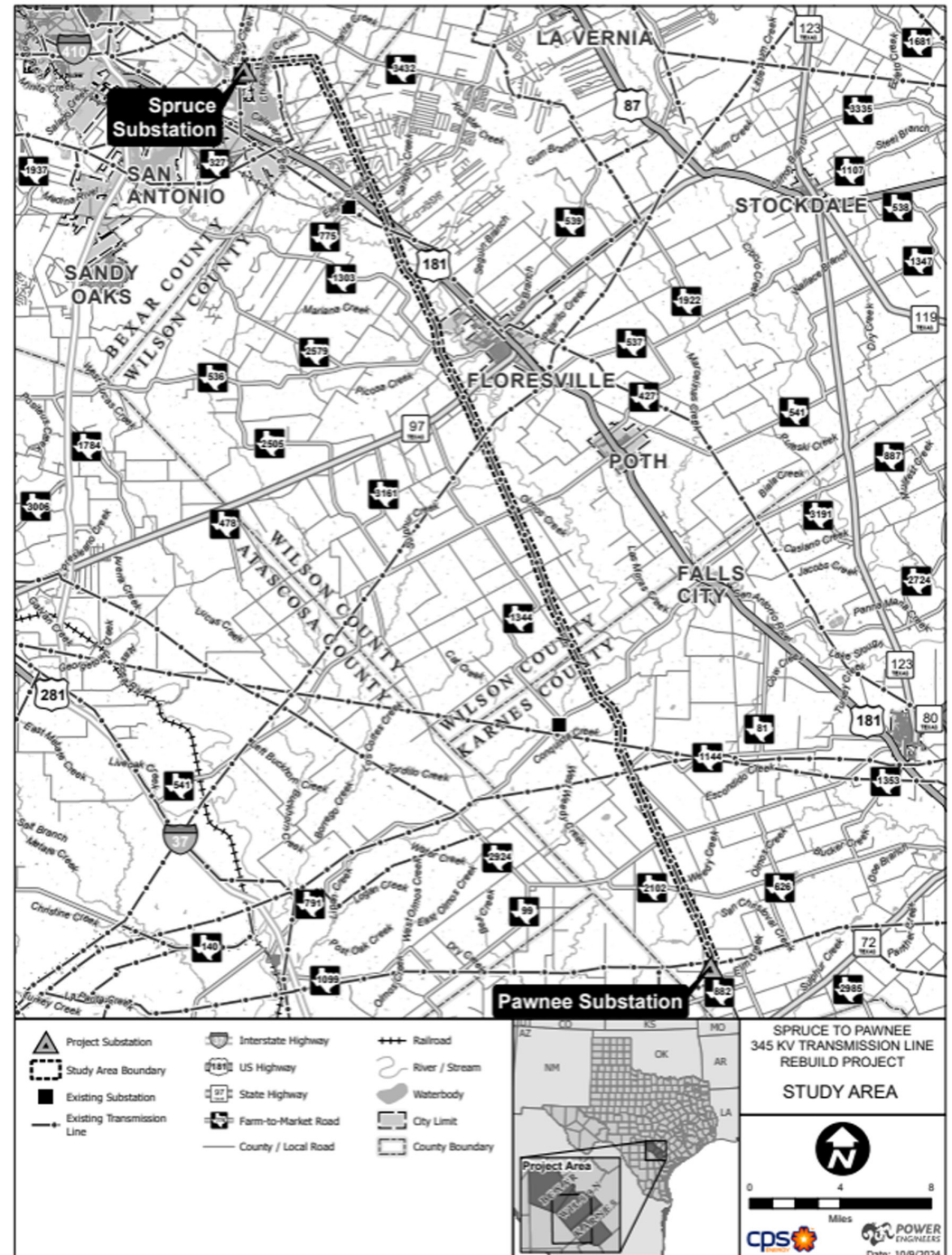
How might this project affect you?

CPS Energy is evaluating multiple means to most effectively rebuild the transmission line with minimized impact. Additional right-of-way may be needed to safely reconstruct this transmission line. If it is determined to be needed, CPS Energy anticipates purchasing additional property rights from property owners to expand the current right-of-way for the new transmission infrastructure. Your input and feedback are important to our evaluation of the project.

Why is this project needed?

The reconstruction of the transmission line is needed to increase the resiliency and reliability of Texas' electric grid by adding another transmission pathway to increase support of new renewable generation in South Texas and the planned retirement of generation in San Antonio.

Project Map



¿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 los últimos 80 años.

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 Las Personas Primero, nos energiza nuestro personal calificado, cuyo compromiso con la comunidad se demuestra a través del voluntariado de nuestros empleados para retribuir a nuestra ciudad y de programas destinados a aportar valor a nuestros clientes. Somos uno de los principales compradores de energía eólica pública del país y el número uno de Texas en generación solar.

Para más información, visite cpsenergy.com.



¿Cómo puede seguir el progreso de este proyecto?

El equipo del proyecto de CPS Energy publicará información sobre el proyecto en el sitio web de CPS Energy: cpsenergy.com/infrastructure.

¿Quién puede responder a sus preguntas?

El sitio web incluirá actualizaciones periódicas sobre el 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 de Reconstrucción de la
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SPRUCE A PAWNEE

PROYECTO DE RECONSTRUCCIÓN DE LA LÍNEA DE TRANSMISIÓN



Estructura de
Transmisión
Típica

INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL PROYECTO DE RECONSTRUCCIÓN DE LA LÍNEA DE TRANSMISIÓN DE SPRUCE A PAWNEE

¿Qué es el Proyecto de Reconstrucción de la Línea de Transmisión de Spruce a Pawnee?

CPS Energy propone reconstruir aproximadamente 46 millas de infraestructura de transmisión de 345kV de un solo circuito horizontal existente en una nueva infraestructura de transmisión de 345kV de doble circuito vertical que atraviesa los condados de Bexar, Wilson y Karnes.

Las líneas de transmisión consisten en estructuras especialmente diseñadas compuestas de diversos materiales (madera, cemento, acero, etc.) y cables que transportan electricidad largas distancias a altos voltajes de una estación a otra.

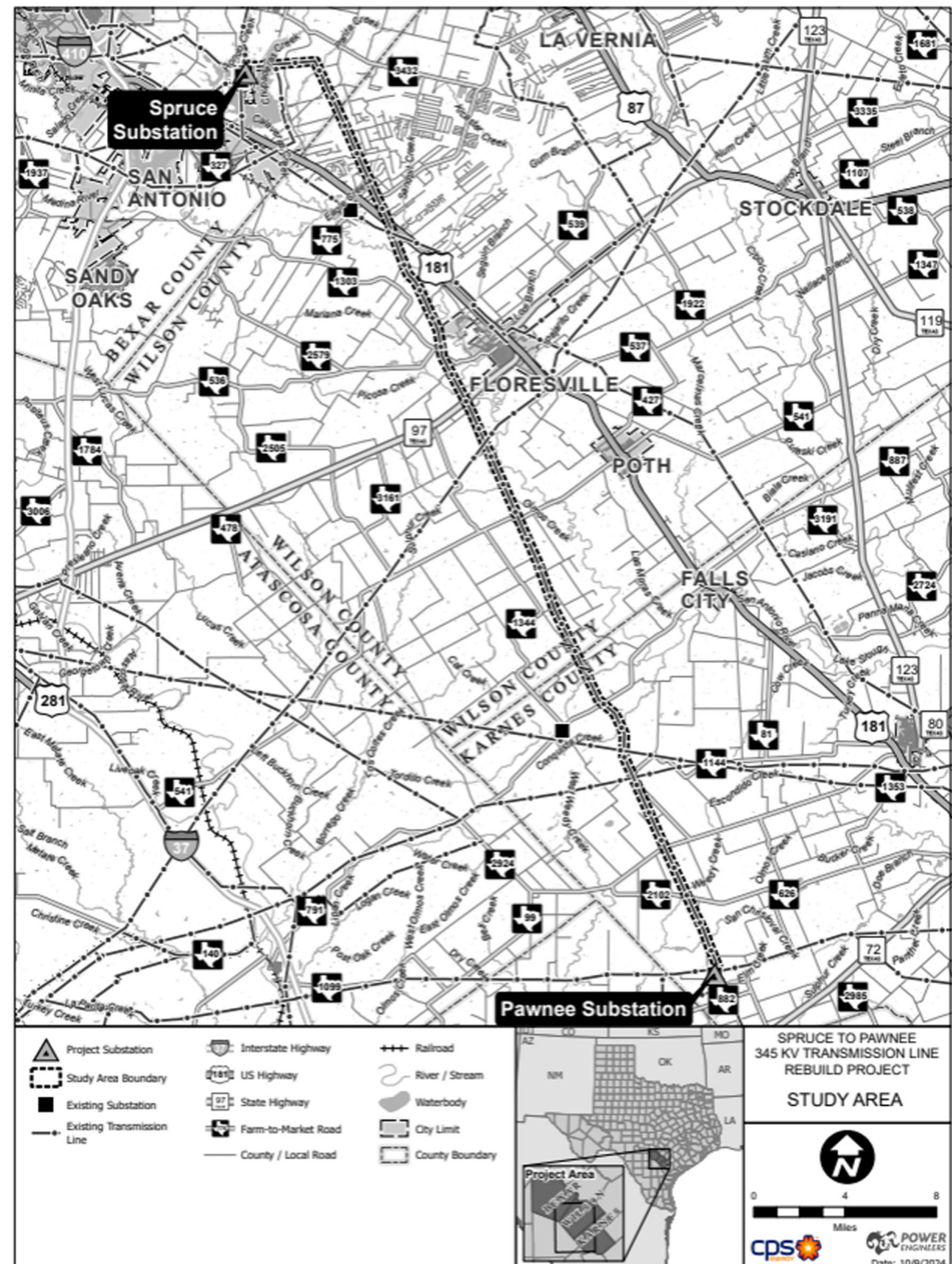
¿Cómo puede afectar este proyecto?

CPS Energy está evaluando múltiples medios para reconstruir la línea de transmisión de la manera más eficaz con un impacto mínimo. Es posible que se necesite derecho de paso adicional para reconstruir con seguridad esta línea de transmisión. Si se determina que es necesario, CPS Energy prevé la compra de derechos de propiedad adicionales de los propietarios para ampliar el derecho de paso actual para la nueva infraestructura de transmisión. Su opinión y comentarios son importantes para nuestra evaluación del proyecto.

¿Por qué es necesario este proyecto?

La reconstrucción de la línea de transmisión es necesaria para aumentar la resiliencia y fiabilidad de la red eléctrica de Texas mediante la adición de otra vía de transmisión para aumentar el apoyo a la nueva generación renovable en el sur de Texas y la retirada prevista de la generación en San Antonio.

Mapa del Proyecto



INTRODUCTION

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PURPOSE, NEED & SCOPE

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SCOPE:

CPS Energy is proposing to rebuild approximately 46 miles of transmission line connecting the CPS Energy J.K. Spruce Station in Bexar County and traversing through Bexar, Wilson and Karnes Counties to the Pawnee Station.

PURPOSE & NEED:

The project purpose and need are based on the following factors:

- Historical high loading concerns of the existing line
- New renewable generation in South Texas, and
- Planned retirement of generation in San Antonio

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) Board of Directors endorsed the project as critical to the reliability of the ERCOT System on April 23, 2024.

GENERATION TO CUSTOMER DIAGRAM



ELECTRIC GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION



CCN PROCESS HIGHLIGHTS



APPLICATION & NOTIFICATION

- CPS Energy submits Application to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to Amend CPS Energy's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN)
- CPS Energy mails or delivers notice to:
 - Landowners (as listed on the county tax rolls) whose property is
 - Landowners who own habitable structures within 500 feet of segment (as listed on the county tax rolls)
 - Texas Parks & Wildlife
 - Department of Defense
 - Municipalities within five miles
 - Other Electric Utilities within five miles
 - Bexar, Wilson and Karnes Counties
 - Office of Public Utility Counsel
- CPS Energy publishes notice of the filed application in a newspaper of general circulation in Bexar, Wilson and Karnes Counties within a week of filing the application

PUC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Landowners and other potentially impacted persons have 30 days to file a request to participate (intervene) in the PUC proceeding
- If no parties intervene, the PUC staff conduct a review and issue a recommendation.
- If parties intervene, testimony may be filed, and an administrative hearing is held. After the hearing process, an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) will prepare a recommendation to the PUC (a Proposal for Decision). The ALJ will consider the following when making a ruling:
 - Community values, recreational and park areas, historical and aesthetic values, environmental integrity, and other factors associated with the need for the project
 - Engineering constraints, costs, and moderation of impact on affected community and landowners

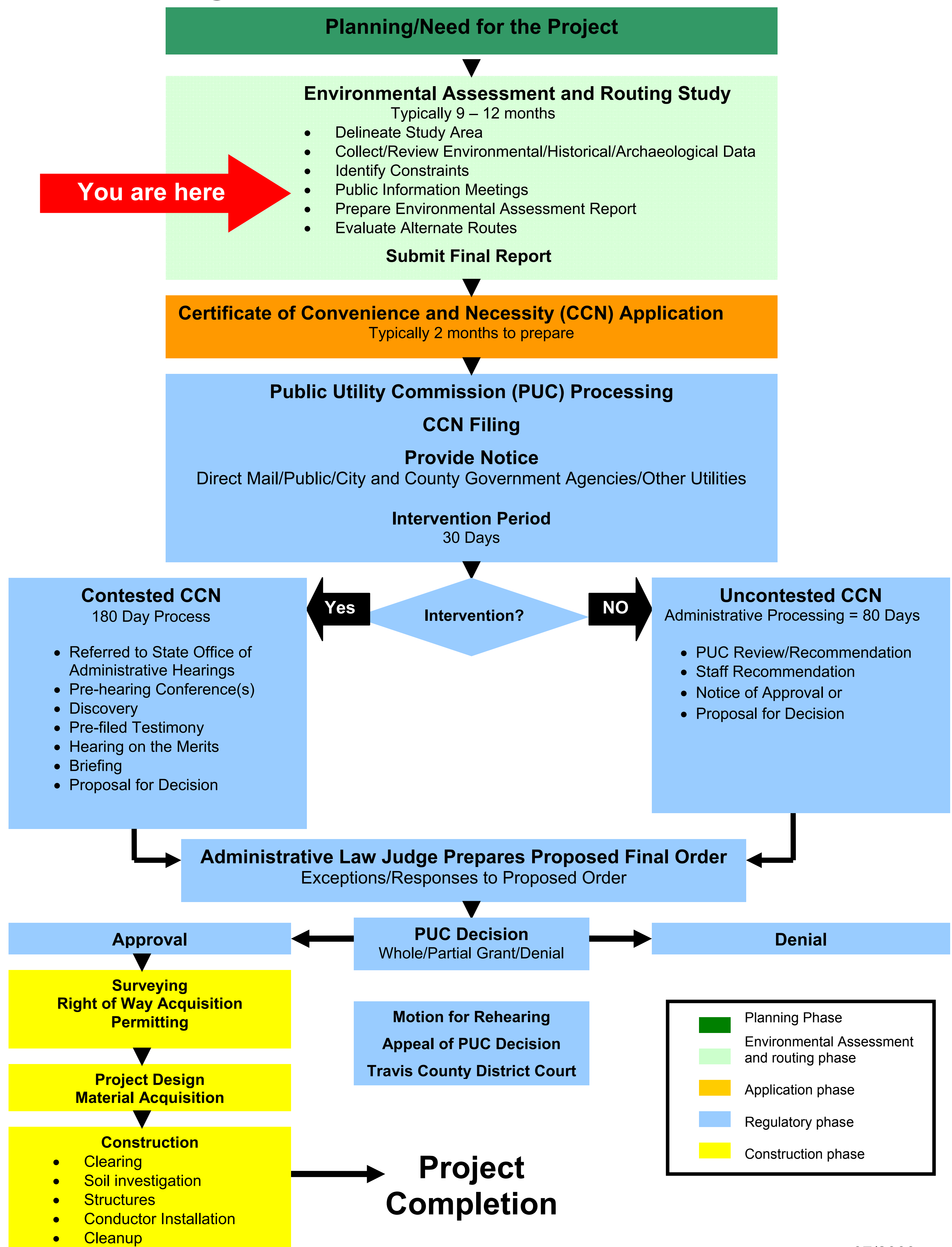
PUC DECISION

- Within approximately 6 months of the application filing (if contested) the five governor- appointed PUC Commissioners will approve the application, deny the application, or approve the application with modifications. The PUC's approval will extend to the overall project need.
- CPS Energy is approved to construct, own, and operate the approved transmission line outside of the San Antonio municipal boundaries by the PUC.

CCN PROCESS



Licensing Process for New Transmission Facilities



07/2009

ANTICIPATED TIMELINE



Gather information and land use data
In progress

Send letters to landowners
-Complete
November 2024

Hold Open House
November 2024

Complete Environmental Analysis and
Routing Assessment
Estimated January 2025

Submit CCN application to
The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC)
and notify directly affected landowners and
required entities
Estimated February 2025

Pre-project Construction Activities
Estimated June 2025

Receive Ruling from the PUC regarding project
~~need and selected route~~ outside of San Antonio
Estimated August 2025

Start construction
November 2025

Complete construction
Estimated Summer 2026

TRANSMISSION FACTS



- Typical 345kV Monopole Heights are 145'-150', but could be as high as 170' depending on terrain and span length
- Typical 345kV Span Lengths are 800'-1200' depending on route variables
- Typical 345kV Pole Foundation Diameter is 10'-12'



TYPICAL 345kV TRANSMISSION POLES



STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION



Easement is cleared enough to access pole locations

Foundation-reinforcing cage is assembled

Foundation is drilled and poured

Transmission structure is installed

Conductors are pulled into place

Right-of-way is cleaned up



RIGHT-OF-WAY TERMS TO KNOW



EASEMENT:

A right created by grant, reservation, agreement, or implication, which one party has in another party's land.

SURVEY:

The measurement of the boundaries of a parcel of land, its area, and sometimes its topography.

APPRAISAL:

The act or process of developing an opinion of value; an opinion of value.

NEGOTIATION:

The process by which two or more parties resolve differences to reach a mutually acceptable agreement.

EMINENT DOMAIN:

A governmental right to acquire private property for public use by condemnation, and the payment of just compensation.

FAIR MARKET VALUE:

The price that would be negotiated between a willing seller and a willing buyer in a reasonable time, usually arrived at by comparable sales in the same area.

STATE OF TEXAS LANDOWNER BILL OF RIGHTS:

Property owner rights that apply to any attempt by the government or a private entity to take your property, as prescribed in Texas Government Code Sec. 402.031 and Chapter 21 of the Texas Property Code.

ACQUISITION ELEMENTS



- Mail “Bill of Rights” letter to affected landowners
- Contact property owner
- Obtain permission to conduct survey(s)
- Survey establishes boundaries of easement
(Simultaneously perform environmental/cultural surveys)
- Easement area is defined/described by a Registered Professional Land Surveyor
- Value of Easement established by an independent appraiser
- Negotiate with property owner for Easement or right-of-way for utility use

TYPICAL TRANSMISSION EASEMENTS



Clearing around transmission poles



Clearing along route

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



- An Environmental Assessment is prepared to address land use, visual resources, socioeconomic elements, biological/ecological resources, geology and soils, hydrology, and cultural resources within the regional study area and along the project route.
- POWER Engineers with expertise in different environmental disciplines (wildlife biology, plant ecology, land use/planning, and archaeology) evaluates the project route based upon environmental and land use conditions present, augmented by aerial photograph interpretation and field surveys, where possible, and the general methodology used by POWER and environmental criteria.

LAND USE & ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION CRITERIA



LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

TYPICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

Land Use

- 1 Length of route (miles)
- 2 Number of habitable structures¹ within 500 feet of the route centerline
- 3 Length of ROW using existing transmission line ROW
- 4 Length of ROW parallel and adjacent to existing transmission line ROW
- 5 Length of ROW parallel and adjacent to other existing ROW (roadways)
- 6 Length of ROW parallel and adjacent to apparent property lines² (or other natural or cultural features, etc.)
- 7 Sum of evaluation criteria 4, 5, and 6
- 8 Percent of evaluation criteria 4, 5, and 6
- 9 Length of ROW across parks/recreational areas³
- 10 Number of additional parks/recreational areas³ within 1,000 feet of ROW centerline
- 11 Length of ROW across cropland
- 12 Length of ROW across pasture/rangeland
- 13 Length of ROW across land irrigated by traveling systems (rolling or pivot type)
- 14 Length of route across conservation easements and/or mitigation banks (Special Management Area)
- 15 Length of route across gravel pits, mines, or quarries
- 16 Length of ROW parallel and adjacent to pipelines⁴
- 17 Number of pipeline crossings⁴
- 18 Number of transmission line crossings
- 19 Number of IH, US and state highway crossings
- 20 Number of FM or RM road crossings
- 21 Number of FAA registered public/military airports⁵ with at least one runway more than 3,200 feet in length located within 20,000 feet of ROW centerline
- 22 Number of FAA registered public/military airports⁵ having no runway more than 3,200 feet in length located within 10,000 feet of ROW centerline
- 23 Number of private airstrips within 10,000 feet of the ROW centerline
- 24 Number of heliports within 5,000 feet of the ROW centerline
- 25 Number of commercial AM radio transmitters within 10,000 feet of the ROW centerline
- 26 Number of FM radio transmitters, microwave towers, and other electronic installations within 2,000 feet of ROW centerline
- 27 Number of identifiable existing water wells within 200 feet of the ROW centerline
- 28 Number of oil and gas wells within 200 feet of the ROW centerline (including dry or plugged wells)

Aesthetics

- 29 Estimated length of ROW within foreground visual zone⁶ of IH, US and state highways
- 30 Estimated length of ROW within foreground visual zone⁶ of FM/RM roads
- 31 Estimated length of ROW within foreground visual zone^{[6][7]} of parks/recreational areas³

Ecology

- 32 Length of ROW through upland woodlands/brushlands
- 33 Length of ROW through bottomland/riparian woodlands
- 34 Length of ROW across National Wetlands Institute (NWI) mapped wetlands
- 35 Length of ROW across critical habitat of federally listed endangered or threatened species
- 36 Length of ROW across open water (lakes, ponds)
- 37 Number of stream and river crossings
- 38 Length of ROW parallel (within 100 feet) to streams or rivers
- 39 Length of ROW across Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone
- 40 Length of ROW across FEMA mapped 100-year floodplain

Cultural Resources

- 41 Number of cemeteries within 1,000 feet of the ROW centerline
- 42 Number of recorded cultural resource sites crossed by ROW
- 43 Number of additional recorded cultural resource sites within 1,000 feet of ROW centerline
- 44 Number of NRHP listed properties crossed by ROW
- 45 Number of additional NRHP listed properties within 1,000 feet of ROW centerline
- 46 Length of ROW across areas of high archaeological site potential

Notes: All length measurements are shown in miles unless noted otherwise.

¹ Single-family and multi-family dwellings, and related structures, mobile homes, apartment buildings, commercial structures, industrial structures, business structures, churches, hospitals, nursing homes, schools, or other structures normally inhabited by humans or intended to be inhabited by humans on a daily or regular basis within 500 feet of the centerline of a transmission project of 230 kV or more.

² Apparent property boundaries created by existing roads, highways, or railroad ROWs are not “double-counted” in the length of ROW parallel to apparent property boundaries criteria.

³ Defined as parks and recreational areas owned by a governmental body or an organized group, club, or church within 1,000 feet of the centerline of the project.

⁴ Only steel pipelines six inches and greater in diameter carrying petrochemicals were quantified in the pipeline crossing and paralleling calculations.

⁵ As listed in the Chart Supplement South Central US (FAA 2024b formerly known as the Airport/Facility Directory South Central US) and FAA 2024a.

⁶ One-half mile, unobstructed. Lengths of ROW within the visual foreground zone of interstates, US and state highway criteria are not “double-counted” in the length of ROW within the visual foreground zone of FM roads criteria.

⁷ One-half mile, unobstructed. Lengths of ROW within the visual foreground zone of parks/recreational areas may overlap with the total length of ROW within the visual foreground zone of interstates, US and state highway criteria and/or with the total length of ROW within the visual foreground zone of FM roads criteria.

LOCAL, STATE & FEDERAL AGENCIES CONTACTED/NOTIFIED



FEDERAL

Federal Aviation Administration
Federal Emergency Management Agency
National Parks Service
NRCS Texas State Office
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Fort Worth District
U. S. Department of Defense Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Fish Wildlife Service
U.S. Congressman

STATE

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

LOCAL

City of San Antonio - Economic Development Department
City of San Antonio - Department of Planning
City of San Antonio - Transportation
City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation Development and Business Services Center
City of San Antonio – Mayor and City Manager
Alamo Area Council of Governments
Alamo Soil and Water Conservation District
San Antonio World Heritage Office
San Antonio Water System
Edwards Aquifer Authority Chairman
San Antonio River Authority
Bexar County Judge
Bexar County Commissioners
Bexar County Economic Development
Bexar County Flood Control
Bexar County Historical Commission
Bexar County Manager
East Central ISD
Wilson County Judge
Wilson County Commissioners
Wilson County Permitting and Development
Floresville ISD
Poth ISD
Karnes County Judge
Karnes County Commissioners
Karnes County Special Projects and Permits
Falls City ISD
Karnes City ISD
Kenedy ISD

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

The Nature Conservancy
Texas Land Trust Council
Texas Land Conservancy
Texas Agricultural Land Trust
Texas Cave Management Association

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