# Licensing Process for New Transmission Facilities

**Planning/Need for the Project**

**Environmental Assessment and Routing Study**
Typically 9 – 12 months

- Delineate Study Area
- Collect/Review Environmental/Historical/Archeological Data
- Identify Constraints/ID Preliminary Alternative Routes
- Public Information Meetings
- Prepare Environmental Assessment Report
- Select/Evaluate Preferred/Alternate Routes

**Submit Final Report**

Public Interaction

**Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) Application**
Typically 2 months to prepare

**Public Utility Commission (PUC) Processing**

**CCN Filing**

**Provide Notice**
Direct Mail/Public/City and County Government Agencies/Other Utilities

**Intervention Period**
30 - 45 Days

Public Interaction

**Intervention ?**

**Yes**

**Contested CCN**
ERCOT Critical = 180 Day Process
CREZ = 180 Day Process
All Other = 1 Year Process

- Referred to State Office of Administrative Hearings
- Pre-hearing Conference(s)
- Discovery
- Pre-filed Testimony
- Hearing on the Merits
- Briefing
- Proposal for Decision

**NO**

**Uncontested CCN**
Administrative Processing = 80 Days

- PUC Review/Recommendation
- Staff Recommendation
- Issues Resolution

**Administrative Law Judge Prepares Proposed Final Order**
Exceptions/Responses to Proposed Order

**PUC Decision**
Whole/Partial Grant/Denial

**Approval**

**Denial**

**Surveying**
**Right of Way Acquisition**
**Permitting**

**Project Design**
**Material Acquisition**

**Construction**

- Clearing
- Soil investigation
- Structures
- Conductor Installation
- Cleanup

**Motion for Rehearing**

**Appeal of PUC Decision**

**Travis County District Court**

Affected Public Interaction

**Project Completion**

Planning Phase
Environmental Assessment and routing phase
Application phase
Regulatory phase
Construction phase

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