

# **Dinosaur-Longshore Transmission Line Legislative Briefing**

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# Key Takeaways

What are transmission lines?

What's the PUCT's role?

What does HB 5066 require?

What is the process for choosing a transmission line route?

How can the public get involved?



## **What are Transmission Lines?**

- Carry bulk electricity long distances (not your neighborhood lines).

## **Who builds, owns, and operates transmission lines?**

- Investor-owned companies
- Some city-owned utilities
- Some electric cooperatives
- Some river authorities

# What is the PUCT's role?



- Selects the routes for transmission lines
- Reviews rates charged by transmission providers
- Oversees reliability of the grid

## The PUCT does NOT:

- Acquire land
- Handle eminent domain cases
- Negotiate Easements
- Own, build or operate transmission lines

## **House Bill 5066 (88R 2023)**

- Requires the PUCT to direct ERCOT to develop a Reliability Plan for the Permian Basin region

### **The Plan must:**

- Address extending transmission service to areas where mineral resources have been found
- Address increasing available capacity to meet forecasted demand for the next decade
- Provide available infrastructure to reduce transmission connection times in areas without access to transmission service



## 765 kV Transmission Lines

- Carry more electricity
- Require construction of fewer lines
- Lessen impact on landowners
- Reduce time to connect new customers to the grid
- Defer or prevent need for new transmission lines to meet future demand growth
- Infrastructure and Rights-of-Way are comparable to 345 kV

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR NEW TRANSMISSION FACILITIES

PLANNING FOR THE PROJECT

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND ROUTING STUDY  
(Typically 6-12 months)

TRANSMISSION LINE ROUTE APPLICATION TO PUCT

PUCT REVIEW PROCESS 180 DAYS (FROM DATE APPLICATION FILED)

**COMPANY MUST NOTIFY LAND OWNER OF APPLICATION FILING**

**Intervention Period**

Land Owner must request to intervene within 30 Days from date of application

Referred to State Office of  
Administrative Hearings

Pre-hearing  
Conference(s)

Discovery

Pre-filed  
Testimony

Hearing on  
the Merits

Proposal for  
Decision

ROUTE OPTION APPROVED  
OR MODIFIED

COMMISSION DECISION  
Occurs in Open Meeting

DENIAL

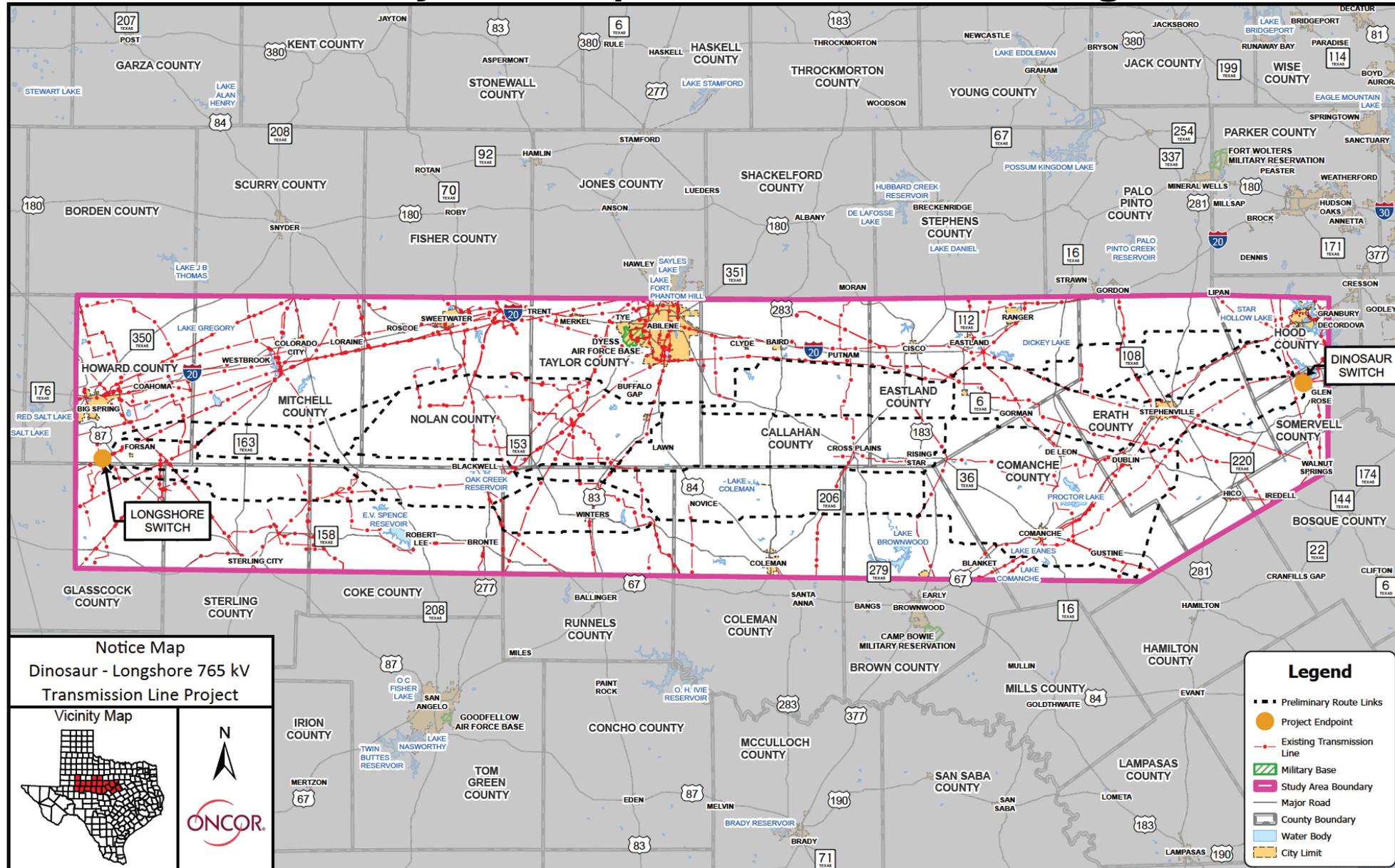
POST-APPROVAL PROCESS

- Surveying
- Right of Way
- Construction

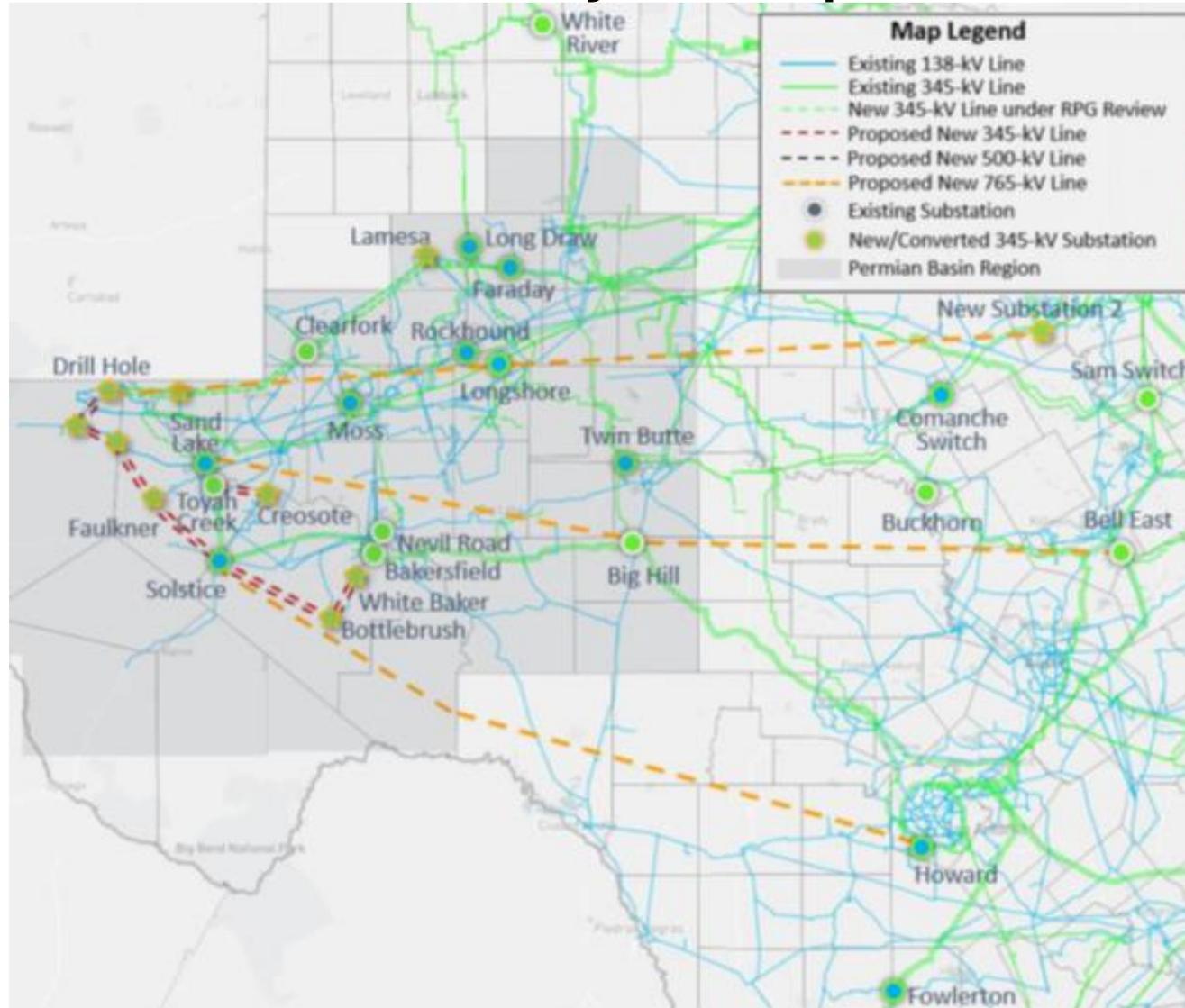
LEGEND

- Planning
- PUCT Application
- Post-Approval

# Preliminary Route Options for Dinosaur-Longshore



# Permian Reliability Plan Import Paths



# What the Commissioners consider when choosing a route

- Habitable structures, homes and businesses
- Community values
- Recreational and park areas
- Historical and aesthetic values
- Environmental integrity
- Adequacy of existing service
- Need for additional service
- Cost of alternative routes
- Reliability impact of alternative routes

# How can I participate *before* an application is filed at the PUCT?

- Community meetings
- Company feedback
- PUCT Comment Docket 58561



# How can I participate *after* an application is filed at the PUCT?

## Option 1: Protest

- Protests are written comments that are entered into the official record of the proceeding.
  - Available to PUCT Commissioners and staff, and everyone following the proceeding.
  - Inform the PUCT of the public's concerns and identify issues.
  - Application Docket 59315

***\*This is different than the comments filed in the Comment Docket***



# How can I participate *after* an application is filed at the PUCT?

## Option 2: Intervene

- Affected landowners can request to intervene by filing a request in the docket.
- Intervening makes you an active participant in the case at the PUCT.
- Intervenors can file testimony, conduct legal discovery, cross-examine witnesses, and participate in settlement negotiations.
  - You do not need to hire an attorney to intervene, but this is a legal proceeding and active participation is critical.

***\*30-day window after the application is submitted to request to intervene***

# How to follow a case through the process



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## Filings for 59315

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**Case Style** APPLICATION OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE DINOSAUR SWITCH - LONGSHORE SWITCH 765 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT IN BORDEN, BOSQUE, BROWN, CALLAHAN, COKE, COLEMAN, COMANCHE, EASTLAND, ERATH, GLASSCOCK, HAMILTON, HOOD, HOWARD, JONES, MITCHELL, NOLAN, RUNNELS, SHACKELFORD, SOMERVELL, STEPHENS, STERLING, AND TAYLOR COUNTIES

56 filing(s).

Item	File Stamp	Party	Item Type	Filing Description
1	2/2/2026	ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC	LTRS	REQUEST FOR A DOCKET NUMBER
2	2/2/2026	Landowner	PL	Landowner opposing Oncor 765 Kv Transmission line
3	2/3/2026	Rock-N-Oaks Ranch	PC	Protest the A3 line going around Dinosaur Valley State Park
4	2/4/2026	Comanche County	PC	Comanche County Resolution

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- After the application is filed
- Search by docket #
- Filing Notification System

# How to File Documents on the PUCT Website



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Interchange Filer - Web upload

**[interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer](https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer)**

## Get started

Please complete the filing process within 20 minutes or you may have to restart the process from the beginning.

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## E-Filing Update

***Effective January 27, 2022***

- Filing parties may now e-file confidential filings.
- Please review [these instructions](#) before e-filing.

## How to File with the PUC

Here are the PUC's [filing procedures](#).

# Questions