

What is a transmission line? Why does Oncor Electric Delivery need to build them?

Transmission lines are the high voltage conductors that move electricity from power plants to distribution systems, which deliver electricity to your homes and businesses. Ensuring adequate transmission capability is essential for electric reliability. It may help to think of them as "highways" for electricity. In the same way that highways are built to ensure that you and your family get from one place to another, transmission lines are necessary to make sure that electricity gets from where it is produced to where it is consumed.

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Ranger Camp Switch 345 kV Transmission Tap Line Project

As the state's economy continues to grow, it is important to take steps to ensure that a reliable electric system is in place to support electric load growth. In order for Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor") to continue to provide safe and reliable electric service, Oncor proposes to construct a new, double-circuit 345 kV transmission line to be built on double-circuit capable steel monopoles, between Oncor's Ranger Camp Switch under construction and a tap location on Oncor's existing Morgan Creek – Falcon Seaboard 345 kV transmission line. Ranger Camp Switch is located approximately 0.7 mile southwest of the intersection of South Farm-to-Market Road ("S FM") 1229 and State Highway ("SH") 163, near Colorado City, Texas. The proposed 345 kV tap location on the Morgan Creek – Falcon Seaboard 345 kV transmission line is located within existing Oncor right-of-way ("ROW") approximately 800 feet southwest of Oncor's existing Morgan Creek Switch, which is west of the existing Morgan Creek Power Plant owned and operated by Luminant Generation Company LLC ("Luminant"). The proposed transmission tap line project will be approximately 1.4 miles in length, if approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUCT").

What is the process for approval?

Step 1: Need

The first step in the approval process is determining the need for the project. The need for the project dictates essential facilities and prescribes the type, location, and capacity of the proposed transmission line.

Step 2: Engineering, Routing and Environmental Assessment

The company, along with its outside consultants, considers a variety of environmental and other important factors when selecting potential routes. The proposed project anticipates the use of a single route transmission line option as the most effective proposal to meet the needs for the project.

Step 3: Review/Approval Process

- After the environmental assessment is complete, Oncor will file an application with the PUC, along with the environmental assessment, requesting a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN"). The application will outline specific attributes of the transmission line, describe the need for the transmission line, propose a route for the project, and identify potential impacts on the surrounding community and environment.
- After Oncor files the CCN application with the PUCT, interested parties will have an opportunity to participate in the process and express their views to the PUCT. The PUCT's review and approval process for proposed transmission facilities involves a thorough examination of essential interests, including the views of the public, to ensure that the state's electric system continues to be reliable and provide the necessary support for sustained development and growth.

Step 4: Post-Approval

• If the PUCT approves the project, Oncor will begin surveying properties, conducting engineering, and constructing the new facilities.