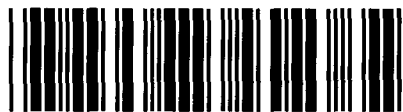




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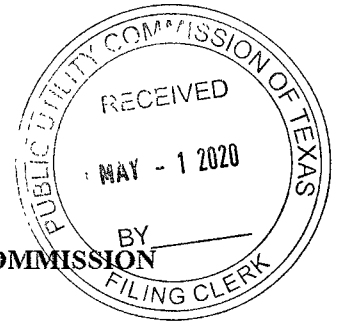
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APPLICATION OF AEP TEXAS INC.  
TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR  
THE ANGSTROM TO SDI BUFFALO  
DOUBLE- CIRCUIT 345-KV  
TRANSMISSION LINE IN  
SAN PATRICIO COUNTY

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**PROOF OF NOTICE AND PUBLICATION**

**MAY 1, 2020**

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## AFFIDAVIT

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COUNTY OF TRAVIS

I, Mel L. Eckhoff, state that I am a Regulatory Consultant for American Electric Power Service Corporation, and that in such capacity, I am qualified and authorized to file and verify information in Docket No. 50726 - *Application of AEP Texas Inc. to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Angstrom to SDI Buffalo 345-kV Transmission Line in San Patricio County* (Application). I am personally familiar with the preparation and delivery of notice in this proceeding for AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas). I am competent to execute this affidavit and I state that the following facts are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

AEP Texas sent a notice of its application by first-class priority mail on April 13, 2020 to the owners of land, as stated on the current county tax rolls in San Patricio County, Texas, who are directly affected by the proposed route. The notice that was sent to the landowners included a map and a written description of the proposed route, the PUC brochure entitled *Landowners and Transmission Line Cases at the PUC*, and forms for submitting comments or a request to intervene. A sample copy of the notice that was sent to the landowners is provided as Attachments 4a through 4f of the Application. The list of landowners to whom notices were sent is provided as Attachment 1 of this Proof of Notice and Publication. Prior to filing the application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN), AEP Texas's representatives had some formal and some informal contact with landowners concerning the present proceeding.

AEP Texas sent notice of its application by first-class priority mail on April 13, 2020 to the utilities providing similar service within five miles of the proposed route. The notice that was sent to the neighboring utilities also included a map and a written description of the proposed route (Application Attachments 4b and 4c). The notice was sent to San Patricio Electric Cooperative, Inc. and South Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc. A sample copy of the notice that was sent to the utilities is provided as Attachment 5a of the Application.

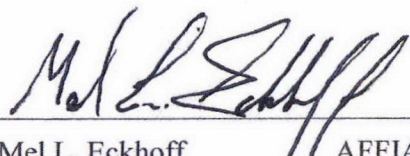
AEP Texas sent notice of its application by first-class priority mail on April 13, 2020 to the County Judge and County Commissioners in San Patricio County, and to the Mayors of the cities of Sinton, and Taft. The notice that was sent to the county and municipal officials included a map and a written description of the proposed route (Application Attachments 4b and 4c). A sample copy of the notice that was sent to the county and municipal officials is provided as Attachment 6a of the Application.

AEP Texas sent a notice of its Application via email on April 13, 2020 to the Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse. A copy of that notice was included in the Application as Attachment 6c.

AEP Texas sent notice of its application by first-class priority mail on April 13, 2020 to the Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC). The notice that was sent to OPUC included a map and a written description of the proposed route (Application Attachments 4b and 4c). A copy of the notice that was sent to OPUC is provided as Attachment 8 of the Application.

AEP Texas sent a copy of its application, including all attachments, by first-class priority mail on April 13, 2020 to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD). The application that was sent to TPWD included the environmental assessment as required by the PUC Application for a CCN. A copy of the transmittal letter that was sent to TPWD is provided as Attachment 9a of the Application. An affidavit verifying transmittal of the Application to TPWD is provided as Attachment 9b of the Application.

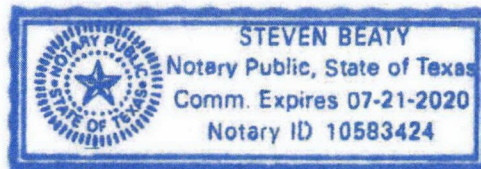
AEP Texas caused notice of the application to be published in The News of San Patricio in the City of Sinton, which is the newspaper having general circulation in San Patricio County. The notice was published on April 23, 2020. A copy of the newspaper notice and the affidavit of the publisher affirming the publication of notice on that date are included as Attachments 2 and 3 of this Proof of Notice and Publication.

  
Mel L. Eckhoff AFFIANT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2020



Notary Public for State of Texas



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ATTACHMENT 1

**Landowner List**

Chester Brittain  
188 East Sinton St.  
Sinton, TX 78387

Steel Dynamics, Inc.  
c/o Glenn Pushis  
Vice President of Special Projects  
7575 West Jefferson Blvd.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46804



## PUBLIC NOTICE

AEP Texas Inc. (AEP Texas) gives notice of its intent to amend its Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCNs) to construct a double-circuit 345-kV electric transmission line in San Patricio County (Project). AEP Texas has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) in Docket No. 50726 *Application of AEP Texas Inc. to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Angstrom to SDI Buffalo 345-kV Transmission Line in San Patricio County* (Application).

In its Application, AEP Texas is proposing a single route (Proposed Route) for consideration by the PUC. The Proposed Route is 0.86 mile in length and the estimated cost of the Proposed Route is \$4.351 million. AEP Texas plans to construct the transmission line on single-pole steel structures.

Persons who are affected by the proposed transmission line and wish to intervene in the docket or comment on the AEP Texas CCN application should mail the original and 10 copies of their requests to intervene or their comments to:

Public Utility Commission of Texas  
Central Records  
Attn: Filing Clerk  
1701 N. Congress Avenue  
P.O. Box 13326  
Austin, Texas 78711-3326

The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is May 28, 2020, and the PUC should receive a letter from anyone requesting intervention by that date.

Persons who wish to intervene in the docket must also mail a copy of their request for intervention to all parties in the docket and all persons that have pending motions to intervene at or before the time the request for intervention is mailed to the PUC.

The PUC emphasizes that the only way to fully participate in the PUC's decision on where to locate the transmission line is to intervene in the docket. It is important for an affected person to intervene because the utility is not obligated to keep affected persons informed of the PUC's proceedings and cannot predict which route might or might not be approved by the PUC.

In addition to the intervention deadline, other important deadlines might already exist that affect your participation in this docket. You should review the orders and other filings that have already been made in the docket.

The PUC has developed a brochure titled *Landowners and Transmission Line Caves at the PUC*. Copies of the brochure are available from AEP Texas by calling Mel Eckhoff at (512) 391-2979 or may be downloaded from the PUC's website at [www.puc.state.tx.us](http://www.puc.state.tx.us). To obtain additional information about this docket, you may contact the PUC's Customer Assistance Hotline at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUC's Customer Assistance Hotline at (512) 936-7136 or toll free at (800) 735-2939.

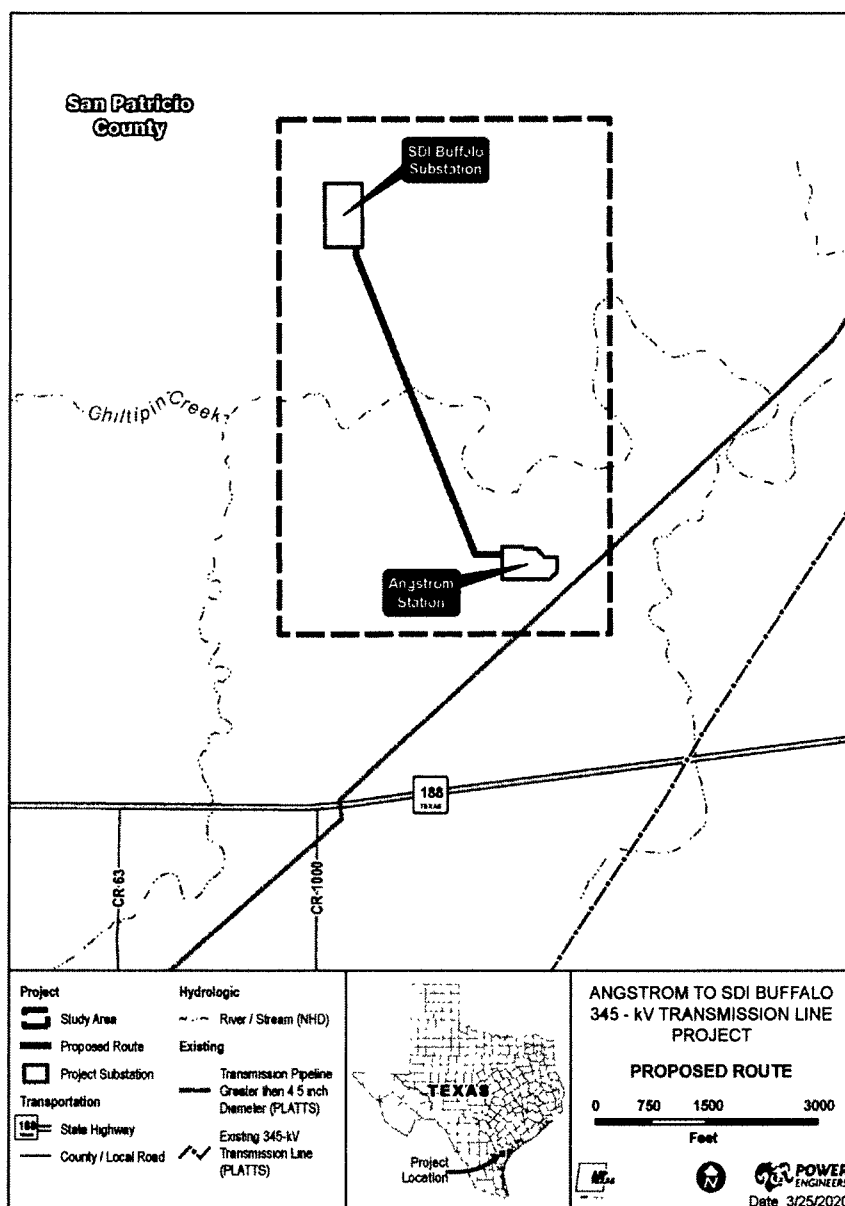
Persons with questions about the transmission line may contact AEP Texas representatives Randal Roper at 512-481-4572 or Mel Eckhoff at 512-391-2979.

Detailed routing maps may be reviewed during normal library hours at the Sinton Public Library, 100 North Pirate Blvd. in Sinton, TX.

All routes and route links included in this notice are available for selection and approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

In its Application, AEP Texas has presented a single route (Proposed Route) for consideration by the PUC. The Proposed Route is 0.86 mile in length and is described as follows:

The Proposed Route begins at the AEP Texas Angstrom Station, which is currently under construction. The Angstrom Station is located approximately 0.46 mile north of State Highway 188 and approximately 3.25 miles east-northeast of the City of Sinton in San Patricio County, Texas. The Proposed Route exits the northwest side of the Angstrom Station and proceeds west for approximately 0.05 mile. The Proposed Route then angles north-northwest for approximately 0.78 mile, crossing Chilipin Creek, and then angles north for approximately 0.03 mile. The route terminates at the southeast side of the proposed SDI Buffalo Substation located approximately 1.35 miles north of SH 188.



April 23, 2020

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COUNTY OF BEE

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Dennis Wade known to me, who, by me duly sworn, on his oath deposes and says that he is the Publisher of the News of San Patricio having general circulation in San Patricio County, who being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that the foregoing attached notice was published in said newspaper on the following date(s), to wit:

April 23, 2020

  
Dennis Wade, Publisher

Sworn to and subscribed before me by Dennis Wade  
this the 23 day of April 2020 AD  
to certify which witness my hand and official seal.

  
Mary Virginia Massey,  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

