

RESOLUTION _____

Resolution recommending routing priorities for the proposed for the Electric Transmission Texas, LLC, 138-kilovolt (kV) electric power transmission line connecting the Barney Davis Substation to Naval Base Substation near Naval Air Station Corpus Christi; authorizing intervention in the Electric Transmission Texas, LLC, filing with the Public Utility Commission of Texas for the electric transmission line and hiring legal and consulting services.

WHEREAS, the Electric Transmission Texas, LLC, is a transmission utility co-owned by subsidiaries of American Electric Power (AEP) and MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company; notified the City of Corpus Christi of a proposed 138-kilovolt (kV) electric power transmission line to address transmission service reliability issues that exist for the Flour Bluff/South Corpus Christi area; and

WHEREAS, the line will reportedly provide the necessary support of the area transmission network needed to reduce the possibility of the loss of electric load, particularly during scheduled maintenance outages of autotransformers at the Airline Substation west of Oso Bay; and

WHEREAS, at Laguna Substation, ETT is also required to construct a new 138-kV busbar and install a new 138 kV / 69 kV-autotransformer; and

WHEREAS, in early March 2014, ETT is expected to submit routing recommendations to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) in an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (or CCN); and

WHEREAS, the PUC will ultimately make the final decision on the route for the new transmission line. ETT projected the in-service date for the new transmission line in the third quarter of 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi needs to proactively communicate to ETT about its concerns with potential routes and the impacts it could have on neighborhoods, home values, the tax base, city infrastructure, training missions at NAS-Corpus Christi and the environment prior to the company filing its application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity with the Public Utility Commission of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City needs to authorize staff to officially intervene in the CCN filing with the PUC so the City's interests can be protected throughout the process and appropriate legal services and consultants can be engaged in a timely manner to protect the City's interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Corpus Christi communicate its concerns first to Electric Transmission Texas prior to its filing with the Public Utility Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Corpus Christi officially intervene in the application process for the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity with the Public Utility Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following principles and recommendations be communicated with both ETT and the PUC:

- Avoid incompatibilities with Navy flight training missions at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Truax Field and Waldron Field;
- Recommend underground placement of the transmission line in any Clear Zone or Accident

Prevention Zone or other area of conflict.

- Use existing right-of-way wherever possible to avoid displacing homes or businesses.
- Limit damage to or potential relocation of existing municipal infrastructure, including water lines, waste water lines, storm sewers, drainage areas, natural gas lines, fiber optic lines, park facilities, recreation centers, senior community centers, or other service-delivery location.
- Prevent a route along high-growth and future-growth corridors identified in comprehensive master plans, long-range infrastructure plans or development agreements which will drive future economic activity and sustainability.
- Avoid the Flour Bluff Independent School District campuses along Waldron Road.
- Prevent placement of high-voltage power lines through a residential neighborhood that decreases the property value of homes and vacant land, decreasing vital tax revenues for local governments, and would present a danger to humans and wildlife.
- Avoid to the greatest extent possible, certain routes that cross environmentally sensitive areas, such as wetlands, endangered species, wildlife management areas or refuges, park land, seagrass beds, nesting or spawning habitat.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of February, 2014.

APPROVED this 25th day of February, 2014.

ATTEST: THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

 Rebecca Huerta
 City Secretary
 Corpus Christi, Texas

 Nelda Martinez
 Mayor
 Corpus Christi, Texas

The above resolution was passed by the following vote:

Nelda Martinez _____

Kelley Allen _____

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