# LA PALMA-KINGFISHER

# TRANSMISSION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT







AEP Texas and Sharyland Utilities representatives plan to improve the transmission network in the San Benito region. The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) determined the need for this project to ensure safe and reliable electric service in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. The proposed power line and substation strengthen the local electric system by providing a second power source to the area, enhancing electric reliability and speeding service restoration, if an outage occurs.



### **WHAT**

The project involves:

- · Building approximately 5 miles of 345-kilovolt transmission line
- · Upgrading AEP Texas' La Palma Substation
- · Constructing Sharyland's Kingfisher Substation

AEP Texas and Sharyland officials filed a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) in June 2022. The PUC approved the CCN application in January 2023.

### WHY

The PUC, a state agency created by the Texas legislature to provide statewide regulation of rates and services of certain utilities, ordered this project to support the electric transmission service needs in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. These improvements ensure safe reliable power to customers in far south Texas.

#### The project:

- · Provides an additional transmission line and substation, adding resiliency against severe weather events
- · Establishes a second power line to ensure customers continue to receive power if the other area transmission line experiences an extended outage.

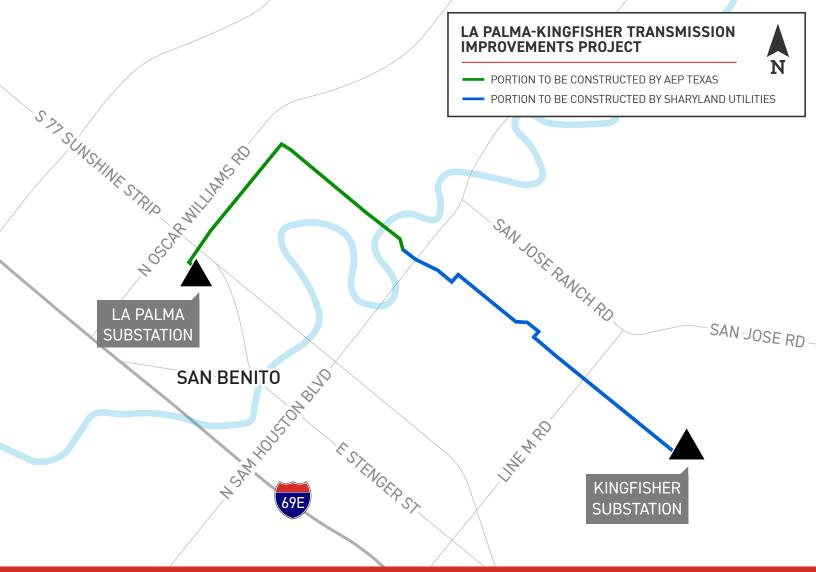
## **WHERE**

The approved transmission line route begins at AEP Texas's La Palma Substation in northeast San Benito and stretches approximately 5 miles east to Sharyland's Kingfisher Substation.



## PROJECT SCHEDULE

	2022	2023	2024	<u>2025</u>	2026	2027
<b>OPEN HOUSE</b> Early 2022						
CCN* APPLICATION FILED WITH PUC* No later than June 30, 2022						
ANTICIPATED PUC* APPROVAL & FINAL ROUTE DETERMINATION Late 2022						
ROW* COMMUNICATIONS & FIELD ACTIVITIES BEGIN Spring 2023						
ROW* CLEARING BEGINS April 2024						
TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS November 2024						
KINGFISHER SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION BEGINS Summer 2024.						
FACILITIES PLACED IN SERVICE Spring 2026						
RESTORATION ACTIVITIES BEGIN Summer 2026						



## TYPICAL STRUCTURES

AEP Texas and Sharyland plan to use steel monopoles.

Typical Height: 155 feet

Typical Distance Between Structures: 700 - 800 feet

Typical Right-of-Way Width: 150 feet



\*Exact structure height, span and right-of-way width requirements may vary

AEP TEXAS AND SHARYLAND VALUE YOUR INPUT ABOUT THIS PROJECT. PLEASE SEND COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS TO:

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