

Protect the Integrity of Texas Transmission Development

Support SB1938 by Sen. Hancock and HB3995 by Rep. Phelan

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We urge the Legislature to protect our proven, reliable system of developing electric transmission by passing legislation that turns decades of accepted practice into state law. This legislation will provide regulatory certainty and maintain the stability of transmission planning in Texas.

This legislation would codify the proven Texas model for timely, reliable development of electric transmission, as well as:

- **Ensure certainty and clarity in the law by specifying which utilities are responsible for building new transmission; and**
- **Preserve the Legislature's and the PUC's comprehensive jurisdiction over utility rates and service to Texas customers.**

Texas boasts a proven model for developing timely, reliable, and cost-effective electric transmission to serve our growing state. This model prevents inefficient segmentation and duplication of utility facilities, fostering electricity prices that are well below the national average. It also ensures a reliable transmission grid to support economic development by making clear who should build new transmission projects, and by holding all transmission owners accountable to the PUC.

What's at stake?

Some companies seeking to profit from Texas' growing economy are pushing a risky change to existing transmission development. Falsely cloaked as "competition," this change would eliminate the PUC's jurisdiction over rates and services in important areas of the state. The change will not give customers a true choice among their utility providers, but will instead create a bureaucratic, cumbersome bidding process to determine who will build new transmission. While competition is good in theory, in practice these changes would inefficiently fragment the transmission grid, duplicate costs and facilities, and delay much needed infrastructure. This costly and ineffective scheme would undermine Texas authority and our state-focused approach.



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