

Certificate of Need Process Chart for Large High Voltage Transmission Facilities

Applicant provides notice of intent to file application to potentially affected persons

Applicant submits application to the Public Utilities Commission and distributes to interested persons. 

Public Utilities Commission refers case to independent Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case hearing

Public meeting is held in project area to receive comments on scope of Environmental Report 

Administrative Law Judge conducts public hearings and assembles facts of the case 

Department of Commerce commissioner determines the scope of Environmental Report

Administrative Law Judge prepares report with Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommendations

Department of Commerce prepares Environmental Report 

Public Utilities Commission grants or denies Certificate of Need

Public Written Comment Accepted 

Public Meetings 