# Texas Transmission Improvement Projects:
# Our 10 Commitments for Texans

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## Working Together to Build a More Resilient, Reliable and Affordable Energy Future

CenterPoint Energy is committed to building a more resilient, reliable and affordable energy future for Texans. As part of this commitment, we are strengthening the energy grid's ability to withstand more powerful storms, reducing the risk of future outages, ensuring our communities and state are able to meet future energy needs, while also reducing the future cost of energy for hard-working Texas families and small businesses.

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Providing real value and meaningful benefits for Texans, our communities and our great state is essential for our shared future. As such, CenterPoint's Texas Transmission Improvement Projects will be defined by 10 commitments that will put Texans first. These Texas transmission improvement projects represent vital energy infrastructure that we believe will improve the future reliability and resiliency of the energy grid, while also meeting growing energy demand. We believe that a stronger grid begins with a strong commitment to partnering and working in cooperation with property owners, customers and communities.

As part of our commitment to enhanced local engagement, new major transmission projects requiring a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity from the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) and longer than 100 miles, will be guided by the following 10 commitments:

1. **Prioritizing Affordability for Our Customers:** CenterPoint recently announced a historic $5 billion Customer Savings Initiative for Texas families. Our upcoming transmission improvement projects will build on this commitment by helping Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) customers save an additional $100+ million annually as local economies expand and share the cost of critical reliability and resiliency improvements.
2. **Engaging Even More with Local Communities:** CenterPoint supports an enhanced engagement strategy with our local communities. This includes providing property owners with more than double the amount of time to provide critical feedback and working together with local Texans who know their communities best. The enhanced engagement actions for transmission improvement projects will specifically include:
    - Hosting webinars in addition to open houses to ensure property owners have multiple options to gather initial information about the project;
    - Voluntarily extending our initial property owner comment period to 30 days after the first round of open houses and webinars;
    - After taking the initial round of feedback into account, hosting a second round of open houses and webinars to explain any routing changes and continue working in partnership with local property owners prior to submitting an application to regulators;
    - Adding a second opportunity for property owners to provide comments for 30 days following the second set of open houses and webinars;
    - After the project application is submitted, voluntarily extending the time for property owners to intervene from 30 days to 60 days;
    - Meeting with local organizations and stakeholders in addition to property owners during all of the above periods;
    - Launching a dedicated website with an interactive map of the projects;

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- Engaging with local property owners through our dedicated project email inbox and hotline, with a required response time of two business days; and
- Meeting with government agencies and officials before property owner and community notices go out.

3. **Partnering with Property Owners:** CenterPoint respects property owners and believes in partnering with them every step of the way to find shared solutions that will benefit their community. As a commitment to this partnership, we will provide above-market valuations to impacted property owners, provide payment options (including lump sum or payments over time) and rely on independent appraisers, and are committed to a goal of acquiring at least 95% of required property for our projects without the use of eminent domain.
4. **Creating Local Texas Jobs:** CenterPoint supports creating more good paying Texas jobs, and ensuring vital infrastructure projects are built by Texans. For our upcoming projects, this includes creating approximately 41,000 new Texas jobs by recruiting and hiring local Texans to support construction, equal to approximately $4.4 billion in salaries and local economic activity, and adding an anticipated 1,100 ongoing jobs once complete.*
5. **Providing More Funding for Schools and Vital Local Services:** CenterPoint believes that our local communities must benefit from future infrastructure projects, like our upcoming critical transmission reliability and resiliency improvements. Once completed, these projects are anticipated to deliver meaningful and lasting community benefits including approximately $120+ million per year* in new tax revenue to invest in local schools, better pay for teachers and first responders, and other public services.
6. **Avoiding Texas Rivers, Waterways and Unique Areas:** CenterPoint deeply respects and understands the value our fellow Texans place on the land and waterways. Protecting our communities and unique local areas is vital. We will review 40+ land use factors to reduce the proposed project area. Working to avoid wetlands, waterways and water tables is also part of our overall commitment to protecting unique Texas areas and species.
7. **Respecting Ranchers, Farmers and Agricultural Resources:** CenterPoint recognizes the vital importance of Texas farms, ranches and agricultural land. We are committed to coordinating closely with such property owners, agencies and organizations to respect these areas and identify property-specific solutions that work to lessen impacts to natural boundaries of pasture lands, bodies of water and livestock.
8. **Prioritizing Health and Safety:** CenterPoint prioritizes safety and is committed to meeting the highest industry safety standards. As part of our commitment to our customers and property owners, we will offer free electric and magnetic field testing at any customer's home or business, along with other key resources, which are just part of the actions we will take to provide peace of mind and safeguard the health and safety of our local communities.
9. **Making Use of Existing Corridors:** CenterPoint is determined to reduce the local impact of these projects wherever possible. As part of our commitment to reducing impacts on private property owners and minimizing the footprint of any infrastructure, we will review existing utility corridors and easements to determine where we can parallel our new infrastructure and equipment.
10. **Committing to National and Texas Ratepayer Affordability Initiatives:** CenterPoint strongly supports ratepayer protection initiatives as part of our shared commitment to prioritize customer affordability, support economic growth, grid reliability and resiliency, and ensure that new large customers pay the costs associated with connecting and powering their businesses.

For CenterPoint Energy, our **10 Commitments for Texans** represent the strong priority we place on achieving more collaborative, Texas-first, community-first energy projects. Most importantly, we believe that by working together, and prioritizing our fellow Texans, our communities' and our state's needs, we can achieve our shared goal of building a modern transmission system that is more resilient, reliable and affordable, while also helping to meet Texas' energy needs for generations to come.

*Based on a third party economic impact study completed by IdeaSmiths.