

# NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION TRANSMISSION LINE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

## PROJECT DEFINITION AND EVALUATION

### Routing Study & Environmental Assessment

- Identify study area
- Collect and review environmental and cultural data
- Identify constraints
- Identify preliminary alternatives route segments
- Hold Public Open House Meetings
- Evaluate primary alternative routes
- Prepare Environmental Assessment Report

## PERMITTING PROCESS

### Certificate of Convenience & Necessity Application

- Submit CCN application and testimony to the PRC
- Notify landowners with property affected along any alternative route
- Notify municipalities and electric utilities that are within five miles of the project
- Notify county governments in the project area

## PRC REVIEW

### Administrative Hearing on Merits

- Case is referred to Hearing Examiner
- Procedural schedule is set
- Technical review of project routing
- Hearing Examiner prepares final order

## PRC RECOMMENDED DECISION

- Approve
- Approve with modifications
- Deny