

Identify Opportunities and Constraints	Identify features within the identified study area that could serve as potential sites or routes for the new project.
Communications and Outreach	Address public and agency concerns, hold briefings with elected officials, send letters to interested parties and agencies, and give presentations to homeowner groups.
Identify Potential Transmission Line Links	Identify reasonable paths for the project route. These various segments, which are referred to as "links," can be connected to form different alternative routes to be evaluated during the next steps of the siting process.
Gather Public Comment	Present the project to the public through a newsletter and an open house, where we present information on the project purpose and need, share design considerations, the alternative routes and/or sites to agencies and the public, and provide opportunities for public comment.
Screen Links	Evaluate the various routing links and/or sites identified earlier based on public input and environmental considerations including biological resources, existing and potential land use, visual and scenic quality, and archaeological resources.
Refine Routes Between Termination Points	Refine links to a reasonable set of alternative routes and/or sites for comparison and presentation to agencies and the public.
Identify and Rank Route Alternatives	The alternative routes carried forward from earlier in the process will go through a final evaluation. This evaluation includes engineering feasibility, regulatory approvals, public comment, cost, land acquisition and environmental concerns.
Select Preferred Routes	The final preferred routes and/or site identification will be selected based on siting criteria.
CEC Application	Submit Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) Application and Publish Notice of CEC Hearing.
Line Siting Committee Hearing	Line Siting Committee holds Evidentiary Hearing on CEC Application.
ACC Hearings	Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) makes decision on CEC Application at an ACC Open Meeting.