

MAY 26, 2026 – FOR IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

Landowners abused by proposed 765-kV line (59475) submit Motion for Immediate Relief

Item at Issue:

- PUC Docket No. 59475 – Bell County East to Big Hill 765-kV Transmission Line (eastern half of Import Path 2) and the resulting abuses of thousands of Texas landowners, who now seek for relief

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT (What Needs to Happen):

- Pause PUC Docket 59475 – Bell County East to Big Hill proceedings until the next Legislative Session (Permian Basin Reliability Plan (“PBRP”) eastern half of Import Path 2)
- Enforce the intent of 16 TAC § 22.52(a) and its public participation requirements and objectives
- Grant 206-day procedural day-for-day relief under 16 TAC § 22.52(a)(5)
- Conduct broader policy review of statewide 765-kV expansion

Texas landowners believe the PUC process for the PBRP 765-kV transmission lines has failed to provide notice, transparency, and due process protections required under Texas statutes. Over 1,300 directly impacted properties in PUC Docket 59475, did not receive required 16 TAC § 22.52.(a) notice of the June 2025 public meetings and were blindsided nearly ten months later after 400 miles of new route links were added. These landowners and homeowners did not receive any notice until April 2026. Landowners submitted a Motion for Immediate Remedy and Relief to the 59475 SOAH ALJs asking for enforcement of Texas notice requirements, additional public participation opportunities, and procedural relief before irreversible harm is done to Texas families, ranches, rural communities and our beautiful Texas Hill Country.

Critical Point:

- ERCOT’s PBRP states Import Path 2 is not required until 2038; there is no reason to rush.

Why Texas Landowners and Homeowners Are Alarmed:

- No ability to adequately question impacts to homes, ranches, schools, and rural communities
- Valid concerns about fairness and due process in the PUC procedures
- Lack of timely notification, so landowners are forced to represent themselves without legal counsel
- Loss of property values, damage to pristine Hill Country, unknown effects of 765,000 volts of power
- Planned gas generation in Permian and rapidly changing technologies may likely impact the long-term need for Import Path 2

Key Concerns:

- Extensive route link additions of 400 miles occurred after June 2025 public meetings
- 1,300 to 1,400 properties (2,000 individual landowners) did not receive notice for June 2025 public meetings, due to Oncor and LCRA adding 400 miles of route links after the public meeting
- Oncor & LCRA withheld disclosure of new route links for over 5 months after initial public meetings
- Oncor and LCRA did not comply with 16 TAC § 22.52(a) and its public participation requirements
- Oncor and LCRA are pushing for removal of previously admitted landowner intervenors
- Loss of the People’s trust in their State elected officials and State agencies

Attachments / Exhibits / Links

1. Initial vs. Added Route Link Map
2. ERCOT Statewide 765-kV STEP

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Link: 59475-5123 Motion for Remedy & Relief:

https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/Documents/59475_5123_1648369.PDF

