

Hi, Robert:

I work with Kaci on media relations requests. We are providing the following response:

For background, the regional water planning process is a bottom-up, locally driven effort. Each of the [16 Regional Water Planning \(RWP\) groups](#) is responsible for developing and maintaining its own regional water plan. TWDB RWP staff periodically receive notices from power companies about proposed transmission line projects. When this occurs, TWDB staff reviews the project map or schematic to determine whether any recommended water management strategies fall within the proposed project area. If relevant strategies are identified, they are included in the response provided to the power company.

The Texas Water Development Board does not assess the potential impacts of proposed transmission line projects on water sources. Our understanding is that the STEP and 765-kV transmission projects are currently progressing through the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) approval process. For additional details or project-specific information, we encourage you to contact the PUC directly.

Thank you,

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