

Good morning,

Marylynne Norman from the i1 Segment.

Thank you for always providing the ability for the public to address concerns that they may have.

In regards to the Bell County East – Big Hill 765kv transmission line proposed project, I would like to ask that the commissioners court update the county website to include the extension of time given for the 765kv transmission line project.

I would also like to request that the resolution written by the commissioners objecting to the transmission line project be posted to the website as well.

How is the commissioners court putting together facts to counter the need for the transmission line project? Is this by the attorney or would the commissioners court be opposed to residents submitting information?

Example.

Here are a few facts. On Nov. 22, 2024 an interview in The Dallas Morning News quotes Gov Abbott as taking strides for Texas to be #1 in nuclear power. And in 2023 TX established a 5 Billion loan program for natural gas power plants. Furthermore, did you know that the PUC advanced several applications for natural gas power plants in 2024? Per the article. So, when the rep from the PUCT made a very specific comment that the PUCT does not get involved with power plants due to deregulation, he lied.

In the 10/20/2025 article in The Center Square Contributor, both Abbott and Perry talk about being the leader in nuclear power for AI and data centers. The article also talks about Fermi America being the first to use nuclear along with a natural gas power plant, solar, battery, and adding power to the grid!

Also, Landbridge, the first data center to announce building in the Permian Basin is now partnered with NRG energy to build a power plant to power their data center.

What they are telling us about this transmission line project and the actual happenings within Texas do not match. We currently have 130 proposed power plants in TX and 33 of those have permits been have not started building. Thats from a quick AI search.

Energy in our state is going to be coming from nuclear and natural gas power plants. There is no need for a 765kv transmission line except to line the pockets of Oncor investors.

As you know we do not have a substation to use the power the 765 lines will carry. As per Section 1 of House Bill 5066 it states "The commission shall grant each certificate on a nondiscriminatory basis after considering":

(1) the adequacy of existing service; (We have this)

(2) the need for additional service; (We do not have need)

coupled with the fact that Section 4 (E) says the probable improvement of service or lowering of cost to consumers in the area if the certificate is granted. This is a blatant lie. The only way for the LCRA to recoup from their investment is to raise prices so that they have future money for additional assets and the only reason that Oncor is investing in this project is for the 40 years pf 8-10% return they will receive. Again, prices will have to be increased across Texas to fulfill the Oncor project. This to me seems counter to what House Bill 5066 is saying.

These points need to be made to the PUCT. You have done 1 resolution. A monthly resolution would be appropriate to make the PUCT aware that the County of Burnet is not going to sit back and allow the destruction of the Hill Country. It is imperative that our commissioners are fighting for us every month until the very end.

Thank you.

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Gov. Greg Abbott Wants to Make Texas ‘No. 1 in Advanced Nuclear Power’

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AUSTIN, Texas — Gov. Greg Abbott signaled strong support for a reemerging nuclear power industry Monday, publishing a report that proposes creating a state-backed loan program to develop nuclear power plants.

A report commissioned by Abbott’s office proposed a Texas Nuclear Power Fund in a task force report that called on the Texas Legislature to pass a slate of bills supporting nuclear power, including creating a university research network, providing government grants to build a technology supply chain and bolstering the nuclear power supply chain.

“Texas is the energy capital of the world, and we are ready to be No. 1 in advanced nuclear power,” Abbott said in a news release. “By utilizing advanced nuclear energy, Texas will enhance the reliability of the state grid and provide affordable, dispatchable power to Texans across the state.”

Public Utility Commissioner Jimmy Glotfelty, an Abbott appointee to the state’s energy regulatory board and head of the governor’s Texas Advanced Nuclear Reactor Working Group, said the proposed Texas Nuclear Energy Fund would be similar to a \$5 billion loan program lawmakers created in 2023 that offers taxpayer-backed, 3% interest loans to companies that build natural gas power plants.

“We hope that the Legislature will agree that [the fund] mitigates risk,” Glotfelty said Monday at a nuclear power conference in Austin, adding that loans would fund roughly 60% of development costs and would be repaid over 20 to 25 years. “We’re helping reduce the front-end cost by putting state dollars to work.”

The Public Utility Commission advanced several applications for proposed natural gas power plants for loans earlier this year, although the program has faced lawmaker scrutiny after one of the proposals was headed by a woman convicted of a federal crime. The commission has since removed that application from contention.

The fund’s administrator, Deloitte, refunded \$7.3 million of its contract over failing to question that proposal. The accounting firm is conducting a due diligence review of loan applications that is expected to take up to eight months, according to PUC spokeswoman Ellie Breed.

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Over the past year, Texas has seen signs of a changing nuclear landscape.

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support for nuclear power, setting aside 200 to 300 acres of university land to create a proving ground for small nuclear reactors, A&M Chancellor John Sharp told *The Dallas Morning News* last week.

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As of mid-2025, there are **130 proposed natural gas power plant projects** in Texas, which could add approximately 58 GW of new capacity, though many are expected to remain in the planning phase. Of these, four projects are currently under construction, 33 have received permits but not yet broken ground, and 98 are still in the proposal stage. Texas also has a separate proposal for four nuclear plants and is completing the construction of at least one smaller gas-fired peaker plant. [↗](#)



Natural Gas Plants

- **Total Proposed:** 130 projects are in the planning or proposal stage.
- **Current Construction:** Four projects are currently under construction.
- **Permitted, Not Started:** 33 projects have received permits but have not yet begun construction.
- **Still Proposed:** 98 projects are in the proposal stage and have not yet received permits. [↗](#)

Nuclear Plants

- There is a separate, large-scale proposal to build four nuclear plants, according to [Reuters](#). [↗](#)

Other projects

- A 190 MW gas-fired peaker plant near the town of Maxwell is currently completing construction, notes [Greensource Texas](#).
- Entergy Texas has received approval for two power plants to support growth in Southeast Texas, says [Entergy](#). [↗](#)