



Frequently Asked Questions
Regarding the Second Circuit Upgrade of Sharyland Utilities' Portion of the Cross Valley Project

These Frequently Asked Questions will be updated regularly with new developments and information. For more information, please call **(866) 354-3335**.

1. What is this project?

Sharyland will be adding a second circuit to its existing 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission line that was previously built and placed into service in mid-2016 as part of the Cross Valley Project. Sharyland's portion of that project is **entirely within Cameron County** and currently only has a single circuit (or set of wires) hanging on one side of the towers. The purpose of this project is to install a second circuit to hang on the other side of those same towers.

2. Why is the second circuit needed?

On September 23, 2021, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) ordered the addition of a second circuit to over 360 miles of an existing 345 kV transmission line that currently runs from San Antonio down to Laredo, and then on to McAllen and Brownsville. The PUCT took this action to ease existing transmission constraints that currently limit the flow of electricity in and out of the South Texas region.

3. Will installation of the second circuit require new right-of-way?

No new permanent right-of way will be required. The second circuit will be added to Sharyland's existing single-circuit transmission towers on existing easements. Some additional towers will need to be constructed to accommodate the second circuit at some locations where the line route makes a turn, but those new towers will be constructed within existing easements. In some instances, Sharyland may need to acquire additional temporary rights of way to accommodate construction activity, but those easements would end once construction is completed.

4. How will I be affected by the construction phase of this project?

Landowners still own the property, and the existing right-of-way can continue to be used for purposes such as grazing or farming, and that do not interfere with Sharyland Utilities' transmission lines or operation. Sharyland will work closely with landowners to coordinate right-of-way access throughout the construction phase.

5. What is the timeline going forward?

Sharyland will begin construction in the fall of 2023 and should be completed by spring of 2024.

6. Who is Sharyland Utilities?

Sharyland Utilities, L.L.C., is a Texas-based electric transmission utility that is fully regulated by the PUCT. We are committed to providing safe, reliable, and efficient transmission and substation services, ensuring operational excellence, and investing to support the infrastructure needs of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT).

Sharyland currently owns and operates approximately 64 miles of 138kV and 345kV electric transmission located in the Lower Rio Grande Valley region of Texas. Sharyland also owns and operates a two-unit 300MW High Voltage Direct Current Tie (DC Tie), which links the ERCOT grid with the Mexican national grid, operated by the Centro Nacional de Control de Energia (CENACE). For more information, please visit **www.sharyland.com**.