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### **CROSS TEXAS TRANSMISSION AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR GRAY TO WHITE DEER 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2011** – Cross Texas Transmission (CTT) received approval today from the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) for its proposed Gray to White Deer 345 kV transmission line. The Gray to White Deer transmission line is part of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) initiative, which is being developed to integrate additional renewable energy and increase system reliability throughout the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT).

CTT began development of the Gray to White Deer transmission line in early 2009 and has worked through an extensive process including community outreach, landowner input, and PUCT review. The final route for the Gray to White Deer transmission line which passes through Gray and Carson counties was approved today by the PUCT. Construction is expected to begin in 2012 with a scheduled completion date in the spring of 2013.

The approximately 40 mile Gray to White Deer transmission line is one of several planned transmission facilities in the Texas Panhandle as part of the CREZ initiative. CTT's planned investment of hundreds of millions of dollars will generate tax revenue, create significant construction, operation, and maintenance jobs, and enable the connection of new renewable energy resources throughout the region.

With the final route approved, CTT will now begin preconstruction activities for the Gray to White Deer transmission line. This will include acquiring easements, obtaining permits, and completing engineering and surveying. CTT will provide notice to and initiate discussions with landowners along the route in the coming months and will continue to work closely with all stakeholders over the next few years.

CTT is committed to constructing and operating its transmission facilities in a manner consistent with the values of the local communities, and the rules and policies established by the Texas Legislature, the PUCT, and ERCOT.

#### **About Cross Texas Transmission**

Cross Texas Transmission, part of the LS Power Group, will construct, own, operate and maintain transmission facilities in Texas. For more information, visit [www.crosstexas.com](http://www.crosstexas.com).