



Eminent Domain

A seldom-used, last resort of the pipeline industry

The vast majority of Texas pipeline miles were not constructed through the use of condemnation.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total	As a Percent of Tracts Acquired
How many miles of pipeline did your company build in Texas requiring property right acquisition?	2,541.57	2,382.39	4,161.47	2,825.84	2,329.07	1,591.89	15,832.23	
Number of tracts acquired	6,587	5,735	10,700	3,417	2,824	5,668	34,931	
How many Final Offer Letters were sent?	614	694	1,142	79	502	1,042	4,073	
How many condemnations were filed?	258	255	333	21	159	291	1,317	3.77%
How many of those condemnations went to a special commissioners' hearing?	76	46	89	11	43	59	324	0.93%*
How many went to trial?	2	0	5	2	1	1	11	0.03%

*2017 TPA member survey

Note: ~ 20% of the .93% includes condemnations that were filed for unlocatable landowners, same which takes place only after exhaustive courthouse record search and public notice. Awards are usually the unlocatable's percentage of ownership of the appraised value.



Juggling the interests of landowners and those who build the necessary infrastructure for Texans to live and thrive can sometimes be a challenge for the state.

73%

of Texans support critical infrastructure projects.*

*Statewide survey conducted by Baseline and Associates.



The vast majority of pipeline projects obtain rights-of-way through negotiations driven by fair-market property prices.