

Sabine Pass substation and transmission line project evaluation criteria



Land use

- 01 Length of alternative route
- 02 Number of habitable structures¹ within 300 feet of the route centerline
- 03 Length of route utilizing existing electric facility right-of-way (ROW)
- 04 Length of route parallel to existing electric facility ROW
- 05 Length of route parallel to other existing compatible ROW (roads, highways, railway, or telephone utility ROW, etc.)
- 06 Length of route parallel to apparent property lines² (or other natural or cultural features)
- 07 Sum of evaluation criteria 3, 4, 5 and 6
- 08 Percent of evaluation criteria 3, 4, 5 and 6
- 09 Length of route parallel to pipeline ROW
- 10 Length of route across parks/recreational areas³
- 11 Number of additional parks/recreational areas³ within 1,000 feet of the route centerline
- 12 Length of route across cropland
- 13 Length of route across pasture/rangeland
- 14 Length of route across land irrigated by traveling systems (rolling or pivot type)
- 15 Length of route across gravel pits, mines, or quarries
- 16 Number of pipeline crossings
- 17 Number of electric transmission line crossings
- 18 Number of Interstate (IH), US Highway (US Hwy), and State Highway (SH) crossings
- 19 Number of Farm-to-Market (FM) or Ranch-to-Market (RM) road crossings
- 20 Number of private use airstrips within 10,000 feet of the route centerline
- 21 Number of heliports within 5,000 feet of the route centerline
- 22 Number of FAA registered airports⁴ (runways >3,200 feet) within 20,000 feet of the route centerline
- 23 Number of FAA registered airports⁴ (runways <3,200 feet) within 10,000 feet of the route centerline
- 24 Number of commercial Amplitude Modulation (AM) radio transmitters within 10,000 feet of the route centerline
- 25 Number of Frequency Modulation radio (FM radio), microwave towers, etc. within 2,000 feet of the route centerline
- 26 Number of existing water wells within 200 feet of the route centerline
- 27 Number of oil and gas wells within 200 feet of the route centerline

Aesthetics

- 28 Estimated length of route within foreground visual zone⁵ of US, Interstate, and State highways
- 29 Estimated length of route within foreground visual zone⁵ of FM/RM roads
- 30 Estimated length of route within foreground visual zone⁵ of parks/recreational areas³

Ecology

- 31 Length of route across bottomland/riparian forest
- 32 Length of route across upland forest
- 33 Acreage of route across National Wetland Inventory (NWI) mapped forested or scrub/shrub wetlands
- 34 Acreage of route across NWI mapped emergent wetlands
- 35 Length of route across known critical habitat of federally-listed threatened or endangered species
- 36 Length of route across open water (lakes, ponds, etc.)
- 37 Number of stream/canal crossings
- 38 Number of navigable waterway crossings
- 39 Length of route parallel (within 100 feet) to natural streams or rivers
- 40 Length of route across FEMA mapped 100-year floodplains

Cultural resources

- 41 Number of cemeteries within 1,000 feet of the route centerline
- 42 Number of recorded historic or archaeological resources crossed by route
- 43 Number of additional recorded historic or archaeological resources within 1,000 feet of route centerline
- 44 Number of resources determined eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places crossed by route
- 45 Number of additional resources determined eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places within 1,000 feet of route centerline
- 46 Length of route across high archaeological/historical site potential

Sabine Pass 230 kV Substation and Transmission Line Project

The project consists of a new 230 kV single pole/double-circuit transmission line that will cut-in to the existing Sandling to Keith Lake 230 kV Transmission Line and extend the transmission line to the proposed Sabine Pass Substation in Jefferson County. The Sabine Pass Substation is planned to be located approximately 0.58 miles east of the intersection of Texas State Highway 87 and Farm-to-Market Road 3322. The new transmission line could be approximately six miles in length and follow a path through Jefferson County until it reaches the new Sabine Pass Substation, depending on the route ultimately approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT). The work will support and enable economic growth in Southeast Texas as well as enhance reliability for our existing and future customers.



¹ Single-family and multi-family dwellings, and related structures, etc., mobile homes, apartment buildings, commercial structures, industrial structures, business structures, churches, hospitals, nursing homes, schools or other structures normally inhabited by humans or intended to be inhabited by humans on a daily or regular basis within 300 feet of the centerline of a transmission project of 230 kV or less.

² Apparent Property lines created by existing roads, highway, or railroad ROW are not "double-counted" in the length of route parallel to apparent property lines criteria.

³ Defined as parks and recreational areas owned by a governmental body or an organized group, club, or church within 1,000 feet of the centerline of the project.

⁴ As listed in the Chart Supplement South Central U.S. (FAA 2023b formerly known as the Airport/Facility Directory South Central U.S.), FAA 2023a.

⁵ One-half mile, unobstructed. Lengths of ROW within the foreground visual zone of Interstates, US and state highway criteria are not "double-counted" in the length of ROW within the foreground visual zone of FM roads criteria.

⁶ One-half mile, unobstructed. Lengths of ROW within the foreground visual zone of parks/recreational areas may overlap with the total length of ROW within the foreground visual zone of interstates, US and state highway criteria and/or with the total length of ROW within the foreground visual zone of FM roads criteria.

The proposed project will require the following scopes of work:

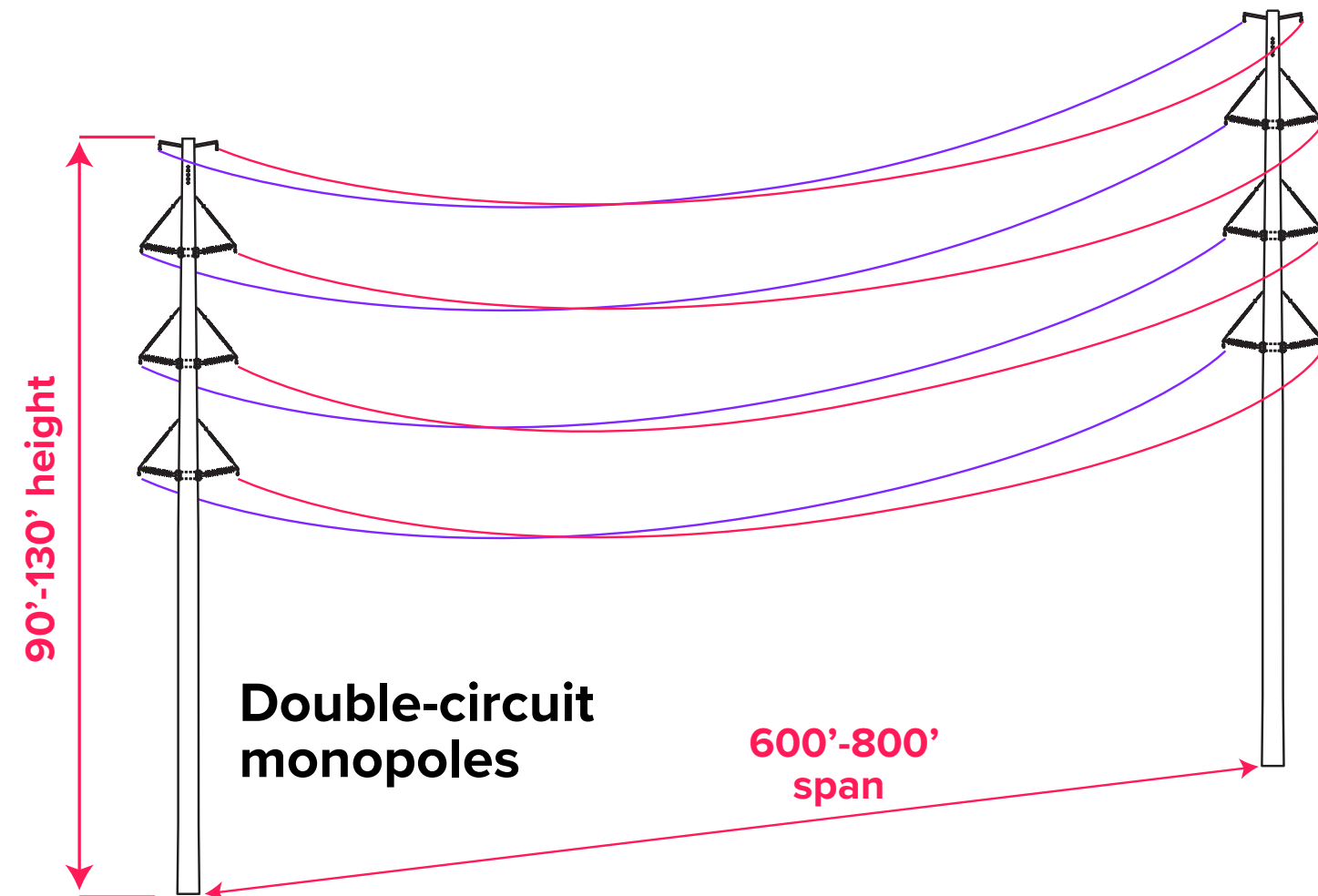
1) Design and build the new Sabine Pass 230 kV Substation:

The Sabine Pass Substation will be a new 230 kV substation that will facilitate the installation of the proposed new 230 kV line extension.

2) Design and build the new Sabine Pass 230 kV Transmission Loop Extension:

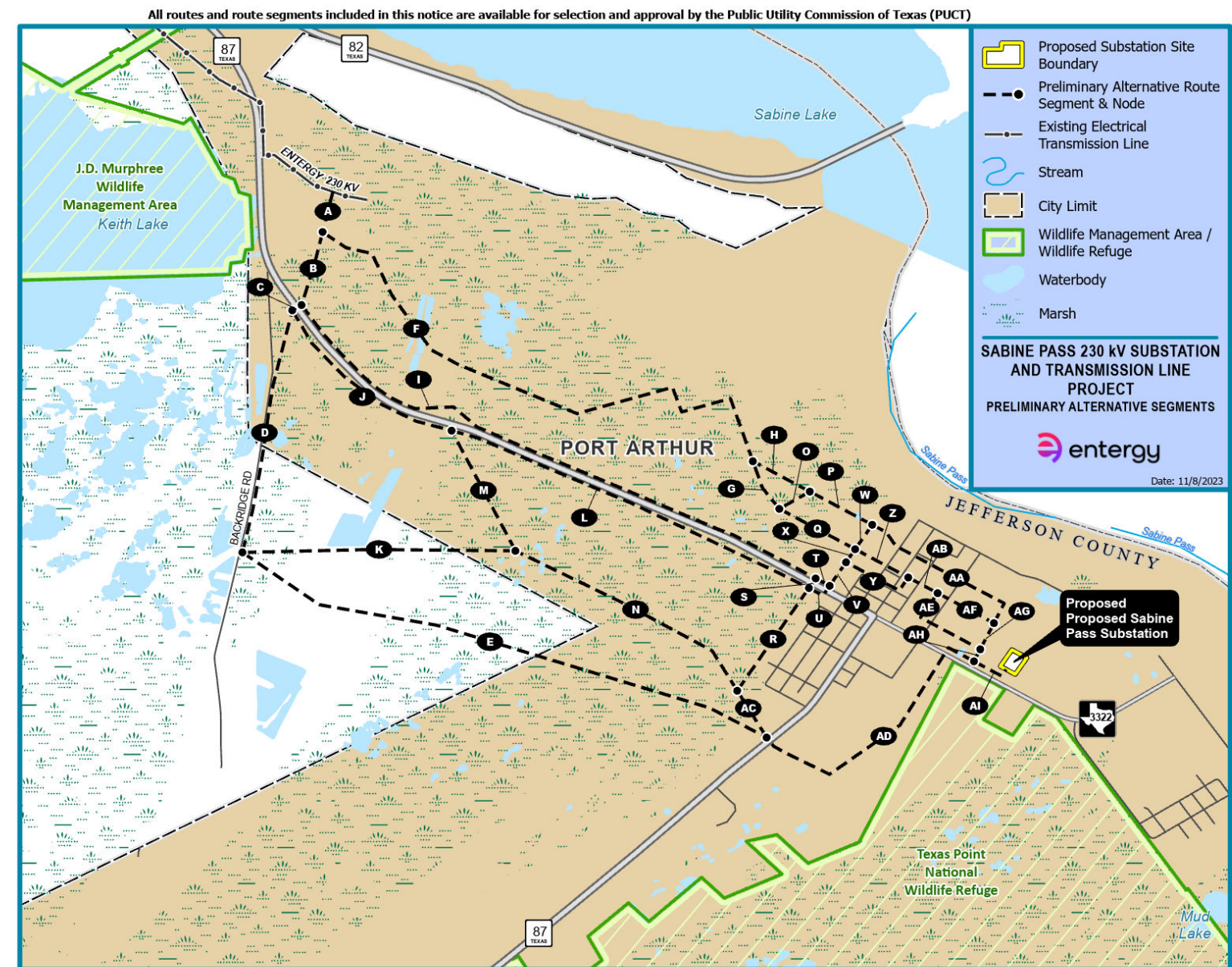
The connecting transmission line will be a new single pole, double-circuit 230 kV transmission line that would “cut-in and out” and extend ETI’s existing Sandling to Keith Lake 230 kV transmission line and connect into the Sabine Pass Substation. ETI intends for the cut-in along Sandling to Keith Lake 230 kV transmission line to be located near ETI’s existing Keith Lake Substation.

Typical Structures



What is the purpose and need of the project?

The primary purpose of the Project is to provide electric service to a new natural gas liquids (NGL) export terminal that will be constructed adjacent to the Sabine Pass Channel in Jefferson County, Texas. To accomplish this, a new substation, to be called “Sabine Pass Substation,” is needed to provide the requested load capacity. The location of Sabine Pass Substation is therefore determined by the NGL facility site.



If approved, only one route (consisting of multiple route segments) from the Falcon Substation to a "Cut-In" option will be selected by the PUCT. For a more detailed map, please see the project website: