

May 24, 2024

**Entergy Texas, Inc.**

8630 Eastex Freeway

Beaumont, TX 77708

[First Name] [Last Name] [Suffix] [Address\_1]

[Address\_2]

[City], [State] [Zip] Property ID: [PROP\_ID]

Re: SETEX Area Reliability Project

Dear Landowner,

Entergy Texas, Inc. (Entergy Texas or ETI) is committed to ensuring a safe, reliable, affordable, and sustainable supply of power for our customers. Part of that commitment requires working today to plan for our region’s infrastructure requirements to meet future growth. Ensuring reliable and affordable electricity is critical to the future success of the communities in which we live and serve.

On May 7, 8, and 9, 2024, Entergy Texas held three Open Houses in Livingston, Willis, and Jasper, to present information about the Project. In recognition of the severe weather that impacted the Livingston area on May 2-3, 2024, **Entergy Texas has elected to hold an additional Open House on June 18, 2024 to ensure that landowners that may have been affected by flooding have another opportunity to attend.** The map and Questionnaire included in the notice letter dated April 15, 2024 will be available in hard copy at the June 18, 2024 Open House and are also currently available on the Project website. To allow for the submission of additional Questionnaires after the June 18, 2024 Open House, the deadline to submit Questionnaires is extended to June 25, 2024.

**The additional Open House will be Tuesday, June 18, 2024 from 4-7pm at the Polk County Commerce Center. The Open House will have an informal “come-and-go” format consisting of staffed information stations addressing the various aspects of the Project.**

*Proposed Project*

Entergy Texas, Inc. (Entergy Texas or ETI) is planning to construct a new single-circuit 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line approximately 130 miles in length (depending on the route ultimately approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT)) in Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, and Walker Counties (Project). The new transmission line will connect the proposed Babel 500 kV Switching Station to the proposed Running Bear Substation.

The proposed Babel Switching Station will be constructed at one of three potential locations currently under consideration that will connect into the existing Layfield to Hartburg 500 kV transmission line south of Toledo Bend Reservoir in Newton County.

The proposed Running Bear Substation will be constructed at one of multiple locations currently under consideration that will connect into either ETI’s existing Lewis Creek facilities along Longstreet Road between Lake Conroe and Interstate Highway 45 or ETI’s existing transmission facilities east of Willis between Farm-to-Market Road 1097 and County Line Road in Montgomery County.

ETI operates within the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc. (MISO), which is a regional transmission organization that manages the flow of power across its footprint. MISO has identified this Project as required to comply with federal reliability standards. The Project will increase operational flexibility, help meet the growing power demands of Southeast Texas, and increase reliability and resiliency during extreme events, such as Winter Storm Uri.

It is important for us to make sure that you are fully informed of our plans and have an opportunity to share your thoughts with us. For this reason, we have established a Project website (<https://www.entergytexas.com/transmission/setex/>) that you can access and from which you may download materials explaining the Project and its relationship to your property. As noted above, Entergy Texas has previously held three Open Houses (at different locations within the study area) to present information about the Project, and will hold the following additional Open House:

* **June 18, 2024**: Polk County Commerce Center located at 1017 US 59 Loop N., Livingston, TX 77351 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm

*What’s Next?*

There is a carefully structured process put in place and overseen by the PUCT. The process requires Entergy Texas to request that the PUCT approve the Project and select the route of the proposed transmission line by submitting an application to amend Entergy Texas’s Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN), which obligates Entergy Texas to provide reliable electric service. This application will include a diverse set of alternative routes from which the PUCT selects a route on which the Project will be constructed. Entergy Texas is in the early stages of this process where POWER Engineers, a consulting firm hired for the Project, has identified several preliminary alternative transmission line route segments between alternative stations.

Maps with greater detail and additional Project information are available on the Project’s website (<https://www.entergytexas.com/transmission/setex/>) through a link titled “Online Open House.” It should be noted that these route segments are only preliminary and are subject to change based on further study and information gathered during the Open Houses. Information on the website provides the opportunity to review Project details and offer feedback or comments. The feedback options are provided via a questionnaire, email, or phone voicemail system. The email address and phone number are listed at the bottom of this letter. Entergy Texas appreciates your comments and looks forward to communicating with you.

Landowners invited to attend the Open Houses include names listed on the current county tax rolls as owners of land within 500 feet of the center line of any proposed preliminary route segment. Your input, and that of others who may be affected by this Project is important, especially in evaluating locations for new transmission facilities and assessing the Project’s impacts. The comment period will be active from May 7, 2024 through June 25, 2024. All comments should be made during this seven-week period. Comments initiated after June 25, 2024 cannot be guaranteed to be incorporated in the Project decisions included in the CCN application.

*Public Meetings*

The Open Houses will have an informal “come-and-go” format consisting of staffed information stations addressing the various aspects of the Project. You will be able to review each station at your own pace, ask questions, and find out approximately where the proposed line segments are located in relation to your property. Entergy Texas will also make a questionnaire available to you to obtain your input before you leave or if you prefer to take with you, consider and return it no later than June 25, 2024.

*Project Questionnaire*

The information that you provide will be carefully considered in the transmission line route selection process. The best way for you to communicate this information is by completing the Project Questionnaire that will be available at the Open Houses, or available online through the Project website and the “Online Open House” link. You have three options for returning the Project Questionnaire: (1) email the Project Questionnaire to setex@entergy.com; (2) return in person at the Open House; or (3) return via U.S. mail using the address below. In the months following the Open House review period, Entergy Texas and POWER Engineers will develop a diverse set of alternative routes to be included in the application to be filed with the PUCT next year. At that time, Entergy Texas will provide notice of the application as prescribed by the PUCT rules. **All routes and route segments included in this notice are available for selection and approval by the PUCT**. If approved, only one route (consisting of multiple route segments) from the new Babel Switching Station to the new Running Bear Substation will be selected by the PUCT.

Any changes to the above dates or the stated processes above due to conditions that are unforeseen will be communicated on the Project website. Entergy Texas appreciates your patience and understanding during this time, and we look forward to our future discussion on this Project.

If you have any questions about the proposed transmission Project or upcoming Open House, please contact Brad Coleman and the Project team in one of the following manners:

By Mail:

Entergy Texas

Attn: Brad Coleman

8630 Eastex Freeway

Beaumont, TX 77708

By Project Questionnaire:

By completing the Questionnaire, available on the Project website using the “Online Open House” link and mailing to the Project email address below.

By Phone:

409-347-5125

By Email:

setex@entergy.com

We look forward to seeing or hearing from you.

Sincerely,

 

Stuart Barrett

Vice President, Customer Service