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(via Mail)

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor
State of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
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Subject: Bailey to Jones Creek Project
Brazoria, Matagorda and Wharton Counties, TX
POWER Engineers, Inc. Project No. 147806

Dear Governor Abbott:

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (CenterPoint Energy) is proposing to construct a new double-circuit 345 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line located in Brazoria, Matagorda and Wharton Counties, Texas. The new transmission line will connect the existing CenterPoint Energy Bailey Substation and the existing CenterPoint Energy Jones Creek Substation. The Bailey Substation is located in Wharton County, off of County Road (CR) 112, approximately one mile northeast of the intersection of CR 112 and State Highway (SH) 60. The Jones Creek Substation is located in Brazoria County, off of CR 217, approximately one mile north of the intersection of SH 36 and CR 217. Please refer to the enclosed map depicting the project study area.

POWER Engineers, Inc. (POWER) has been contracted by CenterPoint Energy to prepare an Environmental Assessment and Alternative Route Analysis to support an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC). POWER is identifying environmental and land use constraints within the study area that will be incorporated into the creation of an environmental and land use constraints map. Based on this information, POWER will identify potential alternative routes for the proposed transmission line project.

CenterPoint Energy and POWER recognize that this is a difficult time in many of Texas's coastal counties, and we hope that you, your family, and everyone in your community are safe and recovering from the impacts of Hurricane Harvey. We know that the recovery work is just beginning and that many organizations, including yours, are undertaking significant efforts to help rebuild and assist your community. In light of this, we also understand that you and your staff have important tasks that may take precedence over responding to our request for feedback and other information related to this project. However, CenterPoint Energy also felt it was important to share information about the project now so that affected communities are informed as early as possible. CenterPoint Energy also plans to follow-up with stakeholders again during the fall of 2017 to be sure those that do not have time to devote to feedback on this project now, will have the opportunity to give input as soon as they are able.

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If you can at this time, we are requesting that your agency/office provide information concerning environmental and land use constraints or other issues of interest to your agency/office within the study area. Your input will be an important consideration in the evaluation of alternative routes and in the assessment of potential impacts of those routes. In addition, we would appreciate receiving information about any permits, easements, or other approvals by your agency/office that you believe could affect this project, or if you are aware of any major proposed development or construction in the study area. Upon PUC certification of a final route for the proposed project, CenterPoint Energy will identify and obtain necessary permits, if required, from your agency/office.

Thank you for your assistance with this proposed electric transmission line project. Please contact me at 281-765-5507 or by e-mail, lisa.barko@powereng.com, if you have any questions or require additional information. We would appreciate receiving your reply by September 29, 2017.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure(s): Study Area Map

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