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August 4, 2022
AVO 52121.001

The Honorable Julie Escalante
Judge
Municipal Court
City of Baytown
3120 N Main
Baytown, Texas 77520

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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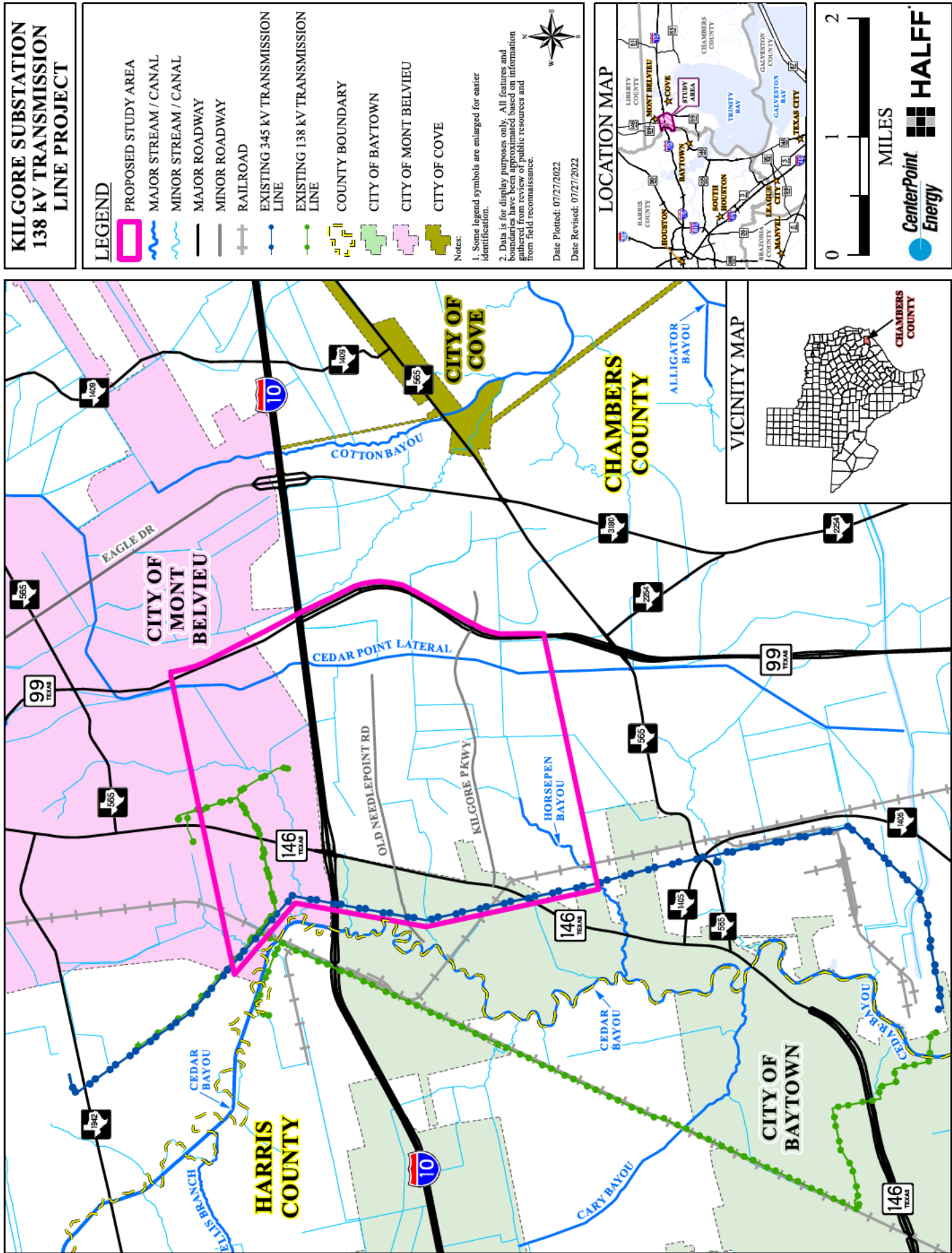
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The Honorable Laura Alvarado
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The Honorable Chris Presley
Councilman, District 2
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Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

Dear Council Member Presley:

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The Honorable Charles Johnson
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Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

Dear Council Member Johnson:

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The Honorable Heather Betancourth
Councilwoman, District 4
City of Baytown
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Baytown, Texas 77522

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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The Honorable Jacob Powell
Councilman, District 5
City of Baytown
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Baytown, Texas 77522

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

Dear Council Member Powell:

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The Honorable Mike Lester
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From: Juan.Macias <Juan.Macias@baytown.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 3:34 PM
To: Sanderson, Chris
Cc: Thang.Lam; Sweta.Patel; Mike.Garcia; Vernetta.Hughes; Roxanne.Medina
Subject: FW: CenterPoint Transmission Line and Kilgore Substation
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Good Afternoon,

I was forwarded the attached letter about a proposed Transmission Line and 138 kW Kilgore Substation by CenterPoint. I just wanted to share it with you so that you some of the requirements from the City of Baytown Public Works and Engineering Department. Let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Depending on the final path of the transmission line and location of the Substation the following permits may be required "ETJ Engineering Development", "Stormwater Permit", and "Floodplain Permit". Submittals for the permits mentioned can be done via the link below:

https://css.baytown.org/EnerGov_Prod/selfservice#/applicationAssistant?sectionName=All&showTemplates=false

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Category Name:	Description:
LPA/ ETJ Developments	Engineering Development located in Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) limits.

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Miscellaneous	Permit needed for any land disturbance associated with construction a

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Thank You,

Juan Macias, PE, CFM
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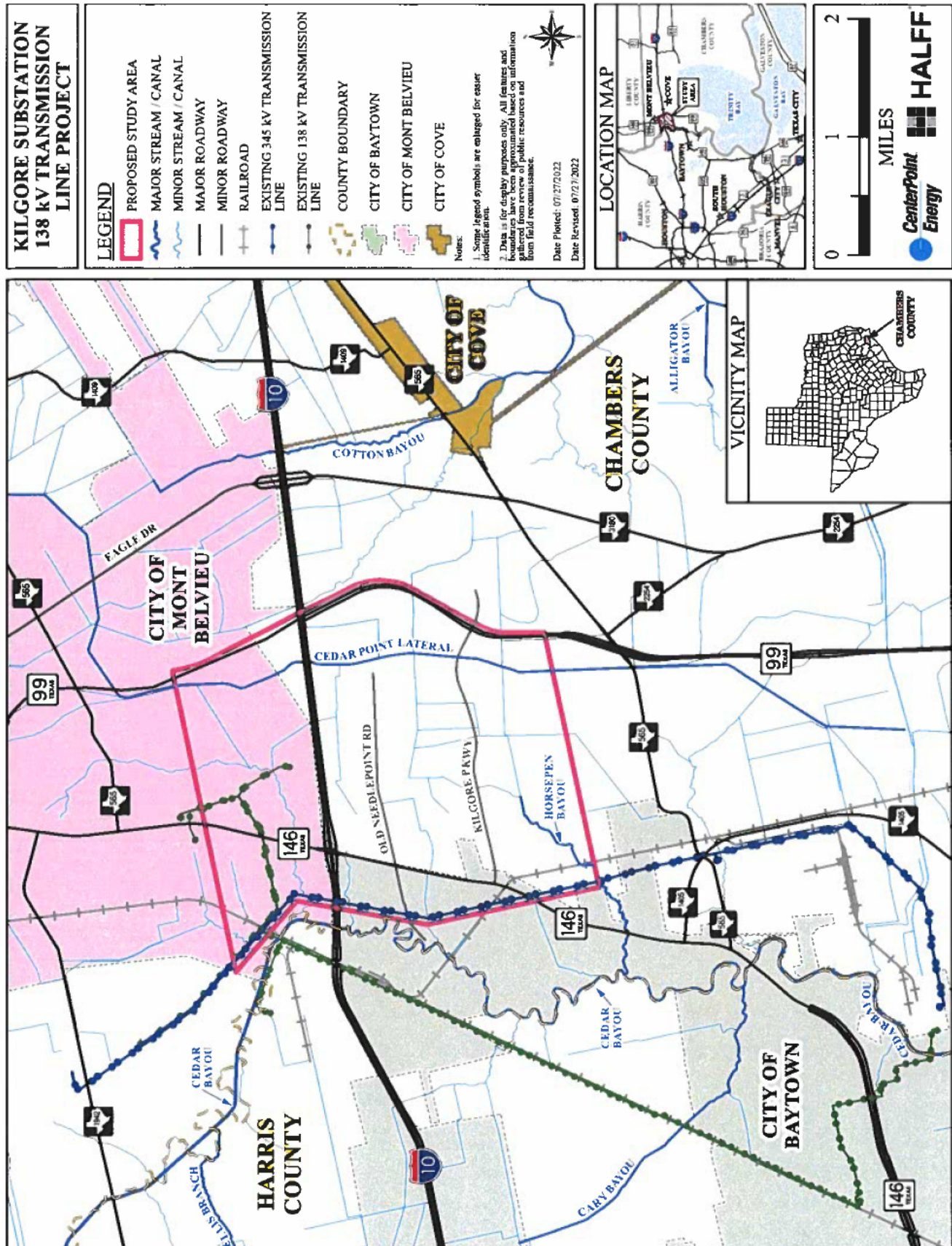
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The Honorable Arnold Peters
Mayor Pro Tem, City Council Position 3
City of Mont Belvieu
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The Honorable Tim Duree
City Council Position 4
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The Honorable Joey McWilliams
City Council Position 5
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The Honorable Jabo Leonard
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Ms. Allison Dunning
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From: Ricardo Villagrand <rvillagrand@montbelvieu.net>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 12:21 PM
To: Sanderson, Chris
Subject: Information Requested
Attachments: Image_007.pdf

Chris regarding the attached request, the City of Mont Belvieu has zoning district in place that restricts some construction activities. Also, we do require agencies to submit for permit for any work inside our jurisdiction. Below are links to our GIS page and permit website. Let me know if you require additional information:

<https://www.montbelvieu.net/302/Geographic-Information-System-GIS>

<https://www.montbelvieu.net/359/Building-Department>

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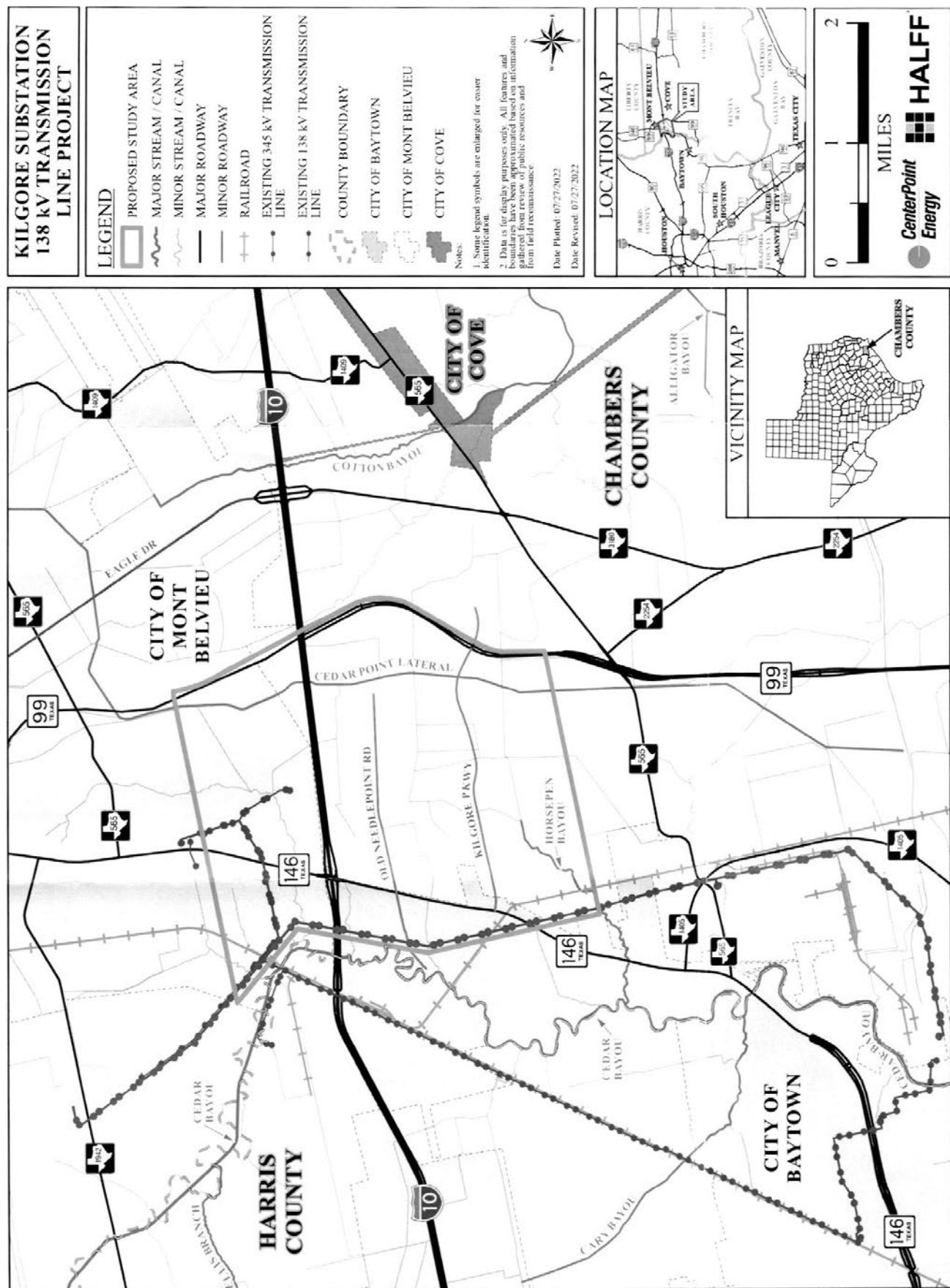
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The Honorable Jimmy Sylvia
County Judge
Chambers County Judge and Commissioner
Chambers County
P. O. Box 939
Anahuac, Texas 77514

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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The Honorable Jimmy Gore
Precinct 1 Commissioner
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P.O. Box 260
Winnie, Texas 77665

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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The Honorable Mark Tice
Precinct 2 Commissioner
Chambers County Commissioner
7911 Cove Loop
Cove, Texas 77523

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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The Honorable Tommy Hammond
Precinct 3 Commissioner
Chambers County Commissioner
P.O. Box 1948
Mont Belvieu, Texas 77580

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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The Honorable Billy Combs
Precinct 4 Commissioner
Chambers County Commissioner
7711 Highway 146
Baytown, Texas 77523

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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Ms. Sheryl Shaw
Historical Commission Chair
Chambers County Historical Commission
Chambers County
P. O. Box 520
Anahuac, Texas 77514

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Superintendent of Schools
Barbers Hill Independent School District
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Mont Belvieu, Texas 77580

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Dr. Randal O'Brien, Superintendent of Schools
Administration Building
Goose Creek CISD
4544 Interstate 10 East
Baytown, Texas 77521

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Mr. Richard E. Lee
Board President
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10000 Memorial Drive, Suite 260
Houston, Texas 77024

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Mr. Tony Robinson
Regional Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency - Region VI
FRC 800 North Loop 288
Denton, Texas 76209

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From: Williams, Loukisha <loukisha.williams@fema.dhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2022 8:58 AM
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Cc: Bwilber@chamberstx.gov
Subject: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas
Attachments: Chambers County_TX.pdf; Enviromental Review_ Chamber County_TX.docx

Dear Mr. Chris Sanderson,

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Loukisha Williams
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RE: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

NOTICE REVIEW/ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION

☐ We have no comments to offer. ☒ We offer the following comments:

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Chamber County, TX

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Floodplain Administrator
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REVIEWER:

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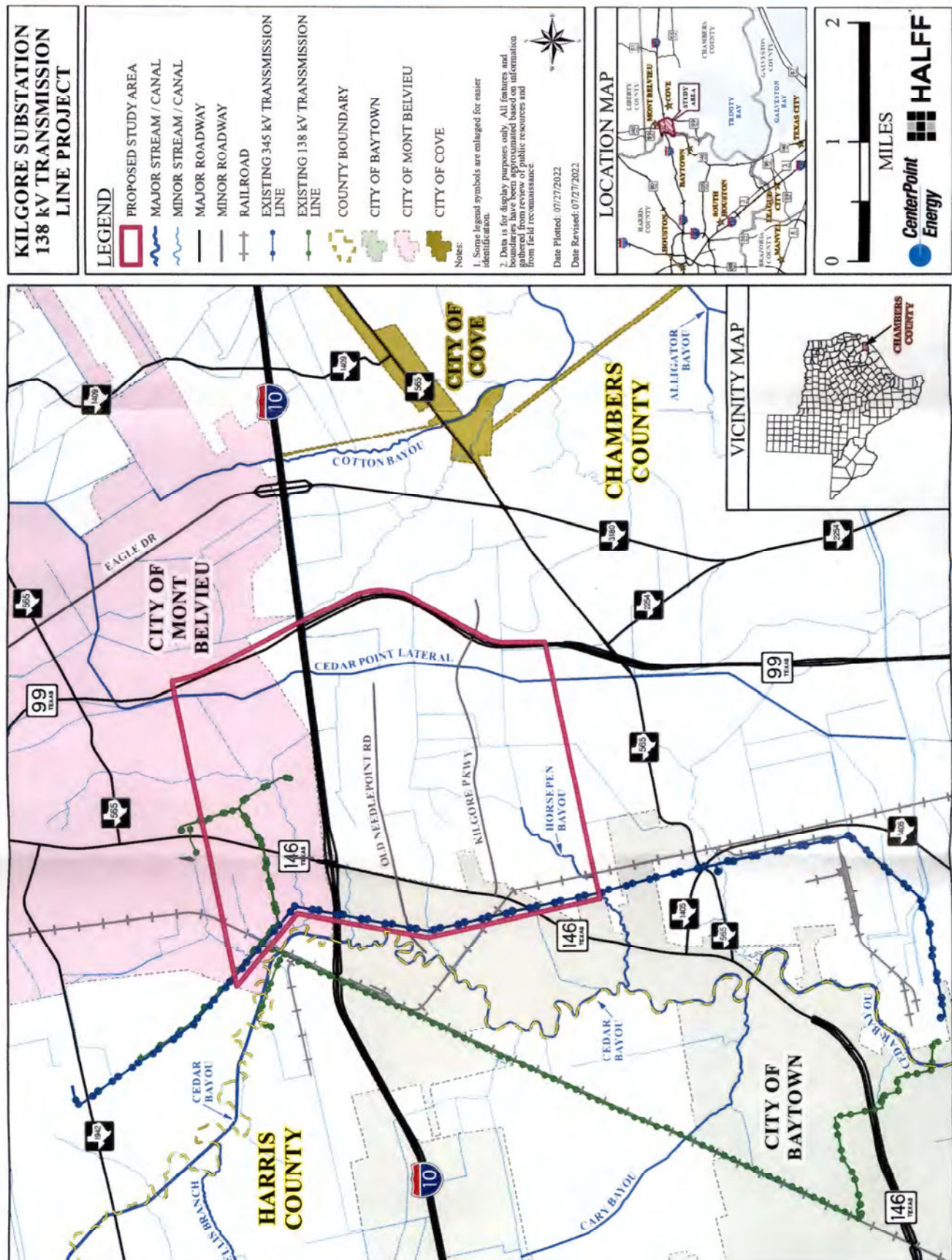
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August 4, 2022
AVO 52121.001

Mr. Michael T. Reynolds
Regional 6 Director
National Parks Service
12795 West Alameda Parkway
Denver, Colorado 80228

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

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Mr. Pedro Ramos
Assistant State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
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Corpus Christi, Texas 78410

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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Ms. Kristy Oates
State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
101 South Main Street
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Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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From: Araya, Samuel - FPAC-NRCS, Temple, TX <Samuel.Araya@usda.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:36 AM
To: Sanderson, Chris
Cc: Stahnke, Alan - NRCS, Temple, TX
Subject: Soil report on proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project
Attachments: Soil Letter - Kilgore Substation - Chambers TX.pdf; Soil Report - Kilgore Substation - Chambers TX.pdf

Dear Chris Sanderson,

I am writing in response to your letter dated August 4, 2022 requesting comments related to the proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas. Please find attached a letter and a report on the matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Samuel Araya

Samuel Araya
Soil Scientist
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August 10, 2022

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Richardson, TX 75081

Attention: Chris Sanderson

Subject: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed new transmission line project in Chambers County, Texas.

The project study area does not involve any USDA-NRCS easements.

The soils in the project study area have been reviewed and there are a few limitations that should be taken into consideration while planning for the project. Several sections within the study area have *hydric* soils, which can be indicators of wetlands. A substantial portion of the study area has soils with high potential for erosion by wind. Soil erosion prevention practices are recommended for this project. The study area is rated high-risk for soil-induced steel corrosion and just over half the area is rated moderate- to high- risk for soil-induced concrete corrosion.

Enclosed is a report based on Web Soil Survey that contains maps and details of relevant soil interpretations. We encourage you to consider this information and take measures to protect the soil and water quality.

Please contact me by email at samuel.araya@usda.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Samuel Araya
Soil Scientist

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Mr. Wei Wang
Executive Director
Railroad Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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Ms. Karen Sanchez
Program Specialist
Railroad Commission of Texas
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Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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From: Leslie Savage <Leslie.Savage@rrc.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 2:07 PM
To: Sanderson, Chris
Cc: Jenny Chen
Subject: CenterPont Energy Houston Electric- Kilgore Substation
Attachments: 2022-08-17-CenterPoint Energy Houston EElectric-Kilgore Substation.dot

Response to August 4 2022, letter.



Leslie Savage, P.G.
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CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC
C/O Halff Associates, Inc.
ATTN: Chris Sanderson, Environmental Project Manager (via email)

Re: Request for Information
Proposed 138-KV Kilgore Substation Project
Chambers, County

Dear Sanderson:

We received your letter dated August 4, 2022, informing us of the referenced project and requesting any information we believe should be considered regarding the siting and potential environmental effects from the construction of the proposed line.

Information is available on the Railroad Commission's Geographic Information System concerning existing oil and gas well and pipeline locations. You may access this information at <http://www.rrc.state.tx.us/about-us/resource-center/research/gis-viewers/>. You may access information concerning oil and gas drilling permits and pipeline permitting at <https://rrc.texas.gov/about-us/resource-center/research/online-research-queries/>. There are no coal mining or uranium exploration operations in Chambers County.

Please contact me at 512-658-6211 or at Leslie.savage@rrc.texas.gov if you have any questions or need additional information.

Regards,

Leslie Savage, P.G.
Chief Geologist
Oil & Gas Division



August 4, 2022
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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL
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Jonathan H. Jarvis, MLA, M.S., RPA
Associate Director
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The University of Texas at Austin
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Austin, Texas 78712

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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12 August 2022

Chris Sanderson
Halff Associates, Inc.
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Re: Proposed 138 kV Kilgore Substation Project, Chambers County, Texas

Chris:

This letter is provided in response to a file search request received by the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL) on 8 August 2022 concerning the above referenced project and the possible location of archeological sites within the study area boundaries depicted on the 7.5' USGS Mont Belvieu and Cove quadrangles. Please note that information regarding archeological site locations is not intended for public disclosure; site location information is protected by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Title III, §304, and by §191.004 of the Texas Antiquities Code. If you have any questions regarding this policy please feel free to contact me at the phone number or email address below.

A search of the records on file at TARL indicates that four archeological sites (41CH394, 41CH399, 41CH400 and 41CH401) have been documented within the study area as mapped. These sites are summarized in the table below:

Site	Description	Location	Recommendations
41CH394	Early to mid-20 th century artifact scatter	7.5' Mont Belvieu	No further investigations
41CH399	Mid-20 th century artifact scatter	7.5' Mont Belvieu	No further investigations
41CH400	Historic dwelling and associated artifact scatter	7.5' Mont Belvieu	No further investigations
41CH401	Concrete features associated w/ historic oil drilling platforms	7.5' Mont Belvieu	Very little research value

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TARL does not maintain cultural resource information other than the archeological site files and spatial data. As a courtesy, however, the current file search included a search of the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) restricted online Texas Archeological Sites Atlas and the publicly accessible Texas Historic Sites Atlas. Based on the results of that search, no State Antiquities Landmarks or properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are present within the study area. In the northern portion of the study area, a Texas Historical Marker commemorates the Barbers Hill Oil Field (Marker No. 9081). A number of linear archeological surveys for pipeline projects have intersected the study area.

For regulatory matters pertaining to your project, contact the Archeology Division of the Texas Historical Commission at 512/463-6096. For any other questions, please contact me at 512/471-5959 or jjarvis@mail.utexas.edu.

Sincerely,



Jonathan H. Jarvis, RPA
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Mr. Jonathan Walling
Area Director
Region 12 Director
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
12100 Park 35 Circle
Austin, Texas 78753

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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Mr. Dan Harmon, Director
Aviation Division
Texas Department of Transportation
125 East 11th Street
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Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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Ms. Eliza Paul, District Engineer
Houston District
Texas Department of Transportation
7600 Washington Ave.
Houston, Texas 77007

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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From: Denese Laskowski <Denese.Laskowski@txdot.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2022 12:39 PM
To: Sanderson, Chris
Cc: Tammie Duhon; Martin Gonzalez
Subject: FW: OUTSIDE CORRESPONDENCE FROM HALFF AND ASSOCIATES RECIEVED AT HOU
DHQ re: proposed 138-Kv Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas
Attachments: DOC22081217_05_31.pdf

Good Afternoon Chris,

The TXDOT Houston District received your correspondence regarding the about subject on 08/08/22, your letter dated 08/04/22. Since this falls within the Beaumont District, the attached correspondence was forwarded to the District Engineer for Beaumont, Martin Gonzalez and his Executive Assistant, Tammi Duhon via email as shown below for further handling. Beaumont, please note a reply is requested by 09/02/22. Many Thanks for reaching out and should you need anything in the future, please let us know.

Have a great afternoon.

Best,

DENESE LASKOWSKI
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Subject: OUTSIDE CORRESPONDENCE FROM HALFF AND ASSOCIATES RECIEVED AT HOU DHQ

Good Afternoon Tammie,

Received via USPS at HOU DHQ. For Beaumont's handling. Any questions reach out and have a great weekend.

Best,

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From: Roberto Rodriguez <Roberto.M.Rodriguez@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 9, 2022 7:47 PM
To: Sanderson, Chris
Cc: Chris Henry; Ana Mijares; Scott Ayres
Subject: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County
Attachments: Comments to CPE substation and transmission study area along SH 99.docx; ROW SH 99 - FM 1405 to I-10.pdf; FM565 to I-10_Pages from SH99_HI_3510_10_017_Map Sheets.pdf; SH99 Seg_I-2A_Ponds_Channels.kmz; DOC22081217_05_31.pdf

Mr. Sanderson,

The Texas Department of Transportation, Beaumont District out of the Liberty Area Office would like to provide comments for your consideration and so you are aware when planning concerning the substation in the attached reference DOC22081217_05_31.pdf we received.

The Area of interest crosses our State Highway 99 (Grand Parkway). Please see the word document for a list of items for to be aware. I have also attached ROW information as well as a KMZ with the location of various ponds throughout the corridor.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me either via email or via phone at (936) 346-4231.

Regards,



ROBERTO M. RODRIGUEZ JR., P.E.

Assistant Area Engineer - LibertyO: 936-336-2244

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A Texas Department of Transportation message



Subject: CenterPoint Energy Proposed 138-kV Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

In response to request concerning constraints within the proposed study area specifically along SH 99 between north of Langston to south of Kilgore Parkway.

SH 99 is a controlled access tollway within the subject study limits with limited frontage roads. Please note that the Texas Transportation Commission has delegated all authority to develop, design, construct, expand, finance, operate and maintain this portion of SH 99 to the Grand Parkway Transportation Corporation (GPTC). GPTC was created pursuant to Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, §15.95. GPTC has a Project Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to operate and maintain the SH 99 Grand Parkway System on behalf of GPTC. SH 99 is a designated part of the State Highway system.

The facility has two mainlanes (one each direction) for the majority of the study area with four mainlanes (two each direction) and a grass median at the northern and southern limits of the study area. Key issues for your consideration:

- The portions of SH 99 mainlanes that are only two lanes (one in each direction) represent the eastern roadbed of the future four lane section with a center grass median similar to the existing four lanes sections at each end of the study area and any crossing will need to consider the future twin roadbed.
- The center grass median in the SH 99 mainlanes is designed to accommodate an ultimate widening to the center for six lanes (three each way).
- The SH 99 and I-10 Interchange ultimate build out will include a five-level interchange with eight direct connector structures connecting all directions of SH 99 and I-10 which affects vertical clearance requirements for any crossings.
- Existing State ROW includes future direct connectors at the interchange with I-10, detention ponds and drainage channels outside or adjacent the SH 99 ROW. (Reference ROW maps attached).
- The State ROW at I-10 where future direct connectors will be placed is also subject to other GPTC and TXDOT uses including additional drainage detention facilities.
- Concerning access, SH 99 has limited frontage roads and is generally denial of access, therefore, any utility facilities in the SH 99 ROW where frontage roads are not present will be subject to the Texas Administrative Code requirements §21.37 and §21.35.
- SH 99 is a toll road and has toll collection systems within the ROW including tolling equipment, cameras, and communication fibers. Location of utility facilities within or crossing the ROW should not interfere with the operation of SH 99 electrical and toll collection systems.
- Permits for crossing or any facilities within the State ROW including SH 99, I-10, and applicable FM roadways within the study area, will follow the standard TxDOT UIR process.

Attachments are voluminous and may be made available on request.



August 4, 2022
AVO 52121.001

Mr. Doug Booher, Director
Office of Environmental Affairs
Texas Department of Transportation
125 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

Dear Mr. Booher:

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Ms. Jessica Butler, P.E.
Director
Transportation and Planning
Texas Department of Transportation
125 East 11th Street
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Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

Dear Ms. Butler:

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Commissioner George P. Bush
Texas General Land Office
1700 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 79756

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

Dear Commissioner Bush:

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TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE
GEORGE P. BUSH, COMMISSIONER

August 24, 2022

Chris Sanderson
Halff Associate, Inc.
1201 North Bowser Road
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Re: Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC Company's proposed 138 kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

On behalf of Commissioner Bush, I would like to thank you for your letter concerning the above-referenced project.

Using your map depicting the project's study area, it does not appear that the General Land Office will have any environmental issues or land use constraints at this time.

When a final route for this proposed project has been determined, please contact me and we can assess the route to determine if the project will cross any streambeds or Permanent School Fund (PSF) land that would require an easement from our agency.

In the interim, if you would like to speak to me further about this project, I can be reached by email at jeff.burroughs@glo.texas.gov or by phone at (512) 463-7845.

Again, thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Jeff Burroughs
Manager, Right-of-Way Department
Leasing Operations

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August 4, 2022
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Mr. Mark Wolfe
Executive Director
Texas Historical Commission
P.O. Box 12276
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

Dear Mr. Wolfe:

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From: noreply@thc.state.tx.us
Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 10:42 AM
To: Sanderson, Chris; reviews@thc.state.tx.us
Subject: Section 106 Submission



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Re: Project Review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
THC Tracking #202213453
Date: 09/06/2022
CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC
between Cedar Bayou and Grand Parkway

Description: construct a new double-circuit 138 kV transmission line

Dear Client:

Thank you for your submittal regarding the above-referenced project. This response represents the comments of the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission (THC), pursuant to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The review staff, led by Marie Archambeault and Caitlin Brashear, has completed its review and has made the following determinations based on the information submitted for review:

Archeology Comments

- An archeological survey is required. You may obtain lists of archeologists in Texas through the Council of Texas Archeologists and the Register of Professional Archaeologists. Please note that other qualified archeologists not included on these lists may be used. If this work will occur on land owned or controlled by a state agency or political subdivision of the state, a Texas Antiquities Permit must be obtained from this office prior to initiation of fieldwork. All fieldwork should meet the Archeological Survey Standards for Texas. A report of investigations is required and should meet the Council of Texas Archeologists Guidelines for Cultural Resources Management Reports and the Texas Administrative Code. In addition, any state-owned buildings 50 years old or older that are located on the tract should be documented with photographs and included in the report. Shapefiles of the area surveyed must be submitted via the tab on eTrac with submission of the draft report to facilitate review and make project information available through the Texas Archeological Sites Atlas. For questions on how to submit these please visit our video training series at:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLONbbv2pt4cog5t6mCqZVaEAX3d0MkgQC>

We have the following comments: Much of the project is situated in areas with a high probability of containing intact archeological sites and has not been surveyed by a professional archeologist. Despite minimal survey efforts, the study area contains known archeological sites, cemeteries, and other historic properties. The THC recommends an

archeological survey be conducted, once the route has been better defined and access granted. We look forward to reviewing additional project details as the project develops and strongly encourage the coordination of an archeological Scope of Work, prior to any archeological investigations. If any of the project ROW crosses state lands, a Texas Antiquities Permit will be required prior to fieldwork.

We look forward to further consultation with your office and hope to maintain a partnership that will foster effective historic preservation. Thank you for your cooperation in this review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. If the project changes, or if new historic properties are found, please contact the review staff. If you have any questions concerning our review or if we can be of further assistance, please email the following reviewers: marie.archambeault@thc.texas.gov, caitlin.brashear@thc.texas.gov.

This response has been sent through the electronic THC review and compliance system (eTRAC). Submitting your project via eTRAC eliminates mailing delays and allows you to check the status of the review, receive an electronic response, and generate reports on your submissions. For more information, visit <http://thc.texas.gov/etrac-system>.

Sincerely,

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for Mark Wolfe, State Historic Preservation Officer
Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission

Please do not respond to this email.



August 4, 2022
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Mr. David Forrester
District Leader
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
111 E. Travis, Suite 200
La Grange, Texas 78945

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

Dear Mr. Forrester:

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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL
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Ms. Rachel Lange
Habitat Assessment Biologist
Habitat Assessment Program
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

Dear Ms. Zebehazy:

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From: Rachel Lange <Rachel.Lange@tpwd.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 11:05 AM
To: Sanderson, Chris
Subject: Kilgore 138 kV / TPWD 49022
Attachments: WL49022KilgoreSubstation138kV ScopingC09-19-2022.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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The TPWD comment letter regarding the above-listed project is attached. Please let me know if you have questions upon review.

Thanks,

Rachel Lange, CWB
Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program
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Carter P. Smith
Executive Director

September 19, 2022

Mr. Chris Sanderson
HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC.
1201 North Bowser Rd.
Richardson, TX 75081-2275

RE: CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC's Proposed Kilgore Substation 138 kilovolt Transmission Line; Chambers County, Texas

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) received the preliminary information request regarding the above-referenced proposed transmission line project. TPWD staff has reviewed the information provided and offers the following comments and recommendations concerning this project.

Please be aware that a written response to a TPWD recommendation or informational comment received by a state governmental agency may be required by state law. For further guidance, see the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code (PWC) section 12.0011. For tracking purposes, please refer to TPWD project number 49022 in any return correspondence regarding this project.

Project Description

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Mr. Chris Sanderson
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TPWD offers the following comments and recommendations concerning this project.

Recommendation: TPWD recommends using existing facilities whenever possible. Where new construction is the only feasible option, TPWD recommends routing new transmission and distribution lines along existing roads, pipelines, transmission lines, or other utility rights-of-way (ROW) and easements to reduce habitat fragmentation. By utilizing previously disturbed, existing utility corridors, county roads and highway ROWs, adverse impacts to fish and wildlife resources would be mitigated by avoiding and/or minimizing the impacts to undisturbed habitats. Please see the *TPWD Recommendations for Electrical Transmission/Distribution Line Design and Construction* found online at The TPWD Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program: Planning Tools and Best Management Practices webpage. Please review the recommendations and incorporate these measures into design and construction plans.

Parks

TPWD recommends avoiding/minimizing impacts, including visual impacts, to public parks and recreation areas during development of route alternatives to the maximum extent feasible.

General Construction Recommendations

TPWD would like to provide the following general construction recommendations to assist in project planning.

Recommendation: Where trenching or other excavation is involved in construction, TPWD recommends that contractors keep trenching and excavation and backfilling crews close together to minimize the number of trenches or excavation areas left open at any given time during construction. TPWD recommends that any open trenches or excavation areas be covered overnight and inspected every morning to ensure no wildlife species have been trapped. Trenches left open for more than two daylight hours should be inspected for the presence of trapped wildlife prior to backfilling. If trenches and excavation areas cannot be backfilled the day of initial excavation, then escape ramps should be installed at least every 90 meters (approximately 295 feet). Escape ramps can be short lateral trenches or wooden planks sloping to the surface at an angle less than 45 degrees (1:1).

Recommendation: For soil stabilization and revegetation of disturbed areas within the proposed project area, TPWD recommends erosion and seed and mulch stabilization materials that avoid entanglement hazards to snakes and other wildlife species. Because the mesh found in many erosion control blankets or mats pose an entanglement hazard to wildlife, TPWD recommends the use of no-till drilling, hydromulching, or hydroseeding rather than erosion control blankets or mats due to a reduced risk to wildlife. If erosion control blankets or mats will be used, the product should contain no netting or contain loosely woven, natural fiber

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netting in which the mesh design allows the threads to move, therefore allowing expansion of the mesh openings. Plastic mesh matting and hydromulch containing microplastics should be avoided.

Recommendation: During construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facility, TPWD recommends observing slow (25 miles per hour, or less) speed limits within the project site. Reduced speed limits would allow personnel to see wildlife in the vehicle path and avoid wildlife injury or death.

Recommendation: TPWD recommends the judicious use and placement of sediment control fence to exclude wildlife from the construction area. In many cases sediment control fence placement for the purposes of controlling erosion and protecting water quality can be modified minimally to also provide the benefit of excluding wildlife access to active construction areas. For extensive projects, fencing need only be installed and maintained around active work sites. The exclusion fence should be buried at least six inches and be at least 24 inches high. The exclusion fence should be maintained during active construction and only be removed after the construction is completed. Construction personnel should be encouraged to examine the inside of the exclusion area daily to determine if any wildlife species have been trapped inside the active construction area and provide safe egress opportunities prior to initiation of daily construction activities.

International Dark Skies Designation/Lighting

The International Dark Sky Places (IDSP) Program was founded in 2001 to encourage communities, parks, and protected areas around the world to preserve and protect dark sites through responsible lighting policies and public education. As of August 2021, there are over 180 certified IDSPs in the world with 16 certified IDSPs in Texas. The International Dark-sky Association utilizes a rigorous designation process to designate IDSPs. The IDSP Program offers five types of designations: IDS Communities, IDS Parks, IDS Reserves, IDS Sanctuaries, and Urban Night Sky Places. Sky glow as a result of light pollution can have negative impacts on wildlife and ecosystems by disrupting natural day and night cycles inherent in managing behaviors such as migration, reproduction, nourishment, sleep, and protection from predators. Wildlife impacts from light pollution and potential impacts to IDSPs is of concern to TPWD.

Recommendation: TPWD recommends committing to dark-sky lighting practices for the proposed transmission line project, including lighting for substations (if lighting is proposed for this project). When lighting is added, TPWD recommends minimizing sky glow by focusing light downward, with full cutoff luminaires to avoid light emitting above the horizontal. TPWD recommends using the minimum amount of night-time lighting needed for safety and security and to use dark-sky friendly lighting that is on only when needed, down-shielded, as bright as needed, and minimizing blue light emissions. Appropriate lighting technologies and beneficial management practices (BMP) can be found on the International Dark-Sky Association website.

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Federal Regulations

Federal Law: Clean Water Act

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act establishes a federal program to regulate the discharge of dredged and fill material into the WOTUS., including wetlands. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are responsible for regulating water resources under this act. Both isolated and jurisdictional wetlands provide habitat for wildlife and help protect water quality.

According to publicly available topographic maps, it appears that several streams and wetlands are located within the study area.

Recommendation: If the proposed project would impact waterways or associated wetlands, TPWD recommends consulting with the USACE for potential impacts to WOTUS including jurisdictional determinations, delineations, and mitigation. All waterways and associated floodplains, riparian corridors, playa lakes, springs, and wetlands provide valuable wildlife habitat and should be protected to the maximum extent possible. Natural buffers contiguous to any wetlands or aquatic systems should remain undisturbed to preserve wildlife cover, food sources, and travel corridors. During construction, trucks and equipment should use existing bridge or culvert structures to cross creeks. Destruction of inert microhabitats in waterways such as snags, brush piles, fallen logs, creek banks, pools, and gravel stream bottoms should be avoided, as these provide habitat for a variety of fish and wildlife species and their food sources. Erosion control and sediment runoff control measures should be installed prior to construction and maintained until disturbed areas are permanently revegetated using site specific native vegetation. Measures should be properly installed to effectively minimize the amount of sediment and other debris from entering the waterway.

Federal Law: Migratory Bird Treaty Act

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) prohibits taking, attempting to take, capturing, killing, selling, purchasing, possessing, transporting, and importing of migratory birds, their eggs, parts, or nests, except when specifically authorized by the Department of the Interior. This protection applies to most native bird species, including ground nesting species. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Migratory Bird Office can be contacted at (505) 248-7882 for more information on potential impacts to migratory birds.

Within the project area, potential impacts to migratory birds may occur during site preparation and grading activities through the disturbance of existing vegetation and bare ground that may be occupied by active bird nests, including nests that may occur in grass, shrubs, and trees and on bare ground.

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Recommendation: TPWD recommends excluding vegetation clearing activities during the general bird nesting season, March 15 through September 15, to avoid adverse impacts to breeding birds. If clearing vegetation during the migratory bird nesting season is unavoidable, TPWD recommends surveying the area proposed for disturbance, as close to the date of construction as possible, to ensure that no nests with eggs or young will be disturbed by construction. TPWD generally recommends a 100-foot radius buffer of vegetation remain around active nests until the eggs have hatched and the young have fledged; however, the size of the buffer zone depends on various factors and can be coordinated with the local or regional USFWS office. Any vegetation (such as trees, shrubs, and grasses) or other open areas where occupied nests are located should not be disturbed until the eggs have hatched and the young have fledged.

The potential exists for birds to collide with power lines and associated guy wires and static lines. Bird fatalities can also occur due to electrocution if perching birds simultaneously contact energized and grounded structures.

Recommendation: TPWD recommends routing transmission lines to avoid crossing riparian areas, wetlands, and open water habitat, to the extent feasible. TPWD recommends crossing streams in a perpendicular manner and avoiding placement of lines parallel to streams and their associated wooded corridors. Where lines cross or are located near creeks, drainages, wetlands, and lakes, TPWD recommends line markers be installed at the crossings or closest points to the drainages to reduce potential bird collisions.

Recommendation: TPWD recommends bird collision and electrocution risks be considered during project routing and design and recommends incorporating design features that will minimize those risks. For additional information, please see the guidelines published by USFWS and the Avian Power Lines Interaction Committee (APLIC) in the updated guidance document *Reducing Avian Collisions with Power Lines: State of the Art in 2012*. This manual, released on December 20, 2012, identifies beneficial practices and provides specific guidance to help electric utilities and cooperatives reduce bird collisions with power lines. A companion document, *Suggested Practices for Avian Protection on Power Lines*, was published by APLIC and the USFWS in 2006.

Federal Law: Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act

The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) prohibits anyone, without a permit issued by the Secretary of the Interior, from taking bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) or golden eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*), including their parts, nests, or eggs. The BGEPA provides criminal penalties for persons who “take, possess, sell, purchase, barter, offer to sell, purchase or barter, transport, export or import, at any time or any manner, any bald eagle ... [or any golden eagle], alive or dead, or any part, nest, or egg thereof.” The BGEPA defines “take” as to pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest or disturb.

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Recommendation: When potential impacts to the bald eagle are anticipated, TPWD recommends consultation with USFWS – Clear Lake Ecological Services at (281) 286-8282 regarding compliance with the BGEPA.

Federal Law: Endangered Species Act

Federally listed animal species and their habitat are protected from “take” on any property by the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Take of a federally listed species can be allowed if it is “incidental” to an otherwise lawful activity and must be permitted in accordance with Section 7 or 10 of the ESA. Any take of a federally listed species or its habitat without the required take permit (or allowance) from the USFWS is a violation of the ESA.

The project is located within the Central Migration Flyway for migratory birds and could negatively impact federally listed bird species, either by habitat destruction or by the creation of a potentially fatal hazard (electrical lines and/or substation structures). These species include the federally listed black rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*, threatened), piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*, threatened), red-cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*, endangered), rufa red knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*, threatened), and whooping crane (*Grus americana*, endangered). The birds named here are also state listed species.

Recommendation: Please review the *Federal Law: Migratory Bird Treaty Act* section above for recommendations as they would also serve to minimize potential impacts to federally listed birds.

Recommendation: If potential exists for impacts to endangered species, TPWD recommends consultation with USFWS – Clear Lake Ecological Services at (281) 286-8282 regarding compliance with the ESA.

State Regulations

State Law: Parks and Wildlife Code – Chapter 64, Birds

Texas Parks and Wildlife Code (PWC) section 64.002, regarding protection of nongame birds, provides that no person may catch, kill, injure, pursue, or possess a bird that is not a game bird. PWC section 64.003, regarding destroying nests or eggs, provides that, no person may destroy or take the nests, eggs, or young and any wild game bird, wild bird, or wild fowl.

Recommendation: Please review the *Federal Law: Migratory Bird Treaty Act* section above for recommendations as they are also applicable for Chapter 64 of the PWC compliance.

State Law: Aquatic Resources

PWC section 1.011 provides TPWD authority to regulate and conserve aquatic

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animal life in public waters. Title 31, chapter 57, subchapter B, section 57.157 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) regulates relocation of native fish, shellfish, freshwater mussels and clams, and plants in state waters, and section 12.301 of the PWC identifies liability for wildlife taken in violation of PWC or a regulation adopted under the PWC.

Based on desktop review of the project location, it appears that wetlands and streams could be potentially impacted by the project.

Recommendation: To minimize impacts to water resources, TPWD recommends the project proponent avoid stream and wetland impacts, including avoiding using stream crossings for access roads, maintaining natural drainage patterns within the proposed solar project site, and implementing BMPs for preventing erosion and sedimentation during site construction activities. TPWD recommends implementing at least a 50-foot buffer on intermittent streams and wetlands.

All waterways and associated floodplains, riparian corridors, and wetlands, regardless of their jurisdictional status, provide valuable wildlife habitat and should be protected to the maximum extent possible. During construction, trucks and equipment should use existing bridge or culvert structures to cross streams, and equipment staging areas should be located in previously disturbed areas outside of riparian corridors. Destruction of inert microhabitats in waterways such as snags, brush piles, fallen logs, creek banks, pools, and gravel stream bottoms should be avoided, as these provide habitat for a variety of fish and wildlife species and their food sources.

Recommendation: TPWD requires a no-cost *Permit to Introduce Fish, Shellfish or Aquatic Plants into Public Waters* (AIP) for revegetation efforts within wetlands and other public waters. This form is available online, and assistance with completing the form is available by contacting TPWD Coastal Fisheries Division, Dickinson Marine Lab, by phone at 281-534-0129.

State Law: Parks and Wildlife Code, Section 68.015

TPW Code regulates state-listed threatened and endangered animal species. The capture, trap, take, or killing of state-listed threatened and endangered animal species is unlawful unless expressly authorized under a permit issued by USFWS or TPWD. A copy of TPWD Protection of State-Listed Species Guidelines, which includes a list of penalties for take of species, can be found online at the TPWD Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program: Laws and Regulations Applicable to TPWD Review webpage. For purposes of relocation, surveys, monitoring, and research, State-listed species may only be handled by persons with the appropriate authorization obtained through the TPWD Wildlife Permits Program. For more information on this authorization, please contact the Wildlife Permits Office at (512) 389-4647.

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TPWD provides online access to state-listed species information through the TPWD Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species of Texas by County (RTEST) application. This application provides county-level information regarding occurrence of protected species (federal- or state-listed threatened or endangered) and may be utilized to inform development project planning. Additionally, records of occurrence for these protected species are tracked within the Texas Natural Diversity Database (TXNDD) and are publicly available by request.

Recommendation: TPWD recommends Halff review the current county list for Chambers County utilizing the RTEST application. The species lists and information regarding preferred habitats should be utilized during route development. TPWD recommends avoiding areas of habitat preferred by state-listed species.

Recommendation: TPWD recommends Halff request the most current data available from the TXNDD, to utilize in the development of environmental constraints and route alternatives.

Recommendation: Upon route selection, TPWD recommends CEHE survey potentially disturbed areas for state listed species habitat prior to construction. If suitable habitat for species is observed in the area, disturbance of the habitat should be avoided to the extent feasible.

Species of Greatest Conservation Need

In addition to state and federally protected species, TPWD tracks special features, natural communities, and rare species that are not listed as threatened or endangered but are also considered species of greatest conservation need (SGCN). TPWD actively promotes their conservation and considers it important to evaluate and, if necessary, minimize impacts to rare species and their habitat to reduce the likelihood of endangerment and preclude the need to list. These species and communities are tracked in the TXNDD.

TPWD notes that it is the responsibility of the project proponent to evaluate all of the species listed on the TPWD Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species of Texas by County online application (RTEST or TPWD county list), not just state and federally listed species, and to determine if those species have habitat within the project area and if those species have the potential to be impacted by the construction of the proposed project.

Recommendation: Please review the TPWD county list for Chambers County because species in addition to those discussed in this letter could be present within the project area depending upon habitat availability. TPWD recommends including a discussion and evaluation of potential impacts to SGCN (in addition to state listed and federally listed species) in the EA for this project. The USFWS should be

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contacted for species occurrence data, guidance, permitting, survey protocols, and mitigation for federally listed species.

Determining the actual presence of a species in an area depends on many variables including daily and seasonal activity cycles, environmental activity cues, preferred habitat, transiency and population density (both wildlife and human). The absence of a species can be demonstrated only with great difficulty and then only with repeated negative observations, considering all the variable factors contributing to the lack of detectable presence. If encountered during construction, measures should be taken to avoid impacting all wildlife, regardless of listing status.

Vegetation

The Ecological Mapping Systems of Texas (EMST) provide recently mapped vegetative cover based on the NatureServe Ecological System Classification System as described by Comer (2003). Additionally, TPWD has made available a web application useful for viewing EMST data; the Texas Ecosystem Analytical Mapper (TEAM) is a user-friendly way to access EMST data, view these data in the context of other data layers (e.g., soils or hydrology), export custom maps, and more. More information about the EMST, including a link to download shape files or access to the TEAM, can be found at the TPWD Maps and Data webpage.

Recommendation: TPWD recommends utilizing EMST data during project planning and minimizing impacts to native vegetation to the maximum extent feasible during project planning, design, and construction.

Recommendation: TPWD recommends that the removal of native vegetation during construction be minimized to the extent feasible. Unavoidable removal of vegetation should be mitigated by revegetating disturbed areas with site specific native plant species where feasible. The replacement of native plants will help control erosion, provide habitat for wildlife, and provide native species an opportunity to compete with undesirable, non-native, invasive plant species.

Invasive Species

The study area is susceptible to colonization by a variety of invasive species of aquatic and terrestrial plants. These plants often outcompete native plant species and establish monocultures, making the area less useful for wildlife, people, and lowering aesthetic value of an invaded area.

Recommendation: TPWD recommends CEHE establish sanitation procedures to prevent the spread of invasive terrestrial plants. TPWD recommends such a plan include the following measures to minimize invasive plant spread: 1) Inspect the site for infestation prior to operations. 2) Avoid driving vehicles, mowers, all-terrain vehicles, or spray equipment through infestations in seed or fruit. 3) Brush

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and wipe all seeds and debris from clothes, boots, socks, and personal protective equipment. 4) Clean motorized equipment, especially the undercarriage and tire surfaces. 5) Cover loads or bag cut invasive plants before transport.

Recommendation: TPWD recommends CEHE avoid utilizing invasive species in seed mixes or plantings for revegetation or soil stabilization purposes. More information and resources regarding revegetation and restoration with native plants may be found at TPWD's Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program: Planning Tools and Best Management Practices webpage and at the Pollinator Partnership Planting Guides webpage.

Monarch and Pollinator Conservation

In December 2020, the USFWS determined that Endangered Species Act listing for the monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*) was warranted; however, listing was precluded by higher priority listing actions. Currently, the monarch butterfly is a candidate for listing and the USFWS will review the species status annually until a proposal for listing is developed.

There is widespread concern regarding the decline of monarch butterflies and other native insect pollinator species due to reductions in native floral resources. To support pollinators and migrating monarchs, TPWD encourages the establishment of native wildflower habitats on private and public lands. Establishing wildflower habitats in new developments can contribute to pollinator conservation. Infrastructure ROW can provide habitat for a diverse community of pollinators, providing forage for food and breeding or nesting opportunities. Infrastructure ROW extends across a variety of landscapes and can aid dispersal of pollinators by linking fragmented habitats. By acting as refugia for pollinators in otherwise inhospitable landscapes, this habitat can contribute to the maintenance of healthy ecosystems and provide ecological services such as crop pollination services. Recent publications on conserving pollinators in Texas can be found at the TPWD Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program: Planning Tools and Best Management Practices webpage.

Recommendation: To contribute to pollinator conservation efforts, TPWD encourages CEHE to revegetate impacted areas with vegetation that provides habitat for monarch butterflies and other pollinator species. Species appropriate for the project area can be found by accessing the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, working with TPWD biologists to develop an appropriate list of species, or utilizing resources found at the Monarch Watch website or the Xerces Society's Guidelines webpage.

Recommendation: To create benefits for grassland wildlife and pollinators, TPWD recommends revegetating areas disturbed by project activities with site-specific native species to mitigate for unavoidable loss of native vegetation, with attention to providing habitat for pollinator species. TPWD recommends that incorporating native grass and floral species into the permanent revegetation plan for the project as funding and seed availability allow. TPWD recommends

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incorporating pollinator conservation into maintenance plans for the ROW, to promote and sustain the availability of flowering species throughout the growing season. TPWD recommends scheduling ROW maintenance to occur once the seed from pollinator plants has been released.

Recommendation: TPWD advises against planting the non-native milkweed species black swallow-wort (*Cynanchum louiseae*) and pale swallow-wort (*C. rossicum*). Monarch butterflies will lay eggs on these plant species, but the larvae are unable to feed and complete their life cycle. Additionally, these plant species can be highly invasive. TPWD also advises against planting the non-native tropical milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*), a popular commercial nursery milkweed that can persist year-round in southern states. The year-round persistence of tropical milkweed fosters greater transmission of the protozoan *Ophryocystis elektroscirrha* (OE), increasing the likelihood that monarchs become infected with the debilitating parasite.

Texas Natural Diversity Database

The TXNDD is intended to assist users in avoiding harm to rare species or significant ecological features. Given the small proportion of public versus private land in Texas, the TXNDD does not include a representative inventory of rare resources in the state. Absence of information in the database does not imply that a species is absent from that area. Although it is based on the best data available to TPWD regarding rare species, the data from the TXNDD do not provide a definitive statement as to the presence, absence or condition of special species, natural communities, or other significant features within your project area. These data are not inclusive and cannot be used as presence/absence data. They represent species that could potentially be in your project area. This information cannot be substituted for field surveys.

Recommendation: The TXNDD is updated continuously based on new, updated and undigitized records; therefore, TPWD recommends requesting the most recent TXNDD data on a regular basis. For questions regarding a record or to request the most recent data, please contact TexasNatural.DiversityDatabase@tpwd.texas.gov.

Recommendation: To aid in the scientific knowledge of a species' status and current range, TPWD encourages CEHE and Halff to report all encounters of SGCN, state listed, and federally listed species to the TXNDD according to the data submittal instructions found on the TXNDD website.

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I appreciate the opportunity to provide preliminary input on potential impacts related to this project. Please contact me at (979) 732-4213 or Rachel.Lange@tpwd.texas.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

Dear Mr. Burnside:

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (CEHE) is proposing to construct a new double-circuit 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line in Chambers County, south of the City of Mont Belvieu and between Cedar Bayou and the Grand Parkway. The new transmission line will connect a new proposed distribution substation to the transmission grid. The new transmission line will connect from one of the existing transmission circuits located in the east-west transmission corridor crossing Highway 146 approximately a half mile north of I-10 to one of multiple potential endpoints located in the vicinity of Kilgore Parkway and the Grand Parkway. Please refer to the attached map depicting the study area.

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Thank you for your assistance with this transmission line project. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (214) 346-6259. Electronic data may also be shared at csanderson@halff.com. We would appreciate receiving your reply by September 2, 2022.

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Mr. Carlos Hidalgo
Galveston District Real Estate Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 1229
Galveston, Texas 77553

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

Dear Mr. Hidalgo:

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From: Nelson, Timothy J CIV USARMY CESWG (USA) <Timothy.J.Nelson@usace.army.mil>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 11:36 AM
To: Sanderson, Chris
Cc: Laskowski, Nicholas A (Nick) CIV USARMY CESWG (USA); Schourek, Eric D CIV USARMY CESWG (USA); Buchalski, Robert J CIV USARMY CESWG (USA); Blake, Elizabeth A CIV USARMY CESWG (USA)
Subject: 22-032_Proposed 138-kV Kilgore substation Projection in Chambers County Texas.pdf
Attachments: 22-032_Proposed 138-kV Kilgore substation Projection in Chambers County Texas.pdf

Mr. Sanderson,

The Corps of Engineers doesn't own any real property in the area identified for the proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation. Therefore, pertaining to Real Estate Interests, the Corps has not objection or concerns over the proposed improvement. However, please note that the Galveston District Regulatory Division is also reviewing the information supplied in your letter. This email concerns real estate only!

Thank you

Tim Nelson

Timothy J. Nelson
Chief, Real Estate Division
Galveston District
Corps of Engineers
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Mr. Joseph A. McMahan
Chief, Regulatory Division
Galveston District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Galveston, Texas 77553

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse
U.S. Department of Defense
3400 Defense Pentagon, Rm 5C646
Washington, DC 20301

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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Mr. Rob Lowe
Regional Administrator, Southwest Region
Federal Aviation Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
10101 Hillwood Parkway
Fort Worth, Texas 76117

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

Dear Mr. Lowe:

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From: 9-ASW-RA-Office (FAA) <9-ASW-RA-Office@faa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 12:12 PM
To: Sanderson, Chris
Subject: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, TX
Attachments: 2022-08-04 - Sanderson - Halff - Chambers County TX.pdf

Good afternoon, Mr. Sanderson,

Please find the response to your correspondence regarding CEHE's proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, TX attached.

Have a great day!

Office of the Regional Administrator



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**Federal Aviation
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Southwest Region

10101 Hillwood Parkway
Fort Worth, TX 76177

September 20, 2022

Chris Sanderson
Halff Associates, Inc.
1201 North Bowser Road
Richardson, TX 75081-2275

Dear Mr. Sanderson:

This is in response to your August 4, 2022, correspondence concerning CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC proposed construction of a new 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in Chambers County, Texas. You requested information regarding environmental and land use constraints or other issues of interest within the study area. You also requested information about any approvals or permits that would apply to the project.

As set forth in Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 77, Objects that Affect the Navigable Airspace, the prime concern of the Federal Aviation Administration is the effect of certain proposed construction on the safe and efficient use of the navigable airspace.

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For additional information and assistance, please feel free to contact the Obstruction Evaluation Group at 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, Texas 76177 or (817) 222-5954.

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Regional Administrator, Southwest Region

CC: Obstruction Evaluation Group, AJV-15



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Dr. Earthea Nance
Region 6 Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500
Dallas, Texas 75270

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

Dear Dr. Nance:

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Ms. Dawn Gardiner
Deputy Field Supervisor
Texas Coastal Ecological Services Field Office - Corpus Christi
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
4444 Corona Drive, Suite 215
Corpus Christi, Texas 78411

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

Dear Ms. Gardiner:

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Mr. Kelly Waterman
Office of U.S. House Representative Brian Babin
203 Ivy Avenue, Suite 600
Deer Park, Texas 77536

Re: Proposed 138-kV Kilgore Substation Project in Chambers County, Texas

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