APPENDIX B

Public Meeting Information

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CenterPoint Energy to a host Public Meeting for the proposed 138 kV Kilgore Substation Project

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (CenterPoint Energy) will hold a public open house meeting at the following date and location:

Thursday October 13, 2022

Baytown Community Center 2407 Market Street Baytown, TX 77520 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The purpose of the public meeting is to discuss and share information on potential routes for a proposed 138 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line in Chambers County known as the 138 kV Kilgore Substation project. The proposed transmission line is required to connect a new distribution substation used to support the load growth in the Baytown-Mont Belvieu area. The proposed construction includes a 138 kV double-circuit transmission line, located along a yet-to-be-determined route, connecting an existing transmission line to the new distribution substation in a yet-to-be determined location near Kilgore Parkway and Needlepoint Road.

The map illustrates the proposed Preliminary Transmission Line Segments. All of the proposed preliminary segments shown on the map are under consideration at this time; however, not all of the segments will be constructed. The Public Utility Commission of Texas will determine the final route in a proceeding to consider an Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity that will be filed by CenterPoint Energy.

Information stations with representatives from CenterPoint Energy and environmental specialists from both CenterPoint Energy and Halff Associates, Inc. will be available to share information about the need for the transmission project, the type of structures proposed for the new transmission line, construction methods to be used, and transmission right-of-way requirements. A questionnaire will be provided by CenterPoint Energy for individuals to complete regarding their preferences and to provide comments. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information about the proposed project, the public meetings, and a copy of the questionnaire, please visit our website at http://www.centerpointenergy.com/kilgoresubstation, the website will be available on October 10; or contact the 138 kV Kilgore Substation project team at 713-207-6490 or email at kilgoresubstation@centerpointenergy.com.



September 29, 2022

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You are invited to attend a public meeting hosted by CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC ("CenterPoint Energy") to discuss and share information on potential routes for a proposed 138 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line in Chambers County known as the 138 kV Kilgore Substation project. As a landowner near the proposed electric transmission line segments, we value your input, feedback, questions, and comments and this is an opportunity for CenterPoint Energy to visit with you one-on-one about the process and project.

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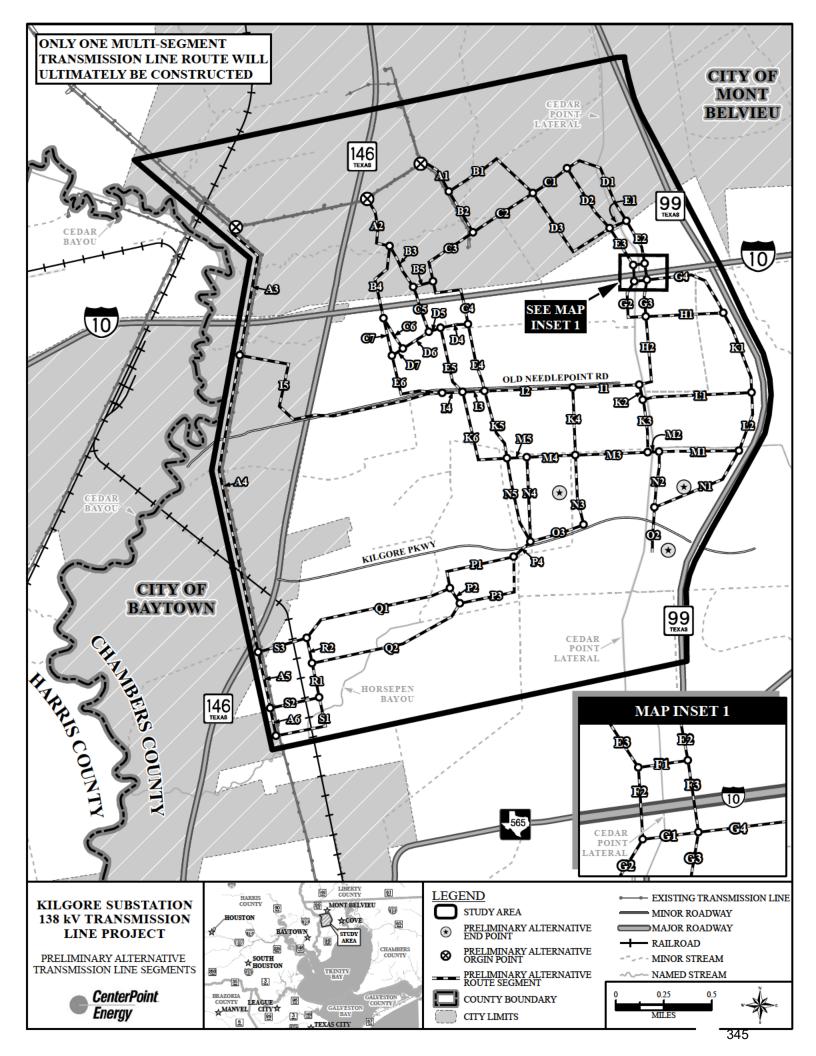
Information stations with subject matter experts from CenterPoint Energy and environmental specialists from both CenterPoint Energy and a consulting and engineering firm under contract with CenterPoint Energy, Halff Associates, Inc., will be available to share information about the need for the transmission project, the type of structures proposed for the new transmission line, construction methods to be used, and transmission right-of-way requirements. CenterPoint Energy will provide a questionnaire for landowners to complete regarding their preferences and to provide comments. Refreshments will be provided.

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Sincerely,

Daniela Hammons Director; Policy and Compliance

Enclosure



WELCOME TO CENTERPOINT ENERGY'S PUBLIC MEETING 138 kV KILGORE SUBSTATION PROJECT

October 13, 2022

Thank you for attending CenterPoint Energy's public meeting for the 138 kV Kilgore Substation Project. The purpose of the public meeting is to share information as well as gather input from the public on the yet-to-be-determined route of a proposed 138 kV transmission line in northwestern Chambers County that will improve the electric reliability of the distribution system in the Mont Belvieu-Baytown Area and serve projected load growth. The proposed construction includes a new 138 kV double-circuit transmission line between an existing CenterPoint Energy transmission line located in northwestern Chambers County to one of the three proposed Kilgore Substation sites. The information gathered will be used to help formulate alternate routes for consideration by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Information stations and exhibits staffed by knowledgeable CenterPoint Energy representatives and environmental specialists from Halff Associates, Inc. will be available to explain the project and answer questions. Please visit the stations that are of interest to you; they include the following:

- 1. **Registration and Information:** You will be asked to sign in so that we may get an accurate count of tonight's participants. You will receive an information packet about the project and a questionnaire. The questionnaire is used to help CenterPoint Energy better understand any concerns you may have regarding the project and to provide information about any special circumstances. It is important that you complete this questionnaire to ensure that your comments and concerns about the project are taken into account.
- 2. **Project Need:** CenterPoint Energy representatives are available to discuss the need and the schedule for the project. An electrical schematic of the transmission system in the vicinity of the project is displayed there. The Public Utility Commission of Texas certification process flowchart for new transmission lines is also located there.
- 3. **Right-Of-Way/Construction:** Photographs and drawings of typical transmission structures for the proposed project are available for viewing. A right-of-way agent is on hand to answer questions about the land requirements for the project and the process used when necessary to obtain easements across private property. In addition, transmission experts will address design and construction questions, including construction methods and materials.
- 4. **EMF Information:** Information regarding electric and magnetic fields (EMF) is available at this station from a CenterPoint Energy representative familiar with EMF issues.
- 5. **Routing/Environmental:** Evaluation criteria to be used in routing the transmission line as well as the governmental agencies and organizations that have already been contacted about this project are listed. Aerial photographic maps are available that depict the existing CenterPoint Energy transmission lines, pipelines, roadways, and property lines along with the proposed preliminary transmission line segments. Maps depicting known constraint areas are also available for viewing. Environmental specialists from Halff Associates, Inc. will address routing and environmental questions.
- **6. GIS Computer Stations:** Geographic Information System (GIS) computer stations with expert operators from Halff Associates, Inc. are available to display and print specific land parcels and area properties in relation to the proposed preliminary transmission line segments.
- 7. **Refreshments:** Snacks and drinks are available while completing the questionnaire.
- 8. **Questionnaire Drop Off:** Please drop off the completed questionnaire at the registration table as you leave the public meeting. If you need to take it with you to complete later, please mail or email it within 5 days to:

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Houston, TX 77251-1700

Phone: 713-207-6490, Email: kilgoresubstation@centerpointenergy.com

Website: http://www.centerpointenergy.com/kilgoresubstation



FAQ's for 138 kV Kilgore Substation Project

Who is CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC?

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (CenterPoint Energy or the Company) maintains the wires, towers, poles, and electric infrastructure serving more than two million end-use customers in a 5,000-square-mile electric service territory in the Houston metropolitan area. While the Company's employees ensure the reliable delivery of electricity from power plants to homes and businesses, the Company neither generates nor sells it to customers. The Company is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of CenterPoint Energy, Inc.

Headquartered in Houston, Texas, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. is a domestic energy delivery company that includes electric transmission & distribution, natural gas distribution and energy services operations. The company serves nearly seven million metered customers primarily in Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, and Texas. With more than 9,600 employees, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. and its predecessor companies have been in business for more than 140 years.

What is the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC)?

The PUC is the state agency created by the Texas Legislature to regulate the rates and services of electric, telecommunication and water utilities throughout the state.

What is the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT)?

ERCOT manages the flow of electric power to 26 million Texas customers, representing 90 percent of the state's electric load. CenterPoint Energy's service territory is located within the footprint of ERCOT. As the independent system operator for the region, ERCOT oversees activities related to the reliable and safe transmission of electricity by scheduling power on an electric grid that connects more than 52,700 miles of transmission lines and more than 1,030 generation units. ERCOT is a membership-based nonprofit corporation, governed by a board of directors and subject to oversight by the PUC and the Texas Legislature. ERCOT's members include consumers, cooperatives, generators, power marketers, retail electric providers, investor-owned electric utilities (transmission and distribution providers including CenterPoint Energy), and municipally-owned electric utilities.

What are transmission lines?

Transmission lines are a part of the interconnected power system that moves electricity from generators to substations, where the electricity is reduced in voltage and then delivered to enduse consumers over the distribution system that connects to businesses and homes. Transmission lines are larger, operate at higher voltages, and typically convey electricity over



longer distances. Distribution lines are smaller, operate at lower voltages, and convey electricity over shorter distances within cities and neighborhoods.

What is the 138 kV Kilgore Substation Project?

The 138 kV Kilgore Substation Project is a 138 kV double circuit electric transmission line proposed to be built by CenterPoint Energy between an existing CenterPoint Energy transmission line located in northwestern Chambers County to one of three proposed Kilgore Substation sites. The need for and route of the project is subject to approval by the PUC.

Where will the 138 kV Kilgore Substation be located?

The Kilgore Substation is proposed to be located near Kilgore Parkway and the Grand Parkway in northwestern Chambers County. There are three sites under consideration. The PUC will ultimately determine the route of the transmission line and the related substation location.

Why is the 138 kV Kilgore Substation Project needed?

The 138 kV Kilgore Substation is needed to meet the growing demand for electricity in the Baytown and Mont Belvieu area. The area has had substantial growth in industrial facilities, commercial and residential electrical load.

What is the process for the approval of the 138 kV Kilgore Substation transmission line?

CenterPoint Energy will gather input from the community through a public meeting process and other sources for the preparation of a routing study and environmental assessment between CenterPoint's existing transmission line and the three proposed substation sites in Chambers County. After that information is gathered and the public meeting process is concluded, CenterPoint Energy will prepare and file an Application for a Certificate of Convenience & Necessity (CCN) for a Proposed Transmission Line with the PUC. The application will include multiple routing alternatives for the proposed transmission line between the existing transmission line and the proposed substation sites. The PUC will decide whether the application should be approved and, if approved, which route and substation site will be approved.

What are the considerations involved in selecting a route for the transmission line?

The PUC considers many factors in deciding whether to approve a proposed transmission line as prescribed by state law and PUC rules, including community values, recreational and park areas, historic and aesthetic values, and environmental integrity. They also consider specific routing criteria for new transmission lines, including whether the route utilizes or parallels compatible rights-of-way such as existing electrical facilities, roads, highways, railroads, telephone lines,



property lines, natural features, and cultural features. CenterPoint Energy will provide information about these factors for each of the proposed alternative routes in its CCN application.

What type of structures will be used on the new transmission line?

The typical structures for the proposed alternative route segments may be double-circuit lattice steel towers, double-circuit steel poles, or double-circuit concrete poles with a vertical phase configuration in an 80-foot wide right-of-way (ROW). Depending on the terrain and other considerations, such as the length of span between structures and clearance requirements needed to cross rivers, wetland areas, Federal Aviation Administration determinations or utility and roadway crossings, CenterPoint Energy may require wider ROW widths and may vary structure types and heights.

Will CenterPoint Energy hold Public Meetings?

Yes. Consistent with PUC rules and prior to filing a CCN application, CenterPoint Energy will hold a public meeting for the project to address concerns or questions from landowners and other interested parties. CenterPoint Energy will share information about routing alternatives and gather input from the public. Individuals attending the public meeting will have an opportunity to make comments, ask questions, and express any concerns that they might have about the routes under consideration. Representatives from CenterPoint Energy and Halff Associates will be present at the public meeting. The public meeting will be held on Thursday October 13, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Baytown Community Center at 2407 Market Street, Baytown, TX 77520.

How will CenterPoint Energy compensate landowners if it is necessary for the transmission line to cross their property?

Once the PUC has approved a route for the project, CenterPoint Energy will make a bona fide offer to the landowner when purchasing right-of-way following the requirements of Texas law and will provide landowners with a copy of the State of Texas Landowner's Bill of Rights. In cases where the parties do not agree on the value of the property, the land value will be determined in a condemnation proceeding where special commissioners, appointed by a judge, will determine the value of the property following a hearing where all interested parties are entitled to provide evidence of valuation.

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Public Utility Commission

Certification Process for Transmission Lines

Define Project

•Identify beginning and end points for project (Existing 138 kV Corridor and an Alternate Substation Site)

Environmental Assessment And Routing Analysis

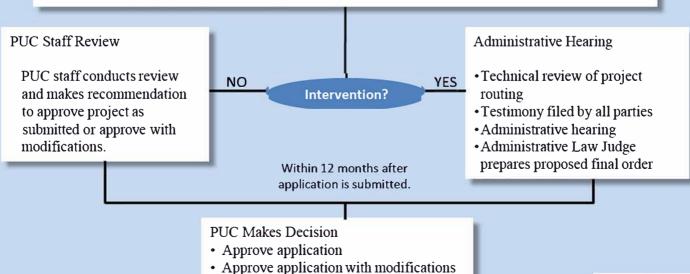
- Identify study area based on project definition.
- · Gather data about study area.
- Map environmental and land use constraints in study area.

Deny

- •Determine preliminary transmission line segments and alternate substation sites based on maps, aerial photos, constraints data, and field visits.
- ·Hold open house to gather public input.
- •Analyze preliminary transmission line segments and alternate substation sites to develop the alternative routes.

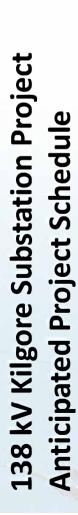
PUC Application Process

- Submit an application to the PUC to amend CenterPoint Energy's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN).
- •Upon filing of the application, notices will be sent to landowners whose property may be crossed or is within 300 feet of any alternative route.
- Notices also will be sent to municipalities and electric utilities that are within five miles of the project and to municipal and county governments where the project is located.
- Following the filing of the application, there will be an intervention opportunity for interested parties.
- •Approval of a CCN application gives CenterPoint Energy the authorization to build the new transmission project along the route approved by the PUC.



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Transmission Line Project Phases	Duration	Start	Finish
Routing Study, Environmental Assessment, and Public Meetings	In Progress	June 2022	October 2022
CCN Application Preparation/Filing	4 months	October 2022	February 2023
PUC Approval	12 months	February 2023	February 2024
ROW Activities	8 months	February 2024	October 2024
Transmission Construction	12 Months	May 2024	May 2025

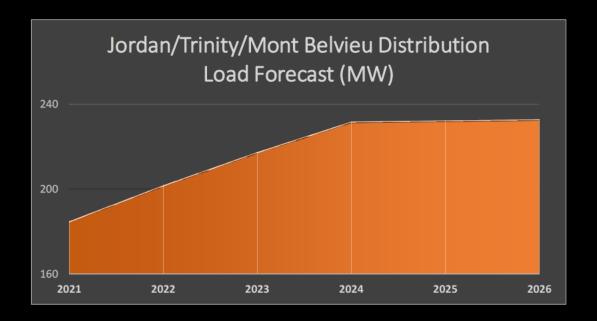
Acronyms

CN Certificate of Convenience and Necessity

Public Utility Commission of Texas

PUC Public Utility ROW Right-of-Way

Project Need-Transmission Kilgore Distribution Substation

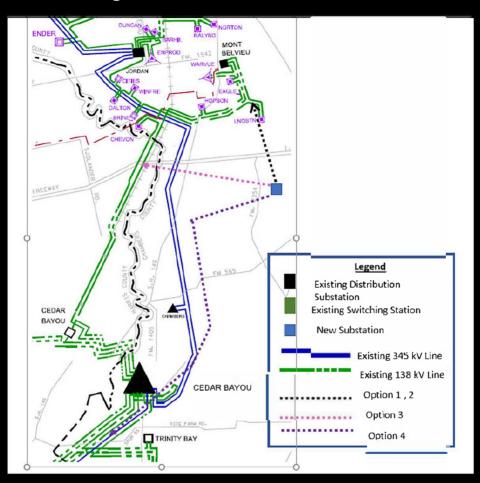


- Serve new load in the Jordan/Trinity/Mont Belvieu area. The Northeastern part of CenterPoint Energy's service territory is a highly industrialized area with several chemical facilities, which is also experiencing a significant distribution load increase with multiple commercial and residential developments. It is forecasted to have an approximate 25% load growth between 2021 and 2026. The new Kilgore Distribution substation will supply part of this increase in distribution load.
- Relieve capacity limitations of the existing distribution substations.
- Increase reliability in the Jordan/Trinity/Mont Belvieu area... **
- Support future load growth.



Project Need-Transmission

Kilgore Distribution Substation

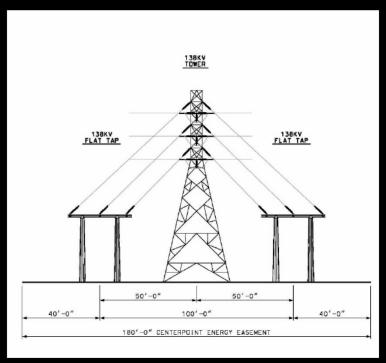


- CenterPoint Energy studied 4 different transmission options to supply power to the Kilgore Substation.
- CenterPoint Energy concluded that a double-tap to the new Kilgore 138/35 kV substation via an approximately 3 mi long 138 kV double circuit line to ckt 52 EAGLE -WINFRE and ckt 86 LNGSTN to Mont Belvieu was the best option.
- The project will improve the reliability and load serving capabilities of the region



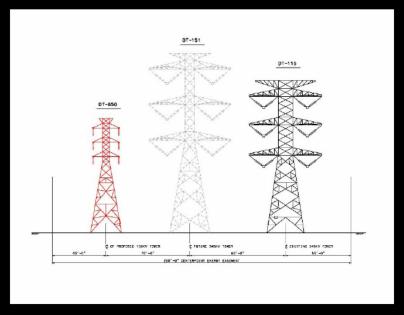
Steel Flat-Tap 80' Wide Right-of-Way





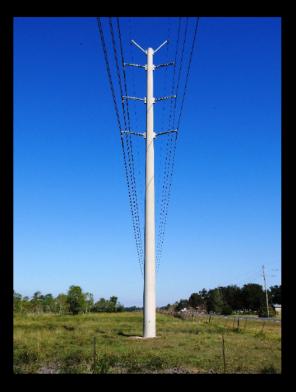
Existing Right-of-Way Lattice Tower Option

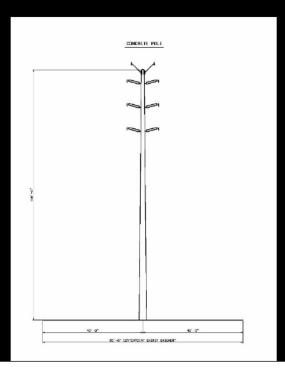






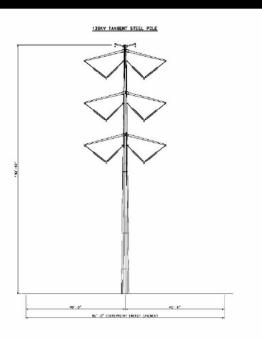
Double-Circuit Concrete Pole 80' Wide Right-of-Way





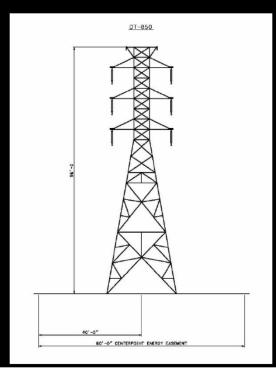
Double-Circuit Steel Pole 80' Wide Right-of-Way



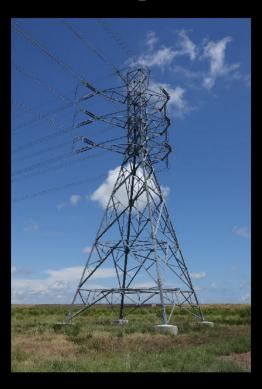


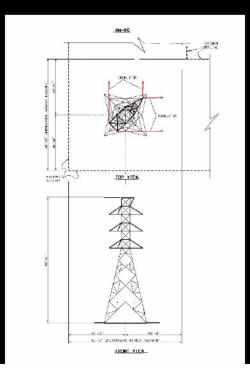
Double-Circuit Steel Towers 80' Wide Right-of-Way





Double-Circuit Turning Structure 80' Wide Right-of-Way





138 kV KILGORE SUBSTATION PROJECT PUBLIC MEETING QUESTIONNAIRE October 13, 2022

	Newspaper Notice	Invitation Letter	Other (please specify)
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	Roads/Highways Telephone lines Property lines Cultural features (e.g. fer	Electri Railros Natura Other	cal lines ads Il features (e.g. waterways) (please specify)
	or opinion, are there any other		should be considered in determining the
Yes	No		
	, please list them below and	briefly explain why the	y are important to you.

- 6. The following features are noted on the Constraints Map at the Routing/Environmental station:
 - Churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, and cemeteries
 - Commercial AM and FM radio transmitters, microwave relay stations, or other similar electronic installations
 - Airports and landing strips
 - Pastures or cropland irrigated by traveling irrigation systems
 - Parks and recreational areas
 - Historical and archaeological sites
 - Environmentally sensitive areas
 - Floodplain and floodway boundaries

Are any of these features incorrectly shown on the map or are you aware of any additional features that were not included? Yes No ____ If yes, did you speak with a representative and indicate the corrections needed to the map? Yes No If you were not able to speak to a representative, please identify the approximate location of any missing or incorrectly located features on the Constraints Map by describing the feature and location below.

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Do yo	a have a preference on the type of transmission structures being proposed?
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Have you	visited	the	138 kV	Kilgore	Substation	Project
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THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR INPUT.

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