



May 6, 2024

[First Name] [Last Name] [Suffix] [Address\_1] [Address\_2] [City], [State] [Zip]

Property ID: [PROP\_ID]

Re: Cypress to Legend 500 kV Substation and Transmission Line

Dear Landowner,

Entergy Texas, Inc. (Entergy Texas or ETI) is committed to providing a safe, reliable, affordable, and sustainable supply of power for our customers. Part of that commitment is preparing our region's infrastructure to meet future growth. Reliable and affordable electricity is critical to the future success of the customers and communities that ETI serves.

## Proposed Project

Entergy Texas is planning to construct a new single-circuit 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line approximately 35 miles in length in Hardin and Jefferson Counties (Project). The new transmission line will be routed from the existing Entergy Texas Cypress Substation in Hardin County and extend to the new Legend 500 kV Substation in Jefferson County. The final route will be determined by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT).

The new Legend 500 kV Substation will be constructed approximately 1.5 miles southwest of the intersection of SH 73 and SH 82.

If approved, the Project will enhance electric service in the area to support the load growth in Southeast Texas. The new line will provide greater reliability to the Southeast Texas region by adding a new transmission source into the growing area.

Entergy Texas wants you to be fully informed of its plans and have an opportunity to share your thoughts. ETI has established a project website (<u>https://www.entergy-texas.com/transmission/cypress-legend</u>) that you can access. It has information on the Project and its relationship to your property. For your convenience, Entergy Texas will hold two open houses to present Project details. Each open house will have the same information available to attendees. These open houses will be held from 4:00pm through 7:00pm on the following dates and at the following location:

• May 21 & May 22, 2024: Courville's, 1744 Rose Lane, Beaumont, Texas 77713

## What's next?

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

Detailed maps and additional Project information are available on the Project's website (https://www.entergy-texas.com/transmission/cypress-legend) through a link titled "Online Open House." It should be noted that these route segments are only preliminary and are subject to change based on further study and information gathered during the open houses. The website also provides landowners the opportunity to offer feedback and/or comments. The feedback options are provided via a questionnaire, email, or phone voicemail system. The email address and phone number are listed at the bottom of this letter. Entergy Texas appreciates your feedback and/or comments and looks forward to communicating with you.

Landowners identified and invited to attend the open houses include the names listed on the current county tax rolls as owners of land within 500 feet of the center line of any proposed preliminary route segment. Your input, and that of others who may be affected by this Project is important, especially in evaluating locations for new transmission facilities and assessing the Project's impacts. The comment period will be active from May 21, 2024 through June 21, 2024. All comments should be made during this four-week period. Comments initiated after June 21, 2024 may not be considered in the Project decisions leading up to the CCN application.

## Public meetings

The open houses will have an informal "come-and-go" format consisting of staffed information stations addressing the various aspects of the Project. You will be able to review each station at your own pace, ask questions, and find out approximately where the proposed line segments are located in relation to your property. Entergy Texas will also make a questionnaire available to you to obtain your input before you leave or if you prefer to take with you, consider and return it no later than June 21, 2024.

## Project questionnaire

The information that you provide will be carefully considered in the transmission line route selection process. The best way for you to communicate this information is by completing the Project questionnaire that has been included in this mailing, will also be available at the open houses, and available online through the Project website. You have three options for returning the Project Questionnaire:

- (1) complete the Project questionnaire online
- (2) return in person at one of the open houses; or
- (3) return via U.S. mail using the address below

In the months following the open house review period, Entergy Texas and POWER Engineers will develop a diverse set of alternative routes to be included in the application to be filed with the PUCT next year. At that time, Entergy Texas will provide notice of the application as prescribed by the PUCT rules. **All routes and route segments included in this notice are available for selection and approval by the PUCT**. If approved, only one route (consisting of multiple route segments) from the Cypress Substation to the new Legend Substation will be selected by the PUCT.

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

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

By mail:

Entergy Texas Attn: Brad Coleman 8630 Eastex Freeway Beaumont, TX 77708

By Project questionnaire:

Included in this mailing or by completing the same Questionnaire online through the Project website and the "Online Open House" link.

By phone:

409-347-5125

By email:

cypress-legend@entergy.com

We look forward to seeing or hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Stuart Barrett Vice President, Customer Service