

February 8, 2016

Name
Address
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Re: Brazos Valley Connection Project
Upcoming Survey Activities and Texas Landowner's Bill of Rights
County Tax ID #: _____
Tract #: _____

Dear Name,

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, under Public Utility Commission Docket #44547, will be constructing a 345-kv transmission line within Grimes, Harris and Waller counties in the state of Texas. This transmission line will cross land owned by you or land in which you may have an interest. One of the first activities we will undertake is surveying across your property.

As such, we would like to inform you that over the next six months, CenterPoint Energy personnel and/or our contractors will be conducting engineering, appraisal, land and environmental surveying activities along the proposed route and/or related access routes across your property. If you require advance notification regarding these survey activities, please fill out the attached SURVEY ACCESS FORM and return it in the enclosed self-addressed and stamped envelope to CenterPoint Energy no later than **February 18, 2016**. Below is a list of contractors you should expect to see on or near your property:

- GeoSolutions Surveying
- Weisser Engineering Co.
- Power Engineering
- TreeConsultant, LLC
- Arborleaf Engineering & Surveying

Landowner Rights

In compliance with Texas law, enclosed is a copy of the Texas Landowner's Bill of Rights for your review. As an entity with eminent domain authority, we must provide the Texas Landowner's Bill of Rights to the last known address of the property owner(s) (as listed on the most recent tax roll) before or at the same time as first representing, in any manner, that we possess eminent domain authority. Prepared by the Texas Attorney General's Office for distribution to landowners, the Bill of Rights is designed to make you aware of your rights as a landowner when being approached by companies having the right of eminent domain.

Transmission Tower Structures

Additionally, we would like to inform you that pursuant to the final order, we will construct the new transmission facilities on the approved route primarily using steel lattice towers (shown on Exhibit A), except in the locations noted below. The attached map titled BRAZOS VALLEY CONNECTION APPROVED ROUTE 1A – MODIFIED illustrates general locations where proposed monopole locations are planned in accordance to the Final Order of the Texas Public Utility Commission in Docket #44547.

Monopoles Versus Steel Lattice Towers

We will use steel monopoles (Exhibit B) to construct the new transmission facilities at the following locations of the approved route: (a) all of segment K3; (b) segment N1C between habitable structure numbers 973 and 986 inclusive; (c) segment LA from the crossing of U.S. 290 to habitable structure number 224 inclusive, and between habitable structure numbers 368 and 380 inclusive; (d) all of segment I3; (e) segment N1A between habitable structure numbers 829 and 843 inclusive; and (f) anywhere else on the route where any directly affected habitable structure would be within 200 feet of the new transmission line's centerline and the directly affected landowner notifies CenterPoint Energy that monopoles are preferred over lattice towers.

We will also use steel monopoles to construct the new transmission facilities at other locations on the approved route only if a directly affected landowner (a) requests the use of monopoles and (b) is willing to bear the difference in actual costs between lattice towers and monopoles. We estimate the cost difference between lattice towers and monopoles to be between \$100,000 and \$185,000 for each in-line suspension structure and between \$860,000 and \$1,400,000 for each angle turning structure.

Please indicate on the attached STRUCTURE SELECTION FORM your selection of STEEL LATTICE TOWERS or MONOPOLES and return it in the enclosed self-addressed and stamped envelope to CenterPoint Energy as soon as possible but not later than **March 14, 2016**.

Please understand that CenterPoint Energy is sending this information to you as required by law prior to beginning negotiations. Once surveying is complete, it is our desire to negotiate an agreement with you for the acquisition of an easement or other necessary property rights.

If you have questions please call our project numbers at 832-773-6185 or 832-773-6186.

We look forward to working with you or your representatives to come to a mutually satisfactory conclusion for all parties concerned.

Sincerely,



Kevin A. Meals

Enclosure

BRAZOS VALLEY CONNECTION APPROVED ROUTE 1A – MODIFIED

Landowner's Bill of Rights

Exhibit A – photo of steel lattice tower

Exhibit B – photo of monopole

SURVEY ACCESS FORM

State of Texas

CNP Tract #: _____

County of: _____

Date: _____

Property Owner: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Tenant / Lease Holder: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

NOTES AND SPECIAL REQUESTS: _____

CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC ("CEHE"), a Texas limited liability company, its agents and employees will be entering upon the above described property for the purpose of making surveys including: the placement of stakes, line of sight clearing, geotechnical soil borings, environmental/archaeological and appraisal studies related to the construction and installation of a 345-kv transmission line and related facilities.

Landowner/Tenant(s):

Name Date

Name Date

STRUCTURE SELECTION FORM

State of Texas

CNP Tract #: _____

County of: _____

Date: _____

Property Owner: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

I do hereby prefer the following structure types (select one):

- Monopoles
- Steel lattice tower

The reason for my preference is (select one):

- I own a habitable structure within 200 feet of the centerline
or
- I prefer monopoles and am willing to pay the cost difference

Landowner:

Name Date

Name Date