# JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

July 2, 2018

United States Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District Regulatory Branch 7400 Leake Avenue New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

(504) 862-2259 Project Manager Scott N. Kennedy scott.n.kennedy@usace.army.mil Permit Application Number MVN 2014-01685 EMM State of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Attn: Water Quality Certifications Post Office Box 4313 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

(225) 219-3225 Project Manager Elizabeth Hill WQC Application Number WQC 180628-01

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [ ] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

# CLEAR, GRADE, AND FILL FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE EXISTING WATERFORD 230kV AND 500kV SUBSTATIONS IN SAINT CHARLES PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Entergy Louisiana, LLC c/o T. Baker Smith, LLC, Post Office Box 2266, Houma, Louisiana 70361.

**LOCATION OF WORK**: Sections 25 and 26, Township 12 South, Range 20 East, near Taft, Louisiana, in Saint Charles Parish, as shown on the attached drawings.

HUC: 08090301: East Central Louisiana Coastal Latitude: 29.985142 Longitude: -90.475733

**CHARACTER OF WORK**: Clear, grade, and fill for the expansion of the existing Waterford 230kV and 500kV substations near Taft, Louisiana. Approximately 2.30 acres are to be filled with gravel and approximately 0.95 of these acres are wetlands. The impacts are proposed to be mitigated for at an approved off-site mitigation bank.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close 20 days from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, ATTENTION:

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concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC Application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

#### **Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria**

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Issuance of the public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Office regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed work would neither affect any species or critical habitat listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Utilizing Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species in Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office, the Corps has determined that the proposed activity would have no effect on any listed species.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to n/a acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Certifications, before a permit is issued.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

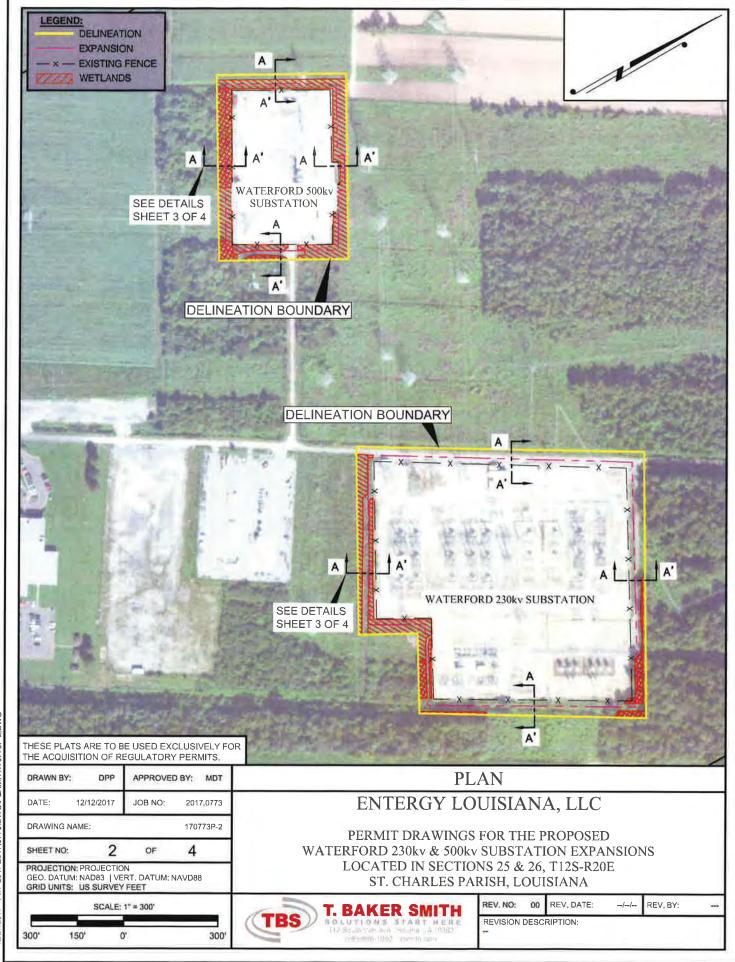
The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

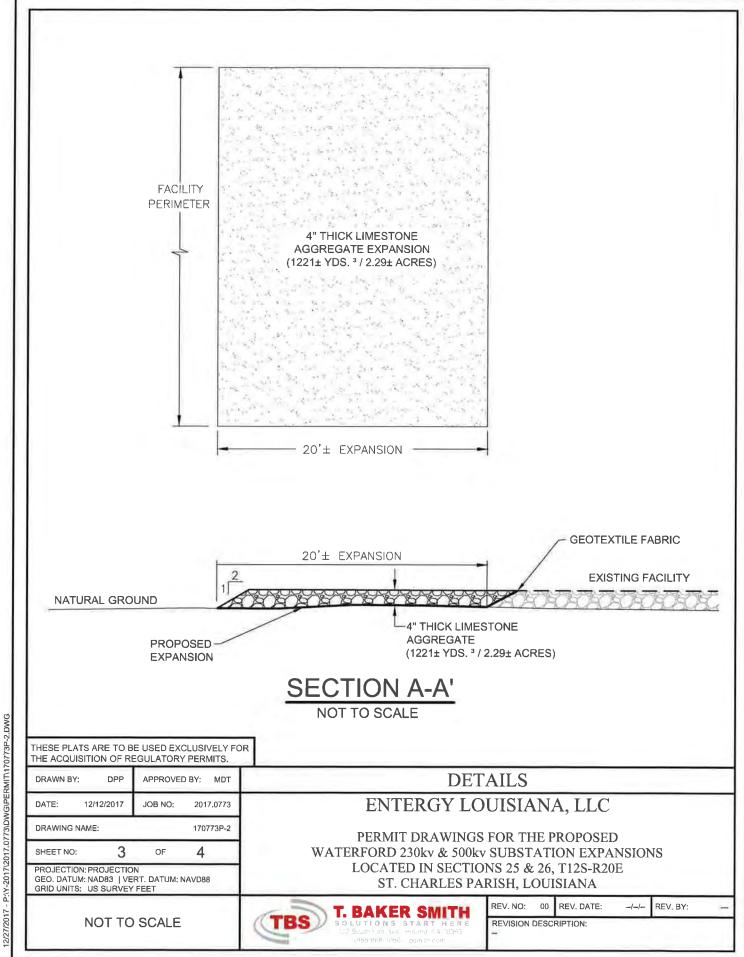
Michael Farabee Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

**Enclosures** 

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- 1. As—built drawings and/or plats shall have written on them the date of completion of said activities and shall be submitted to the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Office of Coastal Management, P. O. Box 44487, Baton Rouge, LA 70804—4487 within 30 days following project completion.
- 2. All structures built under the authorization and conditions of this permit shall be removed from the site within 120 days of abandonment or the facilities for the herein permitted use, or when these structures fall into a state of despair such that they can no longer function as intended. This condition does not preclude the necessity for revising the current permit of obtaining a separate Coastal Use Permit, should one be required, for such removals.
- 3. Structures must also be marked/lighted in accordance with U.S. Coast Guard regulations.
- 4. In order to ensure the safety of all parties, the permittee shall contact the Louisiana One Call System (1-800-272-3020) a minimum of 48 hours prior to the commencement of any excavation (digging, dredging, jetting, etc.) or demolition activity.

## **TOTAL IMPACTS**

EXCAVATIONS NON-VEGETATED WATER BOTTOMS:	0 0.00	CU. YDS. ACS.
WETLANDS:	0.0	CU. YDS. ACS.
NON-WETLANDS:	0.0	CU. YDS. ACS.
FILL AREAS		
NON-VEGETATED WATER BOTTOMS:	0 0.00	CU. YDS. ACS.
WETLANDS:	508± 0.95±	CU. YDS. ACS.
NON-WETLANDS:	713± 1.34±	CU. YDS. ACS.
FILL MATERIALS		
LIMESTONE:	1221±	CU. YDS.

## **EQUIPMENT**

DOZERS
PICKUP TRUCKS
DUMP TRUCKS
LAND BASED TRACKED EQUIPMENT

THESE PLATS ARE TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF REGULATORY PERMITS.

DRAWN B	Y: DPP	APPROVED BY: MDT		
DATE:	12/12/2017	JOB NO:	2017.0773	
DRAWING	NAME:		170773P-2	
SHEET NO	: 4	OF	4	
PROJECTION: PROJECTION GEO. DATUM: NAD83   VERT_DATUM: NAVD88 GRID UNITS: US SURVEY FEET				

NOTES

ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC

PERMIT DRAWINGS FOR THE PROPOSED WATERFORD 230kv & 500kv SUBSTATION EXPANSIONS LOCATED IN SECTIONS 25 & 26, T12S-R20E ST. CHARLES PARISH, LOUISIANA

NOT TO SCALE



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