## JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

### **December 26, 2017**

United States Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District Regulatory Branch (OD-SE) 7400 Leake Avenue New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

State of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ATTN: Water Quality Certifications Post Office Box 4313 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

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Project Manager Benjamin Sherman Permit Application Number MVN 2016-00861 ES Project Manager Elizabeth Hill WQC Application Number WQC 170620-01

(225) 219-3225

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 LRS30:2047 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

# Construction of an Electrical Substation on US Highway 190, in Robert, Louisiana, in Tangipahoa Parish

**NAME OF APPLICANT**: Entergy Louisiana LLC. c/o T Baker Smith LLC., Attn: Michael Trahan, P.O Box 2266, Houma, LA 70361

**LOCATION OF WORK**: Project site is located on US Highway 190, Robert, in Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the attached drawings.

Hydrologic Unit Code: 08070205 – Bedico Creek-Tangipahoa River Location: Latitude: 30.50594, Longitude: -90.32145.

<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>: Clear, grade, excavate and fill for the construction of an electrical substation. Project implementation requires approximately 20,140 cubic yards of earthen fill and 3,360 cubic yards of aggregate material. Approximately 1.63 acres of jurisdictional wetlands will be directly impacted by the proposed activities. The applicant has proposed the use of an approved compensatory mitigation bank to offset any unavoidable impacts to jurisdictional wetlands.

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: REGULATORY BRANCH. 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 during 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 at this time. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species, listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The New Orleans District has determined that the proposed project will not affect any endangered species based on the Standard Local Operating Procedure for Endangered Species of

Louisiana (SLOPES), dated October 22, 2014, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Office.

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 **1.63** 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.

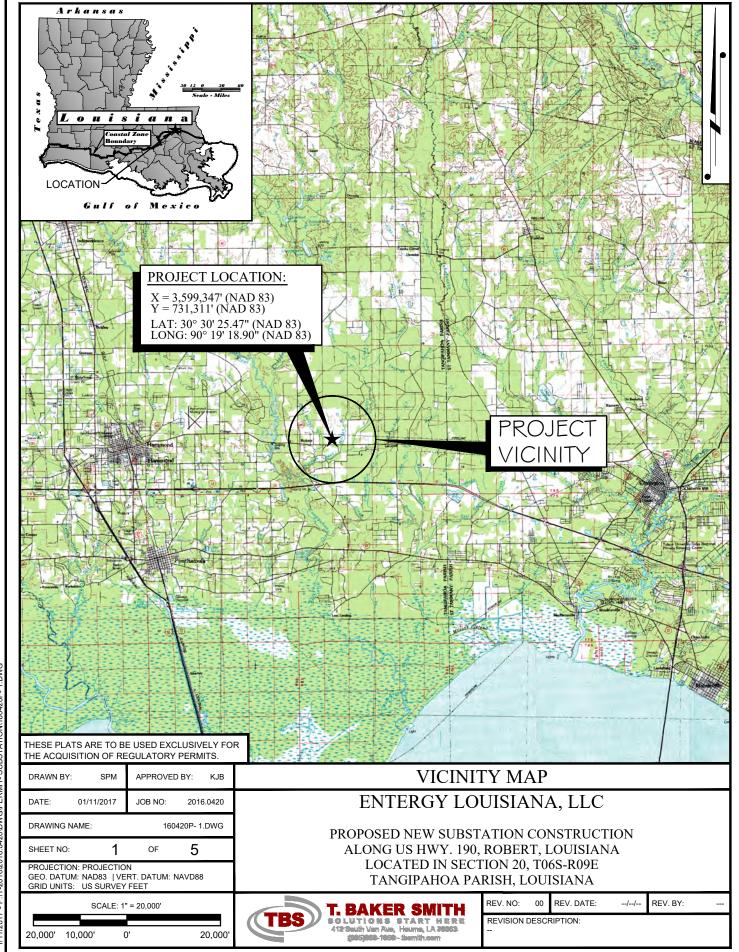
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable 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.

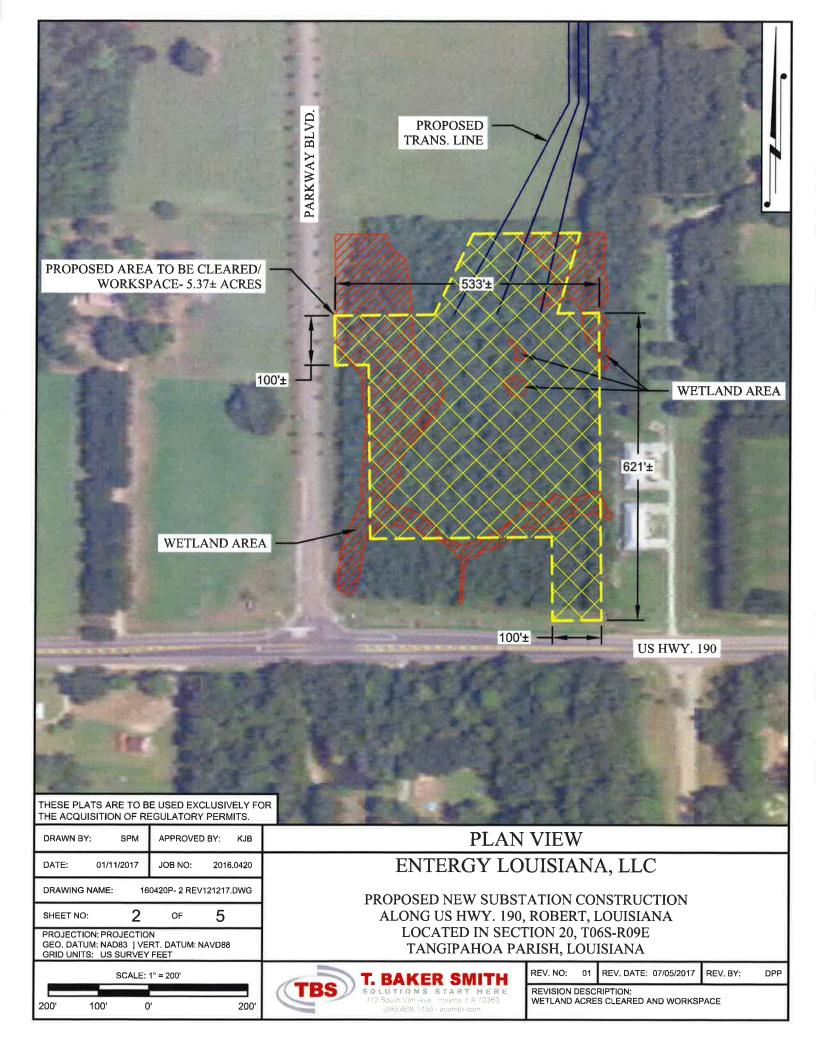
You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

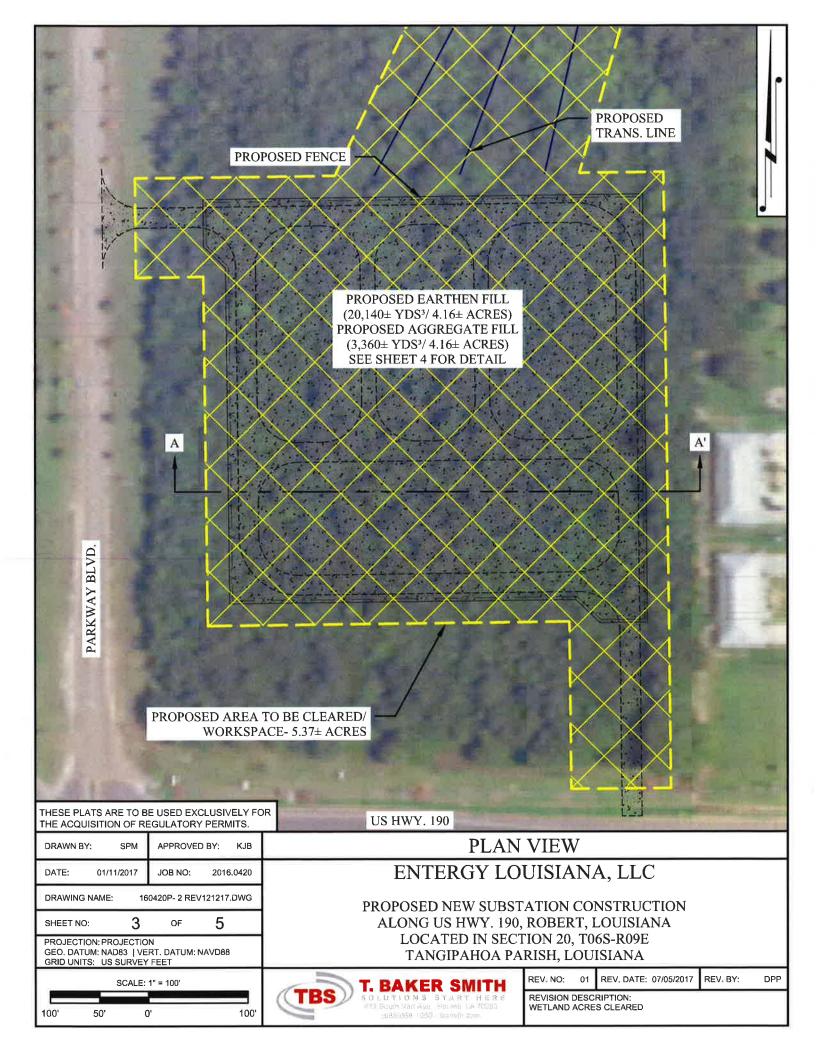
Michael V. Farabee Chief, Eastern Evaluation Section

**Enclosure** 



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ALL STRUCTURES, FACILITIES, WELLS AND PIPELINES/FLOWLINES OCCURRING IN OPEN WATER AREAS, OR IN OILFIELD CANALS, OR SLIPS SHALL BE REMOVED WITHIN 120 DAYS OF ABANDONMENT OF THE FACILITIES FOR THE HEREIN PERMITTED USE, UNLESS PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL TO LEAVE SUCH STRUCTURES IN PLACE IS RECEIVED FROM THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION. THIS CONDITION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY FOR REVISING THE CURRENT PERMIT OR OBTAINING A SEPARATE COASTAL USE PERMIT, SHOULD ONE BE REQUIRED FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES.

AS-BUILT DRAWINGS SHALL BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, COASTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION POST OFFICE BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804 AND OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION, POST OFFICE BOX 44487, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTIES. THE PERMITEE 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.

THE PERMITEE SHALL ALSO CONTACT OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT MAY HAVE OPTED OUT OF THE ONE CALL PROGRAM . THESE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MAY HAVE OPERATIONS LOCATED IN THE AREA OF THIS PROJECT.

ALL STRUCTURES WILL BE MARKED AND LIGHTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. COAST GUARD REGULATIONS.

LIMITED SURVEY DATA WAS COLLECTED IN THE PREPARATION OF THESE PLANS. INFORMATION USED TO PREPARE THESE PLANS WAS GATHERED FROM THE FOLLOWING SOURCES, EXISTING, SURVEY/DATABASE DATA, CLIENT INFORMATION, INTERNET OR GOVERNMENT WEB SITE DATA.

APPLICANT IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE STATE LAWS RELATED TO DAMAGES WHICH ARE DEMONSTRATED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THIS PROPOSED ACTION.

#### TOTAL IMPACTS

EXCAVATIONS

NON-WETLANDS:

0 CU. YDS. 4.60 ACS

WETLANDS:

0 CU. YDS.

1.63 ACS.

FILL AREAS

NON-WETLANDS:

17,970 CU. YDS.

3.18 ACS

WETLANDS:

5,530 CU. YDS. 0.98 ACS.

FILL MATERIALS

EARTHEN FILL: 20,140 CU. YDS. AGGREGATE MATERIAL: 3.360 CU. YDS.

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

DRAWN BY:	SPM	APPROVE	D BY: KJB
DATE:	01/11/2017	JOB NO:	2016.0420
DRAWING NAME: 160420P- 2.DWC			420P- 2.DWG
SHEET NO:	5	OF	5
PROJECTION: PROJECTION GEO. DATUM: NAD83   VERT. DATUM: NAVD88 GRID UNITS: US SURVEY FEET			

**NOTES** ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC

PROPOSED NEW SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION ALONG US HWY. 190, ROBERT, LOUISIANA LOCATED IN SECTION 20, T06S-R09E TANGIPAHOA PARISH, LOUISIANA

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