ACADIANA LOAD POCKET RELIABILITY PROJECT

Cleco Power, Entergy, LEPA, LUS and SLEMCO

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What is the Acadiana Load Pocket (ALP)?

- Area of limited electricity generation, high growth and congested transmission lines
- Geographically situated south of Hwy. 190 to the Gulf of Mexico, west of the Atchafalaya Basin and east of Jennings.
- Power providers in the ALP are interconnected and interdependent.

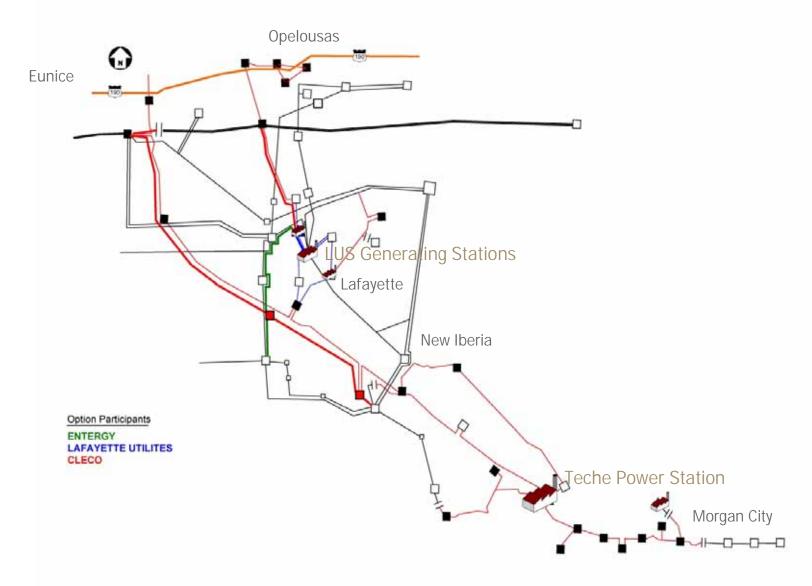


What is the ALP reliability project?

• A \$200 to \$250 million transmission infrastructure improvement project being constructed by Cleco Power, Entergy and LUS.

- It's 90 miles in length
- The expected completion date is 2012
- Project is expected to accommodate growth in the area and help with the flow of power for several years.

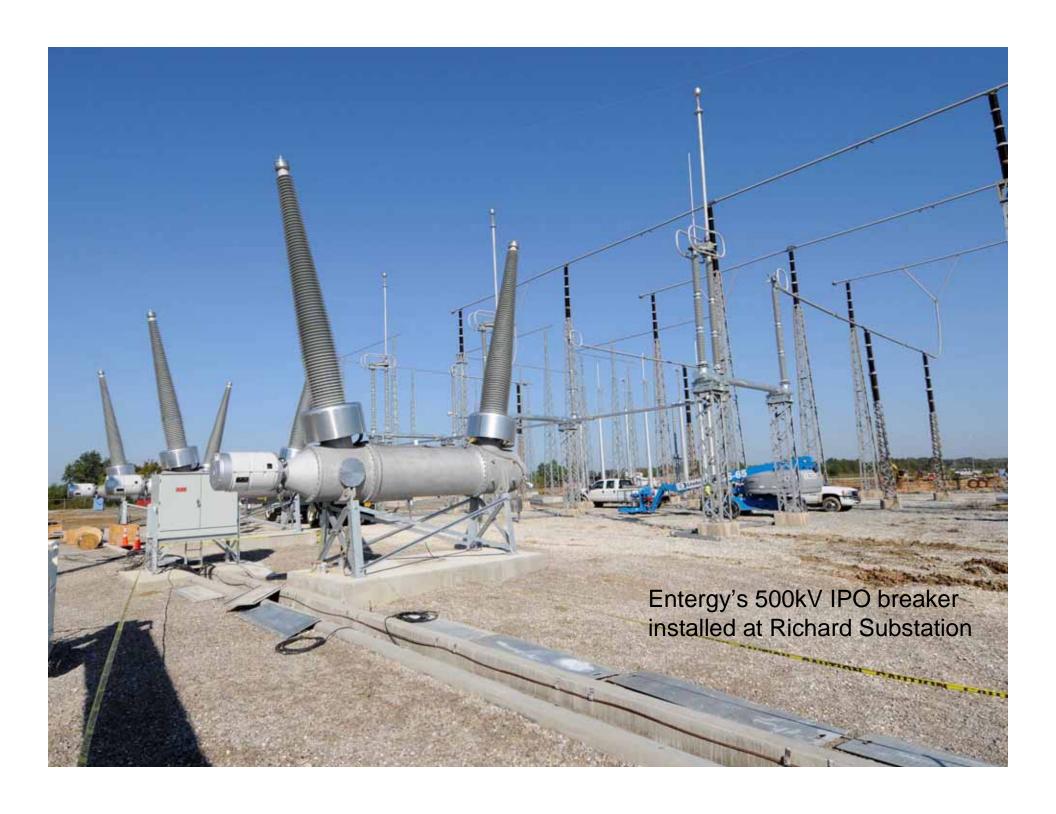
Acadiana Load Pocket in 2012

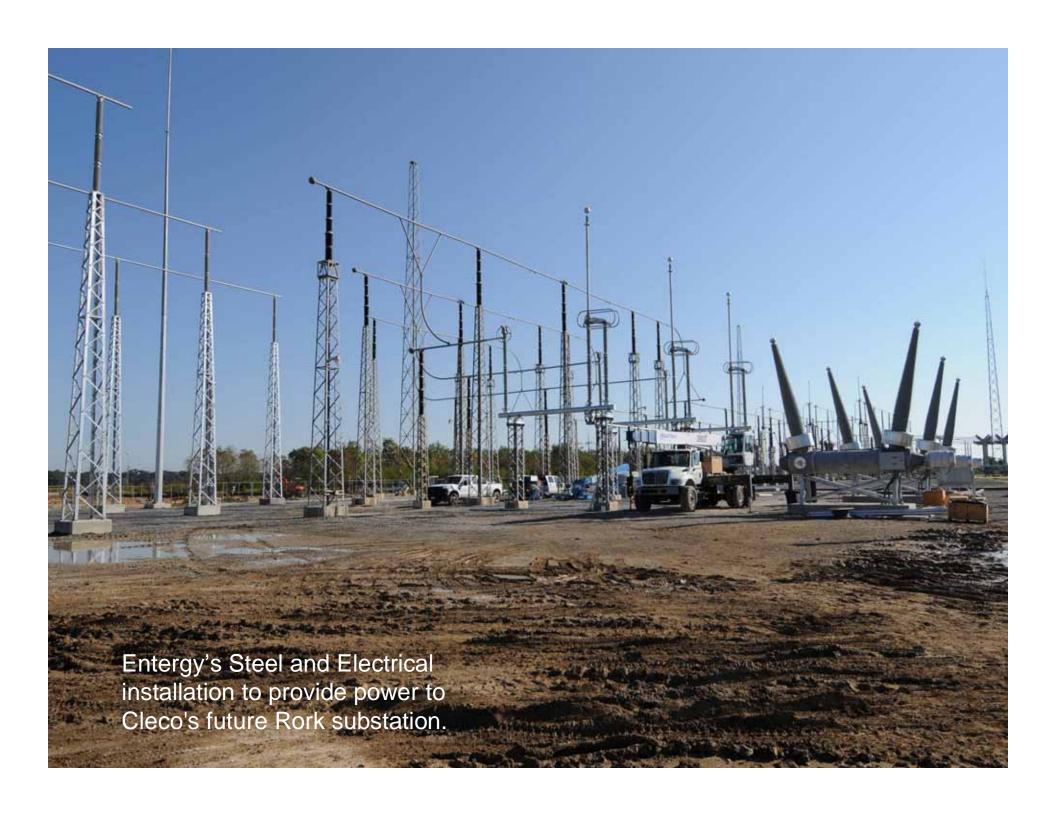


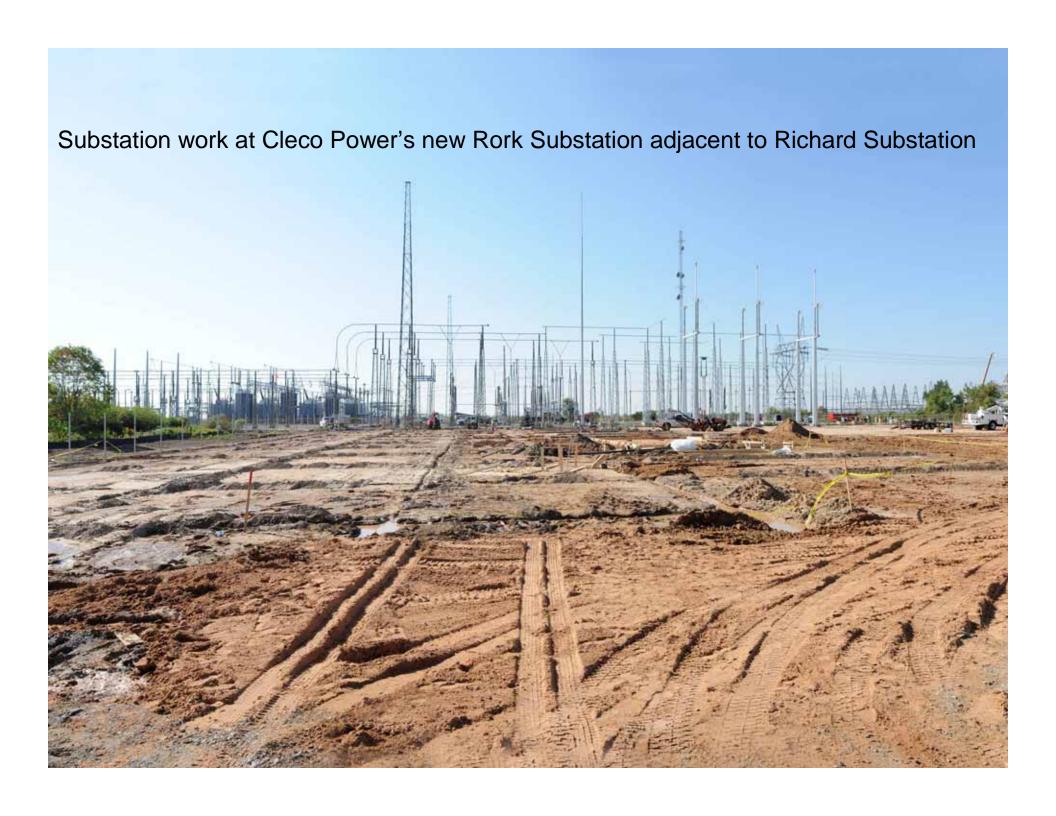








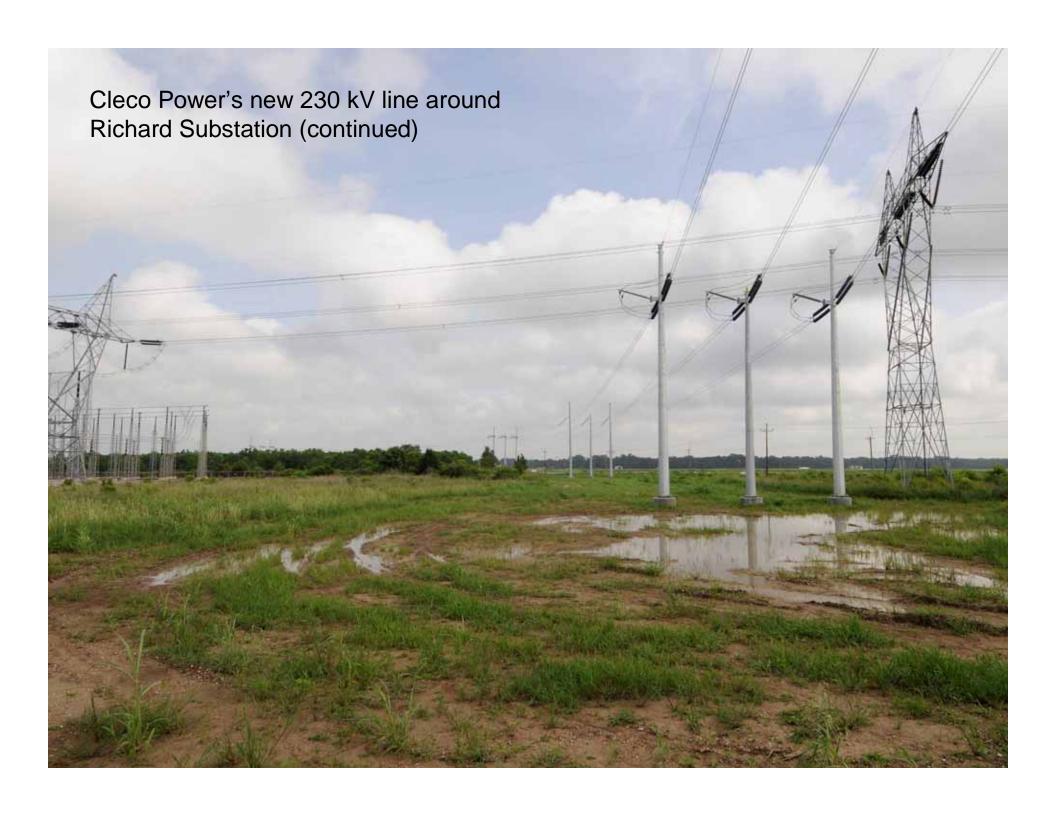






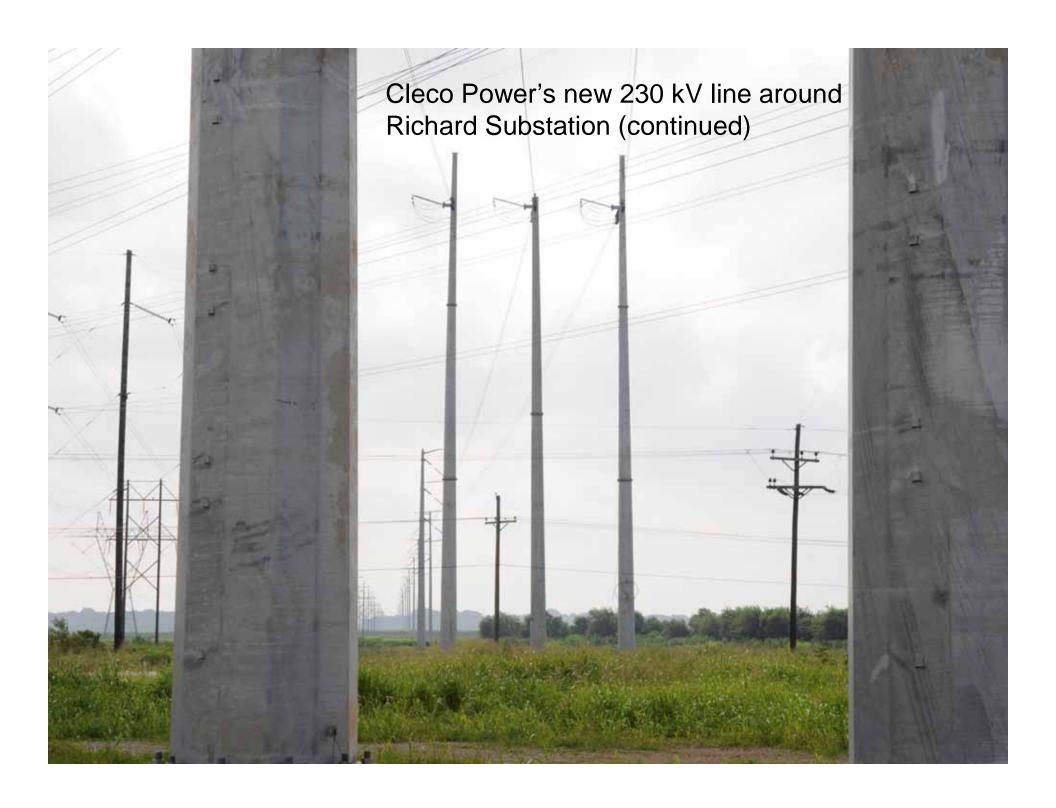




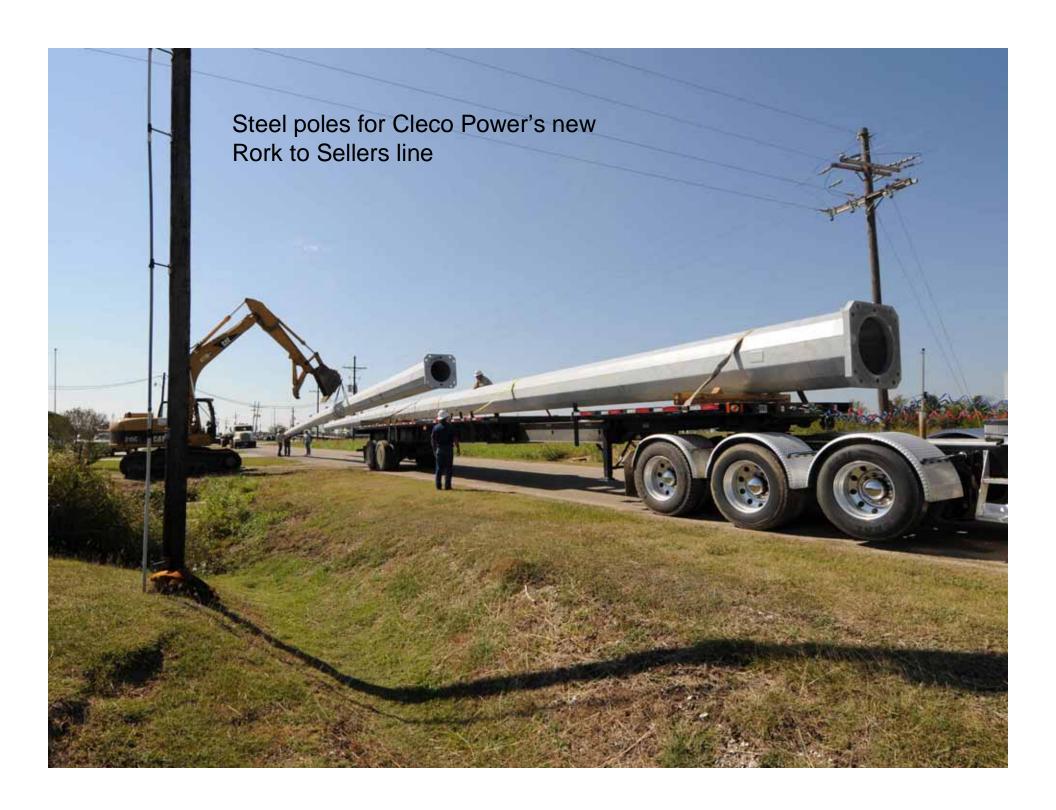


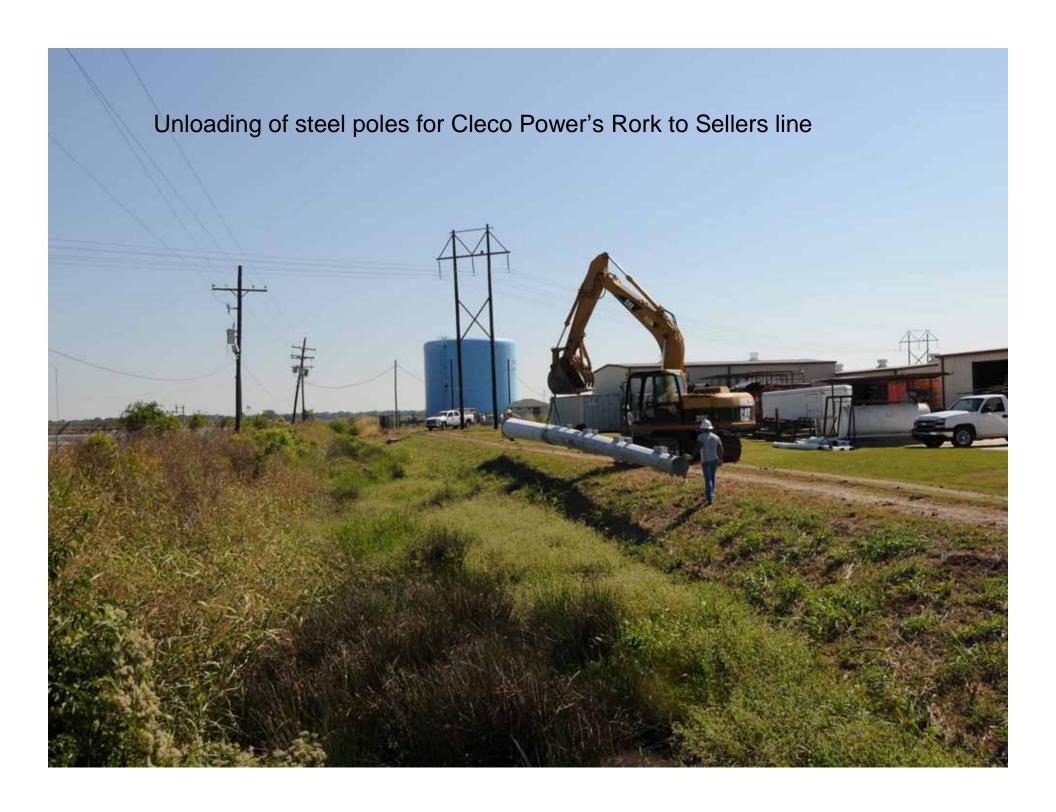


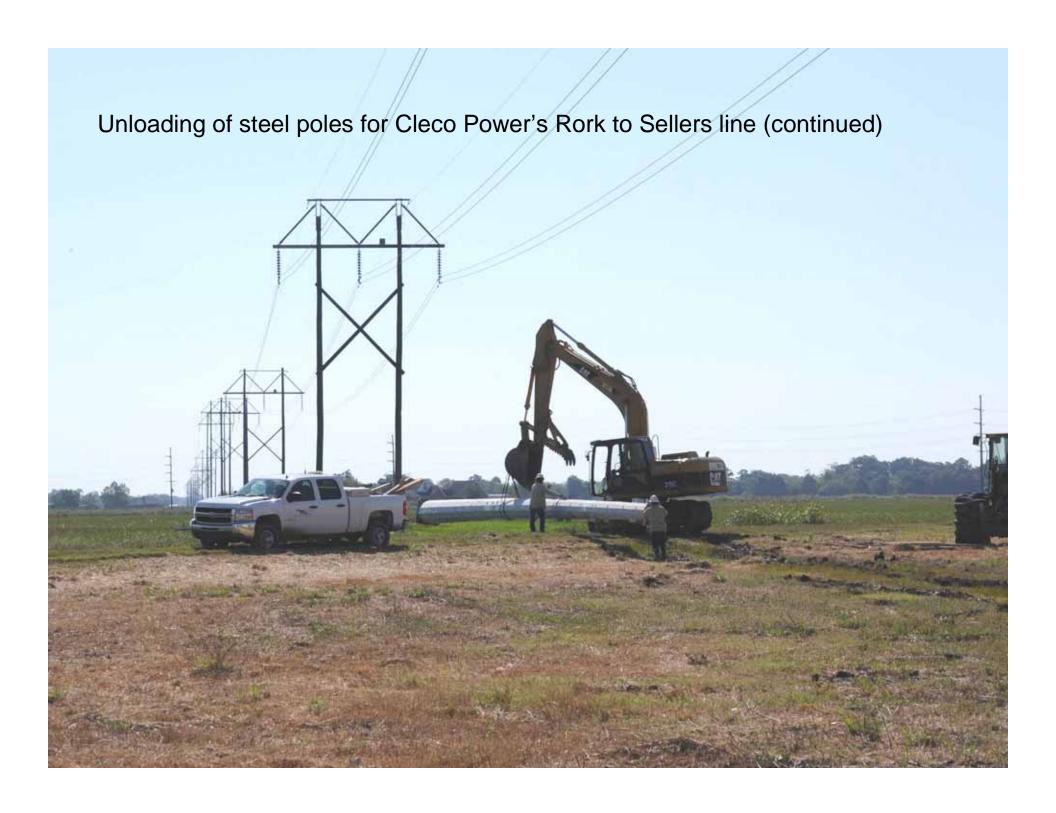
Lance Speer, associate engineer for Cleco Power, points toward the new 230 kV line around Richard Substation.













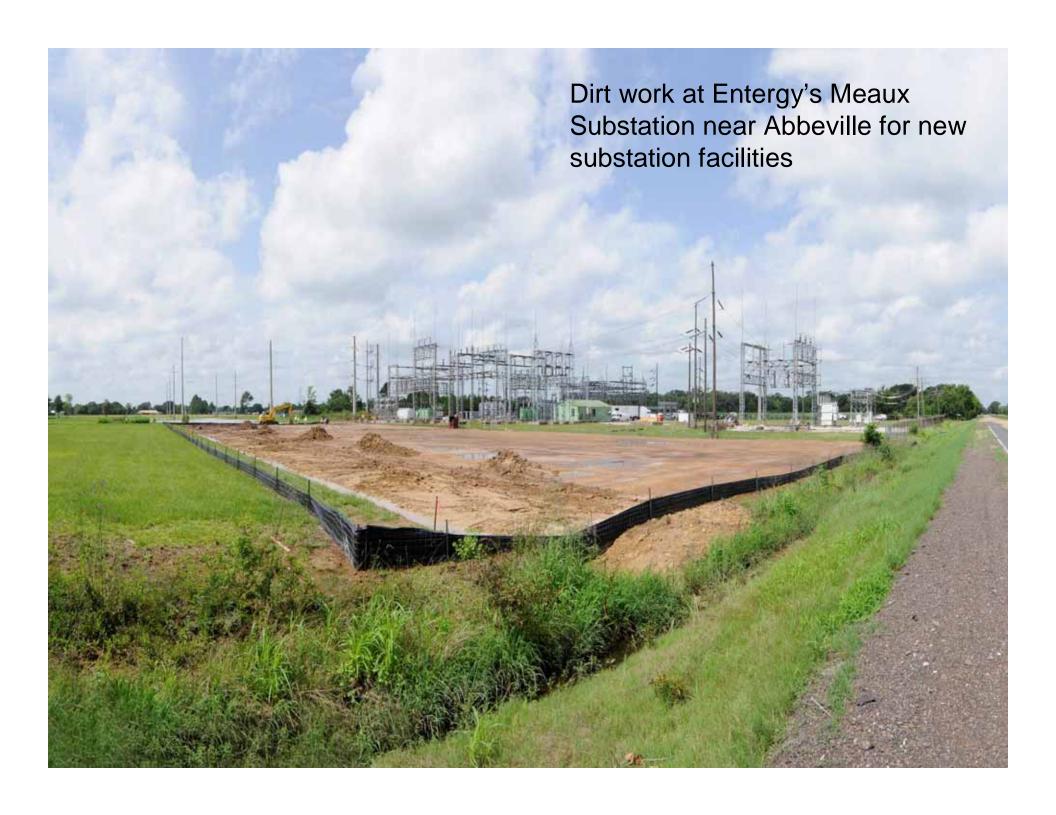








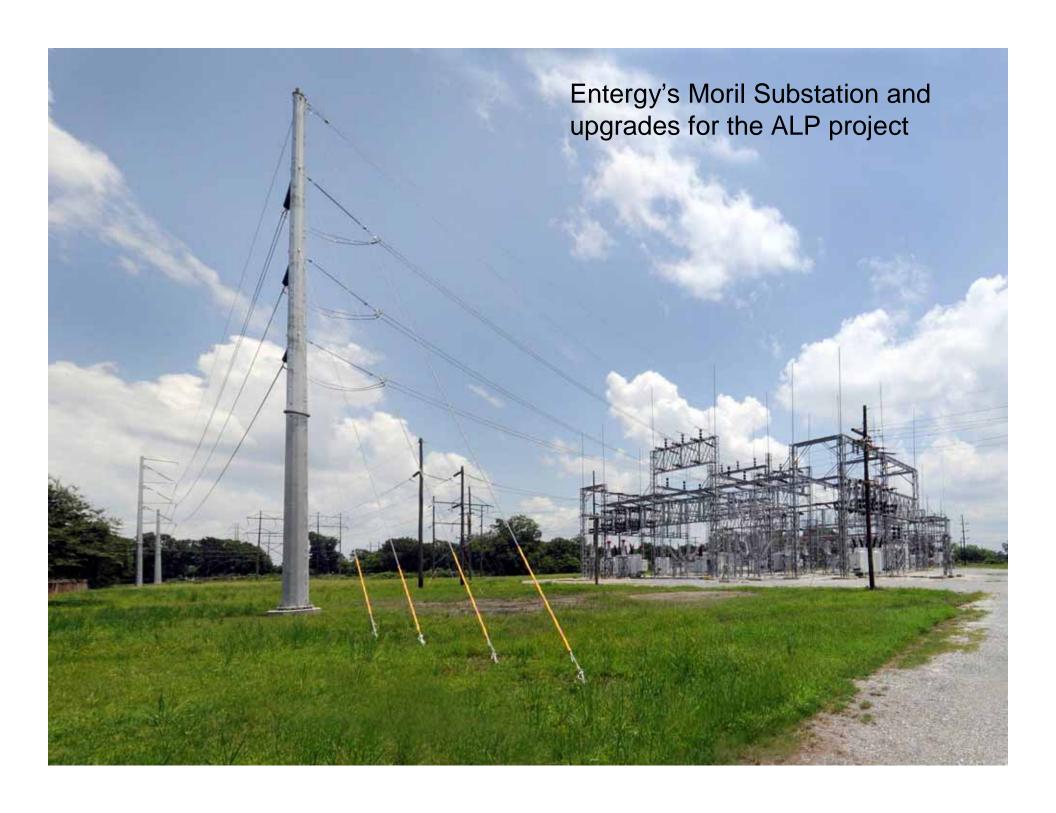




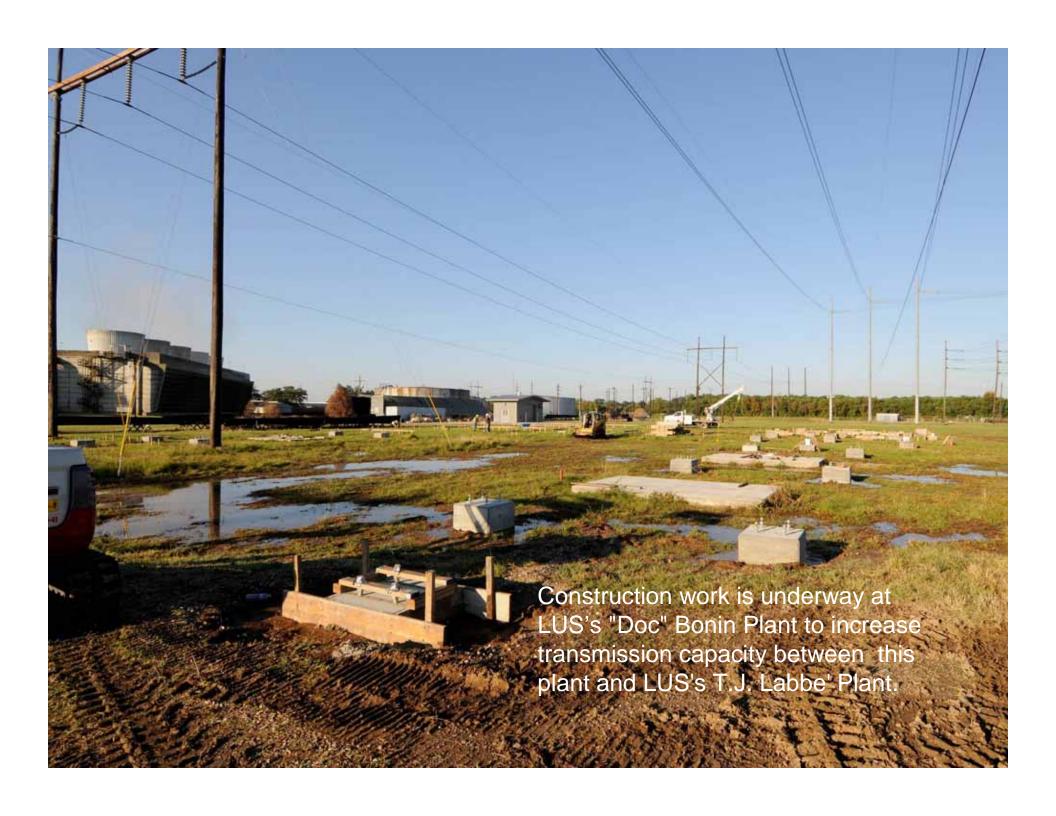


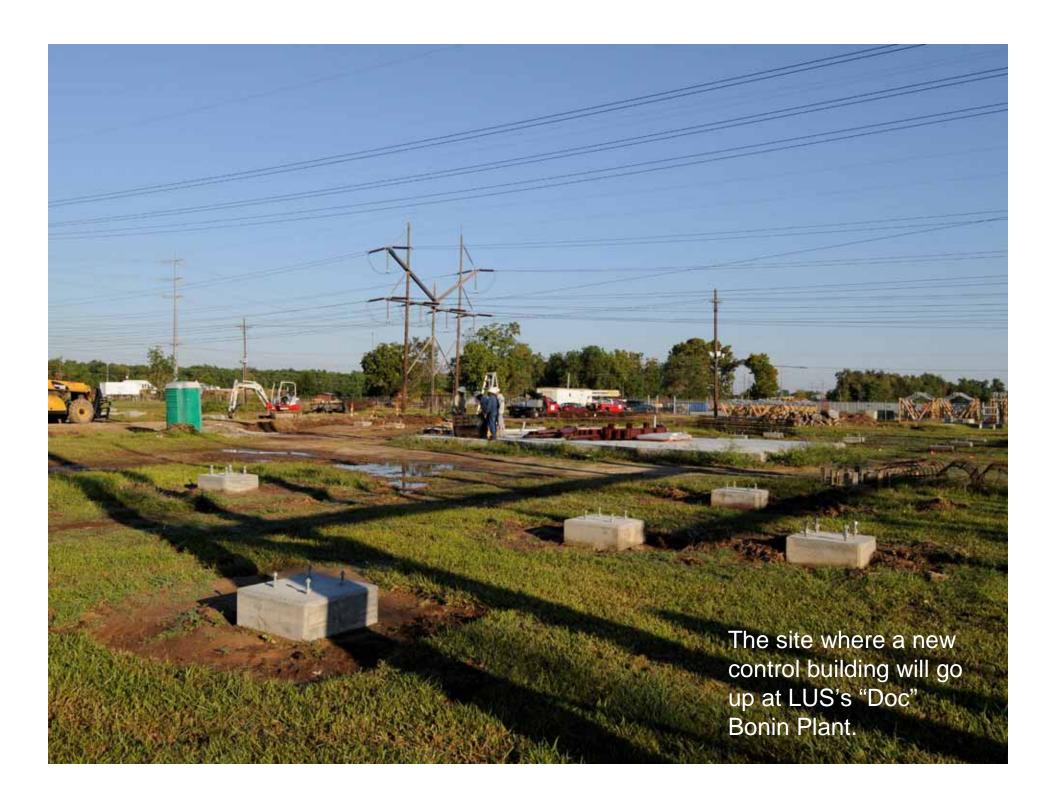


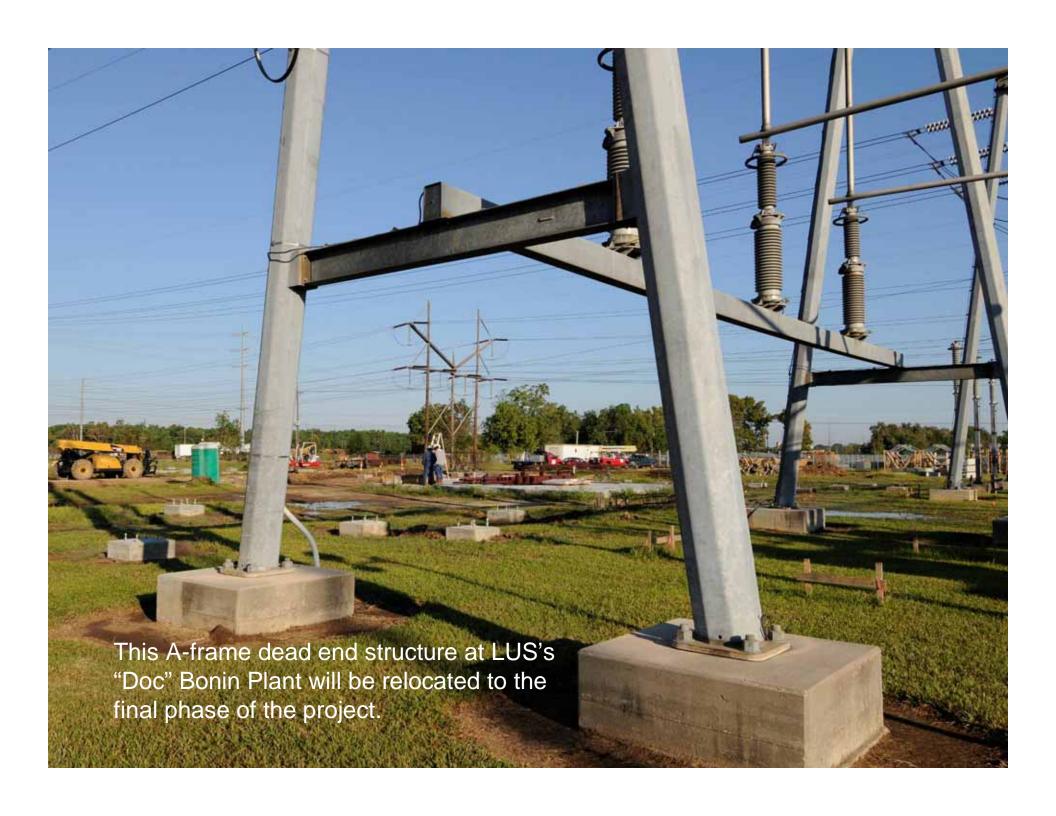












What's being done to mitigate issues during construction?

- The electric utilities in the Acadiana area are encouraging customers to conserve electricity this summer.
 - Radio ads
 - Corresponding news releases
 - News interviews
 - Educational programs
- If demand for electricity exceeds available supply, the utilities have a plan in place to work with the local media to inform customers.

Mitigation Plan – Participating electric utilities

- Cleco Power
- Entergy
- Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA)

Abbeville Morgan City

Rayne Houma

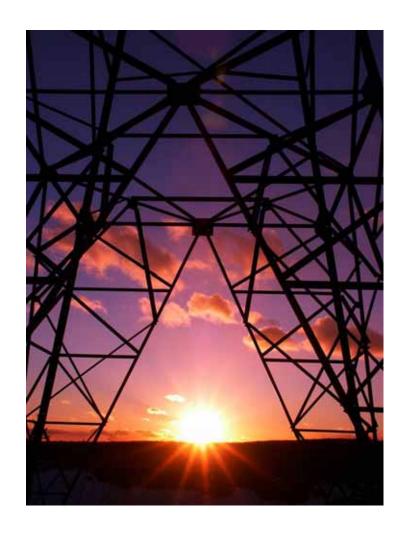
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- Lafayette Utilities Systems (LUS)
- Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Corporation (SLEMCO)

Status for Summer 2010

- The utilities expect to provide adequate electricity supply to the region for the summer.
- All of the utilities are working together to meet increased demand from higher temperatures.



You can help by conserving when possible



- Raise thermostats to 78 degrees (recommended by the Department of Energy).
- Use fans instead of air conditioners if possible.
- Use major appliances such as dryers, ovens, dishwashers and washing machines in the early morning or late evening hours.
- Close blinds, drapes and curtains during the heat of the day.
- Turn off unnecessary lights and use fluorescent light bulbs if possible.
- Power off computers, TVs and other electronics when not in use.

Questions

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