**Entergy Texas Vidor Feb. 18 Substation Announcement**

Vidor’s New Merlin Substation Placed in Service;

Substation, New Transmission Line Represent $7.3 Million Investment

Vidor, Texas – It’s not magic but a lot of hard work that’s made the Merlin Substation near Merlin Street here a reality. And the reality is that Entergy Texas, Inc.’s $7.3 million investment in the substation and a related transmission line will mean more reliable electrical service for 3,000 Vidor customers.

“This service reliability improvement is an example of the effort we put into planning ahead to ensure better service for the customers we already have while preparing for the customers we expect to have,” said Shawn Corkran, director of transmission and distribution for Entergy Texas. “When the new substation went on line in January, it meant even better service for our customers and assurance that power is available for future growth.”

Before the substation went into service, the 3,000 customers it provides electricity to were served by one power line from the Vidor Substation on Highway 105 south of Smith Lake Road. That many customers placed the line at capacity.

In addition to building a new substation, the project called for 2.5 miles of new high-voltage transmission line that connected to an existing line that brought power into the area. Once the Merlin Substation and new transmission were complete, Entergy Texas divided the current Vidor power line into three separate sections or power lines, each serving a smaller portion of customers.

The new configuration will mean fewer customers impacted by outages, plus there will be a redundant source of power when an outage does occur, which could mean a shorter outage depending on the cause.

The Merlin Substation project is an example of Entergy Texas’ continuing commitment to improving overall service reliability in Southeast Texas.

Entergy Texas provides electricity to almost 400,000 customers in 27 counties. It is a subsidiary of Entergy Corporation. Entergy owns and operates power plants with approximately 30,000 megawatts of electric generating capacity, and it is the second-largest nuclear generator in the United States. Entergy delivers electricity to 2.7 million utility customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Entergy has annual revenues of more than $11 billion and approximately 15,000 employees.