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Entergy Texas Expands, Upgrades Transmission System
Projects throughout Southeast Texas improve reliability for customers

Beaumont, Texas — Customers throughout Southeast Texas will reap the benefits of improved reliability in their electric service, thanks to expansions and upgrades of the Entergy Texas, Inc. transmission system.

Entergy Texas has so far completed seven projects with 12 more under construction and an additional five projects in design. The five projects in design are expected to be completed and placed into service before year's end. Improvements to the system represent a \$32 million investment.

"Portions of the area we serve west of the Trinity River are growing faster than any other part of the Entergy system," explained Joe Domino, president and chief executive officer, Entergy Texas. "We have more new homeowners, more new businesses moving in than in any other place within the Entergy system. In order to support that growth and to improve reliability for customers already in place, we developed a plan that takes into consideration all of Southeast Texas.

"The projects completed in 2010 and the ones we will complete in 2011, are designed to lessen the risk of power outages that could be caused by loss of generation capacity or problems with the transmission system," he said, noting that the improvements will allow the company to better import power from the east and send it to the west to supply demand during periods of peak loads, even if local generation in the west were to experience an unplanned outage.

These improvements represent major steps in the company's plan to upgrade, improve and strengthen its 2,705-mile transmission system. Transmission involves the high-voltage power lines that carry electricity from generating plants to substations where the power is "stepped down" to a voltage appropriate for distribution to customers. The transmission projects vary in cost and location throughout the state and represent significant investment in the Southeast Texas economy through dollars spent on both contractors and materials necessary to complete these projects.

Projects Completed in 2010

- Equipment was upgraded at a major 230 kilovolt substation in Jefferson County.
- Equipment was upgraded at two 138 kilovolt substations, one in San Jacinto County, the other in Walker County
- A new switching station was constructed in Brazos County.
- Conductors on a transmission line from South Beaumont to China were upgraded.

Projects Completed or Planned for 2011

- A new 230 kilovolt substation was installed at the Lewis Creek power plant to provide more robust paths to move bulk power into the Conroe-Woodlands-Navasota-Huntsville areas.
- Thirty miles of a 138 kilovolt transmission line running from Jacinto to Lewis Creek have been upgraded to 230 kilovolts.
- A transmission line near Porter was upgraded.
- Substation equipment throughout Southeast Texas will also be upgraded.
- A transmission line from a substation south of Deweyville that delivers power to a substation north of Orange and another substation northwest of Orange in the McLewis Community will be upgraded.

The upgrades in Orange County, along with improvement work under way in Entergy service areas outside of Texas, will better enable the company to send power into the Conroe-Woodlands area. They will also allow additional power from Entergy's Grand Gulf Nuclear Station in Port Gibson, Mississippi to be used by all Entergy customers, including those served by Entergy Texas.

Entergy Texas, Inc. provides electricity to more than 400,000 customers in 27 counties. It is a subsidiary of Entergy Corporation. Entergy Corporation is an integrated energy company engaged primarily in electric power production and retail distribution operations. 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.

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