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March 29, 2022

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT YOUR PROPERTY

«OWNER_1»

«ADDRESS»

«CITY», «STATE» «ZIP»

Subject: La Palma – Kingfisher Transmission Improvements Project Open House Invitation

Dear <NAME>,

You are receiving this letter because you own property or live in the area where AEP Texas and Sharyland Utilities (the “Companies”) plan to upgrade the local power grid in Cameron County. On March 8 and 9, 2022, the Companies held an In-Person Open House for Landowners that could be potentially affected by the La Palma – Kingfisher Transmission Improvements Project (Project). Based on information obtained from those Open Houses and some follow-up fieldwork from the input obtained it was determined that additional route link options were needed to be considered for the Project. These new links added could potentially affect new landowners and several of the existing landowners at the two prior Open Houses. Therefore, a third Open House will be held to obtain input from the newly affected landowners caused by the addition of these new links.

PROJECT INFORMATION:

The La Palma – Kingfisher Transmission Improvements Project involves:

- Building about 5 - 7 miles of double-circuit 345-kilovolt (kV) power line
- Building Sharyland Utilities’ Kingfisher Substation, located approximately 1 mile south of San Jose Road on Casey Road
- Upgrading AEP Texas’ La Palma Substation, located near South Oscar Williams Road and La Palma Street

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) ordered AEP Texas and Sharyland Utilities to build this proposed power line and determined it critical for the reliability of the area’s electric transmission grid. The PUC requires the Companies to file a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) for review and approval by the PUC and it will be the PUC that will ultimately decide the location of the route for the Project.

The Companies will continue to evaluate the routing links in the area for the proposed 345-kV double-circuit power line. Routing links will be used to develop multiple route alternatives that will be presented to the PUC. Companies plan to submit these route alternatives as part of the CCN application to the PUC for its review and decision on the final route to be constructed.

We invite you to learn more and share your input in the ways listed below.

IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE:

Please join us from **5 p.m. to 8 p.m.** on **Tuesday, April 12** at the **San Benito High School Varsity Gymnasium** located at **450 South Oscar Williams Road in San Benito**. You can view detailed maps and talk with team members about the proposed routing links. There will be no formal presentation, so you can arrive at any time during the event.



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At AEP Texas and Sharyland, safety is our first priority. Due to COVID-19, AEP Texas and Sharyland staff members plan to wear face coverings and practice social distancing at the open house to ensure safety for you and our staff. We encourage attendees to wear face coverings at the Open House per the recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. We will provide masks and hand sanitizer at the Open House. We ask that if you are experiencing fever, cough, body aches, or other COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home for the safety of your neighbors and our staff.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE: If you are feeling unwell or cannot attend the Open House for other reasons, you may visit the virtual open house by entering [AEPTexas.com/LaPalma-Kingfisher](https://www.aeptexas.com/LaPalma-Kingfisher) into your web browser to access project information, view an interactive map and submit comments through a "Contact Us" link.

ALTERNATE WAYS TO PROVIDE INPUT OR CONTACT THE PROJECT TEAM:

- Call 1-866-506-2477 to leave a message with project feedback or questions for the project team
- Email your input or questions to LaPalma_to_Kingfisher-Project@aep.com

MATERIALS ENCLOSED WITH THIS LETTER:

- Project fact sheet for more information.
- Questionnaire to provide information about your property and importance to you to routing criteria. Please mail it back to us in the envelope provided by the date provided below.
- Detailed project map for review. You may also make comments and marks on the map to mail back to the project team with your Questionnaire.
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

Our team plans to consider your input and perform additional fieldwork to determine the final alternative power line routes that minimize impact on the community and environment. The PUC can use any combination of the route links to approve a route for this project between the end route termination points at La Palma and Kingfisher, even if that combination of route links is not specifically proposed as an alternative route by the Companies in the CCN application.

When sharing your input please feel free to include information about your property, such as:

- Historically significant buildings or landmarks such as cemeteries
- Natural features such as wetlands or springs
- Recent changes in your property use

Please share your input by Friday, April 22, 2022. We welcome and encourage your feedback about this Project.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Harris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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