



# Press Release

## **Entergy's Louisiana Utilities Announce Completion of Plaquemines Transmission Project** *Projects represent \$100 million investment in south Louisiana*

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KENNER, La. – Entergy Louisiana, LLC and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C. have completed a major project that represents an investment of nearly \$40 million in the electric transmission system in Plaquemines Parish. The project involves the rebuild of a transmission line that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

“We spent significant time and effort in the analysis and design of this project to select solutions that would provide the greatest benefits to our customers, including working in close consultation with the Louisiana Public Service Commission,” said Renae Conley, president and chief executive officer of the two utility companies. “This project will help support the continued growth of communities in the region.”

While the project was spearheaded by Entergy's transmission group, several departments within the company worked together to bring the projects to fruition. Transmission, distribution and economic development employees, among others, all played important roles in getting the project planned, designed and built.

In addition, the company worked closely with several local and state governments and agencies to complete the project. Entergy's cross-functional teams partnered with permitting authorities, state agencies and local governments, the Army Corps of Engineers, local landowners, and other entities. “We appreciate the support we received from local parish and state government officials and others during the planning and construction phases of these important projects,” Conley said.

### ***Plaquemines Parish Rebuild***

The project in Plaquemines Parish is a new 19-mile long transmission line that replaces a transmission line that was destroyed during Hurricane Katrina. The new line, which is a 115 kV line, runs along highway 23 on the west bank of the Mississippi River. The old line ran through marsh land along the east bank of the river.

With the new transmission line running along highway 23, the line is more accessible during maintenance and restoration work. The new location should also reduce environmental mitigation costs. The former line ran through marsh land, requiring the company to use

specialized equipment and specially trained crews and pay mitigation costs any time work was performed on the line.

The new line along the West Bank allowed the company to replace older facilities with new, modern equipment that was built to the latest standards for extreme coastal areas and is designed to withstand 150-mile per hour winds.



“Having this new 115 kV line in Plaquemines Parish provides reliable service to existing towns, camps and businesses,” Conley said. “It should also help the parish attract new business as the parish continues to grow.”

This project cost \$39.2 million.

“I’m proud of Entergy, not only for what they did after the storms, but to come down and make the investment they have in this transmission line going down to El Paso Gas in Port Sulphur,” said Plaquemines Parish President Billy Nungesser. “It shows their commitment to provide reliable energy to Plaquemines Parish. We’re proud to celebrate the dedication and we hope to work with Entergy to build this type of reliable power line to the Daybrook fisheries in Empire, and eventually down to the Port of Venice Complex. We’re also looking forward to working with Entergy to storm proof much of the infrastructure of Plaquemines Parish because we are such a major part of the oil and gas industry, not only in Louisiana, but in the rest of the country.”

The additional power will also benefit the region during maintenance and restoration work.

Entergy’s Louisiana utility companies serve more than one million customers through the operating companies Entergy Louisiana, LLC and Entergy Gulf States Louisiana, L.L.C. With operations in southern, central and northeastern Louisiana, the companies are part of Entergy Corporation’s electric system serving 2.7 million customers in Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas.