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March 3, 2014

Dear Residents,

On February 21, 2014, representatives from Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, CoServ Electric Cooperative, the City of Frisco and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers met to discuss a potential transmission line route through Corps-owned property.

Brazos has proposed two routes that would require an aerial crossing of approximately 600 feet. The transmission line would span the entire 600 feet, and no facilities would be located on Corps land. Brazos asked the Corps to allow Brazos to initiate the process for a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Brazos and the Corps. Brazos is also considering an underground route for the crossing.

The MOU will start the environmental assessment (EA) process for the 600-foot aerial span of fee simple property owned by the Corps. The MOU will outline which environmental firms have worked with the Corps and, while the Corps cannot recommend an environmental firm, they can advise Brazos whether a specific environmental firm has gone through the Corps EA process in the past.

The EA includes a well-defined National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process that is estimated to take six to nine months to complete from the time the MOU is agreed upon. The MOU request was sent to the Lake Lewisville Lake Manager on February 27, 2014. The EA process involves stakeholder meetings, in addition to assessments on the environmental impacts of the 600-foot aerial crossing. The six- to nine-month timeframe is an estimate, and there are many variables that could affect the time it takes to complete.

A route crossing Corps property cannot be proposed in a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) application with the Public Utility Commission until after the EA is complete and the route is approved by the Corps. But a CCN proposing non-Corps routes can be filed at any time.

Brazos will continue to analyze other route options from the north. The City of Frisco has been working with Freese and Nichols to analyze a northern route as well. Brazos is working with their engineering firm to determine constructability of a northern route. They agreed to bring their findings to the City first, before approaching the Texas Department of Transportation for any requests or approvals.

The Corps will not allow the 600-foot aerial crossing "if there is another viable route option." Meeting attendees were informed that the Main Street and Stonebrook Parkway routes are not viable options due to future roadway expansion plans and water main locations in the medians of both roadways.

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Brazos is still reviewing possible routes from the north along FM 423 but wants to begin the EA process for the southern route concurrently. The Corps is willing to review an application for an MOU addressing preliminary routes across Corps property.

Sincerely,

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