# **PROJECT UPDATES**

#### March 28, 2018

• The new Oakville-Alliance 230kV transmission line was placed into service on March 16. Below is a timeline of completed and ongoing work on the \$60 million project.

## **Work Completed**

- In December, Plaquemines Parish's contractor completed relocation of three sections of 20-inch water line buried along Louisiana Highway 23 that had interfered with the new transmission structure locations. Completion was delayed several months beyond the original projected date due to engineering/material issues, high river levels, and other unexpected challenges.
  - Transmission line construction resumed in November, once a majority of the parish water line relocation was completed.
- Installation of the new steel structures along Highway 23 was completed in January.
- Installation of the wires on the upper half of the steel support structures was completed in early March.

## **Still to be Completed**

- For the nearly 7-mile section of this line that runs along Highway 23, relocation of the existing 34.5kV distribution feeder circuit to the new steel structures will begin in early May.
- The first phase of this distribution construction, installation of the new feeder wires on the lower half of the steel transmission structures, will be completed in July.
- During this phase, some additional work (installation of foundation corrosion protection and reflective signs) will be performed at the base of each structure.
- The next phase will involve relocating all customers along this stretch of Highway 23 to the new 34.5kV feeder and removing the old feeder wires that are currently supported on wood poles. It is scheduled to be completed in late 2018 or 2019.

## July 5, 2017

- Right-of-way acquisition was completed in late February.
- The permits for construction over Louisiana Highway 1261 (Walker Road) and along the west shoulder of Louisiana Highway 23 (Belle Chasse Highway) were obtained from the state Department of Transportation and Development in March.
- Construction of the new transmission line started in early March. Initial activities included clearing of all vegetation within the new ROW and installation of the large steel support structures not directly along Highway 23.
- Installation of the steel structures along Highway 23 began in April.

- Work was temporarily halted in mid-June, awaiting completion by Plaquemines Parish's contractor of the relocation of a section of the parish's 20-inch water line. The water line relocation was delayed by more than two months due to an unexpected design change as well as high Mississippi River levels that prevent any subsurface work near the levee. Water line work is expected to resume by mid-July, and construction of the new transmission line is expected to resume in late-August.
- The new transmission line is still scheduled to be completed by mid-December.

#### Feb. 17, 2017

- All environmental permits have been issued for the project.
- Right of way acquisition is expected to be complete by the end of February.
- Entergy Louisiana made modifications to its distribution system along Highway 23.
- Construction of the approximately \$60 million project is scheduled to start March 1. Work is expected to be completed between mid-December 2017 and February 2018.

## March 8, 2016

 Right-of-way acquisition and work to obtain necessary environmental and state permits is ongoing. The project remains on schedule to begin construction in the spring of 2017.

## Dec. 1, 2015

• Starting in December 2015, Entergy Louisiana representatives will be contacting individual landowners to begin the process for acquiring the rights of way (ROW) needed for the project. The ROW acquisition phase follows months of preliminary work that included title abstracts, surveys, property appraisals, and discussions with numerous landowners along the route regarding planned structure locations and other aspects of the project. The transmission line is 10.5 miles long, and approximately seven miles of the ROW that Entergy requires for the project along Louisiana Highway 23 will overlap the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's ROW.

## Oct. 1, 2015

- Completed surveying along Louisiana Highway 23 to locate parish water lines, fiber-optic communication cables, natural gas lines, and other underground infrastructure.
- Adjusted locations of planned transmission line structures to address underground interferences, permitting agency requirements, and landowner concerns.