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Project No. 100028673

Re: Proposed CPS Energy Ranchtown Substation Project

Dear:

CPS Energy is planning to construct a new electric substation northwest of San Antonio and the Helotes area along State Highway (SH) 16 in Bexar County. The proposed Ranchtown Substation will provide additional electric capacity to support community growth and improve the reliability of electric services to homes and businesses in that area. The new substation will require an area of approximately 5 acres and will be connected to CPS Energy's existing Helotes to Menger 138-kilovolt (kV) transmission line by a short span of transmission line. We are seeking your assistance in obtaining any information that would be useful in planning the project.

CPS Energy has tasked Atkins to prepare an Environmental Assessment and Alternative Site Analysis (EA). Atkins is in the process of collecting and evaluating environmental data for the study area. We ask that your agency/office relate to us any concerns regarding the siting and potential environmental effects from the construction of this electric substation. A map showing the study area is attached for your convenience.

Atkins would like to thank you in advance for comments from your office regarding the natural, cultural or human resources in the study area. Also, we would like to know if any permits, easements, or other approvals are required by your office, or if you are aware of any proposed development or construction in the study area.

Questions may be directed to me at (512) 342-3380. Your earliest reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Derek Green
Senior Project Manager

Attachment

cc: Bruce Raney, CPS Energy
Juan Sandoval, CPS Energy