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Work Under Way on Service Reliability Project in Panorama Village
Drivers Caution Urged; Vegetation Management Project to Last into October

Panorama Village, Texas – Weather patterns in recent years have made Entergy Texas, Inc.'s vegetation management program more important than ever to ensuring reliable service for Southeast Texans. That's because drought, storms and other events have led to, among other things, an unusually large number of "danger" trees in need of removal from areas close to main power lines.

Identifying and removing danger trees, along with other vegetation that could interfere with electricity delivery to your home is one part of the job Entergy Texas representatives have in front of them over the two or three months or so as they work on a major vegetation management project set to begin in Panorama Village the week of Aug. 12.

"The number one cause of power outages is some sort of vegetation getting tangled up in a power line," said Renee Powers, customer service manager for Entergy Texas in Montgomery County. "So it's easy to see why we place such a high priority on keeping the lines clear."

The work in Panorama Village will take place on a nearly 15-mile-long power line served by the Panorama Substation located west of the city on FM 830. The line to be

trimmed serves 1,320 customers in the area. Drivers are urged to be alert for the workers and use caution when nearing work areas. ABC Professional Tree Services is the vendor in charge of the project.

"Our goal is to keep the lights on for our customers. To do that, we have to have an aggressive vegetation management program," said Powers. "We keep a schedule for all of our power lines to ensure that limbs and other vegetation are kept away from the lines. When we conduct this cycle trimming, we also remove danger trees that may be outside our right of way, but that are in poor condition and close enough to fall into the lines."

Last year, Entergy Texas workers trimmed more than 2,100 line miles of trees and removed 25,870 danger trees from throughout Southeast Texas. A danger tree is any tree with a structural defect, such as being dead or dying, decayed or leaning. Any of these circumstances could cause the tree to fall into overhead power lines.

Entergy Texas, Inc. provides electricity to more than 400,000 customers in 27 counties. It is a subsidiary of Entergy Corporation. Entergy, which celebrates its 100th birthday this year, is an integrated energy company engaged primarily in electric power production and retail distribution operations. Entergy owns and operates power plants with approximately 30,000 megawatts of electric generating capacity, including more than 10,000 megawatts of nuclear power, making it one of the nation's leading nuclear generators. Entergy delivers electricity to 2.8 million utility customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

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