BEFORE THE

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC'S)		
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION)		
REGARDING THE AUDUBON)		
SUBSTATION AND RELATED)		
TRANSMISSION FACILITIES)	DOCKET NO	
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OCTOBER 10, 2013)		

AFFIDAVIT

OF

CATHERINE WARD

ON BEHALF OF

ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC

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1 AFFIDAVIT OF CATHERINE WARD 2 SUPPORTING NOTICE OF EXEMPTION OF ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC 3 4 STATE OF LOUISIANA § 5 **PARISH OF ORLEANS** Ş 6 7 Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day appeared CATHERINE WARD, who 8 having been placed under oath by me, did depose as follows: 9 "My name is Catherine Ward. I am over the age of 18 years of age and a resident of 10 the State of Louisiana. I am competent to make this Affidavit. Based upon my 24 years of 11 experience described below, I have personal knowledge of the matters addressed in this 12 Affidavit, and my statements concerning these matters are true and correct. 13 I present this Affidavit before the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC" or 14 the "Commission") on behalf of Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL" or the "Company") in 15 support of the Company's Notice of Exemption in the above-styled docket. 16 17 I. **BACKGROUND** I am employed by Entergy Services, LLC ("ESL")1 as Director, Project Management 18 19 - Capital Projects in the Project Delivery - Capital Projects ("PDCP") group. My business 20 address is 9585 Pecue Lane, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

ESL is the service company affiliate of the Entergy Operating Companies ("EOCs") that provides engineering, planning, accounting, technical, regulatory, and other administrative support services to each of the EOCs. The EOCs include ELL; Entergy Mississippi, LLC; Entergy Arkansas, LLC; Entergy New Orleans, LLC; and Entergy Texas, Inc.

2 I later received a Master of Business Administration degree from LSU in 2003. I began my 3 career at Entergy Gulf States, Inc. as a Transmission Line Construction Engineer and 4 Transmission Line Maintenance Engineer from 2000-2005. From 2006-2010, I served as 5 Transmission Project Manager for ESL, managing transmission line and substation projects. 6 From January 2010 to February 2013, I served as Substation Operations Manager for the 7 Louisiana grid, directing the planning and scheduling of substation and transmission line 8 maintenance and planned capital projects. From February 2013 to January 2014, I served as 9 the Regional Customer Service Manager for ELL. Then, from June 2014 to November 2020, 10 I served as Senior Manager, Project Management for Capital Projects-Transmission in the 11 PDCP group, in which role I directly managed projects ranging in cost from \$20-135 million 12 and a team of five internal project management personnel. Since November 2020, I have 13 served in my current role as Director, Project Management - Capital Projects in the PDCP 14 group, where I am responsible for managing the work of a group of employees whose job is to 15 safely execute a portfolio of projects in locations across the areas served by the Entergy 16 Operating Companies ("EOCs") in Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, and Louisiana. My current 17 team includes 21 internal Project Managers and multiple contract project management 18 resources responsible for developing a variety of projects, including greenfield and brownfield 19 projects, substations, transmission line projects (69 kilovolt ("kV") to 500kV), and distribution 20 line projects (13.2-34.5kV). 21 The PDCP group is responsible for the Project Delivery System that is used for the 22 development and execution of the largest, most complex capital projects undertaken on behalf 23 of the EOCs. The Project Delivery System exists to ensure that capital projects are consistently

I graduated from Louisiana State University in 1999 with a degree in Civil Engineering.

1 and effectively developed, implemented, and managed on behalf of the EOCs. It provides the 2 framework for project planning and execution to achieve high quality outcomes such as safely 3 and efficiently delivering projects within budget and schedule with clear lines of accountability 4 for project delivery and application of strong project management fundamentals and tools. The 5 PDCP group has responsibility for both oversight and execution of certain capital projects. 6 Project oversight involves the systematic evaluation of the completeness and quality of each 7 project's business case, project management, and technical deliverables as the project 8 progresses through the stage gate process. Assurance is performed through rigorous stage gate 9 reviews, independent project assessments, and reporting to ensure that projects are not only 10 compliant with the Project Delivery Standard, but that the project is well positioned to be 11 successfully delivered. 12 Lastly, from an execution perspective, the PDCP group is responsible for new 13 generation project development and execution; large, new transmission project development 14 and execution; and large capital-intensive transmission projects that may be implemented at 15 Fossil power plants. Project execution refers to the performance of business, project 16 management, project control, and technical activities in accordance with stage gate process 17 requirements with the objective of achieving project goals safely, on-schedule, within budget, 18 and with the most effective use of capital.

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II. PURPOSE OF AFFIDAVIT

2 In the above-styled docket, the Company is providing notice that, consistent with the terms of the Commission's Transmission Siting Order,² it is undertaking a portfolio of 3 4 transmission projects required to add a new 500/230kV Substation in Ascension Parish, 5 Louisiana and approximately 7.8 miles of new transmission line to connect the new substation 6 to existing 230kV and 500kV transmission lines (the "Project," which is described in more 7 detail below) for the primary purpose of accommodating a new clean energy complex 8 ("Customer Complex") being developed by a new customer (the "Customer") in Louisiana.³ 9 As such, per my understanding of the Siting Order, the Project qualifies for an exemption from 10 the requirement that the Company obtain a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity prior to 11 the construction of the Project. This Affidavit provides certain factual information to support 12 the application of the exemption established at section VIII(6) of the Siting Order. In his 13 affidavit supporting the Company's Notice of Exemption, Company affiant Mr. Bradley Skok 14 describes the needs and drivers of the Project, including a discussion of the studies conducted 15 by both ESL and MISO that led to the determination that the Project is the most effective 16 portfolio of projects necessary to enable the Company to reliably provide electric service to 17 the Customer Complex; and Mr. Skok further provides testimony and documentation to show 18 that the primary purpose of the Project is to accommodate the needs of the Customer Complex. 19 In further support of the Company's notice filing, I describe the different elements of the 20 Company's proposed construction of the Project. In particular, my Affidavit:

See General Order No. R-26018 (October 10, 2013), In Re: Determination as to Whether the Commission Should Issue a General Order Asserting Jurisdiction Over the Certification of Utility Transmission Projects and the Determination of Whether Those Projects Are in the Public Interest, Docket No. R-26018 ("Siting Order").

³ *Id.* at Section VIII(6).

- describes and illustrates the components of the Project, which will enable the
 Company to serve the new industrial load created by the Customer Complex in
 Louisiana; and
 - summarizes key details of the Project, including the projected costs, proposed location, siting, and project schedule.

III. THE CUSTOMER'S COMPLEX

The Customer announced in October 2021 the construction of the Customer Complex. As discussed in more detail by Mr. Skok, the Project is necessary for the Company to be able to provide reliable electric service to the Customer Complex and is being undertaken primarily for that purpose. The Project includes a new substation and several related transmission components, the primary purpose of which, as discussed by Mr. Skok and me, is to provide electric service to the Customer Complex.

As Director of Project Management – Capital Projects, I am responsible for the oversight of the design, engineering, procurement, construction, commissioning, and turnover to operations of the multiple components of the Project described below. Working alongside and through my team, I have worked with ESL Power Delivery Planning to define the scope and design of the Project components in order to manage the project schedule, cost, quality, and performance. Accordingly, my involvement with the Project will be to manage the design and construction of its components, consistent with good utility practice.

As Company affiant Ms. Laura Beauchamp explains in her affidavit, the Customer executed an Electric Services Agreement ("ESA") with ELL in December 2023, to supply up to support the Customer

1	Complex. The Customer has requested initial service to the Customer Complex in
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3	Development and construction of the following Project elements will be required for
4	ELL to provide service to the Customer's Complex, and as explained by Mr. Skok, each of
5	these Project elements is being undertaken primarily for the purpose of serving the Customer's
6	Complex:
7	New Substation
8	To accommodate the needs of the Customer Complex, ELL will construct a new
9	500/230kV substation (Audubon Substation) in Sorrento, Louisiana, including the following
10	elements:
11 12	 The design will be a 500kV four-breaker ring bus containing four (4) 500kV breakers and four nodes.
13 14	 Two nodes will cut into and out of the existing Waterford – Willow Glen 500kV line.
15 16	 Two nodes will support seven (7) 400 MVA 500kV/230kV single-phase auto transformers.
17 18 19	 The 230kV Switchyard design will be a seven-bay breaker-and-a-half configuration with at least fifteen (15) breakers and 15 nodes to accommodate initial buildout and future connections.
20 21 22	 Two nodes in support of the two new 230kV transmission lines from the Audubon 500kV/230 kV Substation to the customer substation named Blue Stream; with the ability to expand to four nodes for future development.
23 24	 Two nodes to cut into and out of the existing Conway – Panama 230kV transmission line.
25 26	 Two nodes to cut into and out of the existing Bagatelle – Conway 230kV transmission line.
27	o One node in support of a 60 MVAR capacitor bank.
28	o Provisions to accommodate six (6) future nodes.

Substation	Upgrades
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- To accommodate the needs of the Customer Complex, ELL will need to construct
- 3 upgrades at the following substations:
- Waterford 500kV Substation Replace existing line relaying and settings;
- Willow Glen 500kV Substation Replace existing line relaying and settings;
- Conway 230kV Substation Replace two (2) breakers and existing line relaying and settings;
 - Panama 230kV Substation Replace two (2) breakers and existing line relaying and settings;
 - Bagatelle 230kV Substation Replace existing line relaying and settings; and
- Sunshine 230kV Substation Replace four (4) breakers and existing breaker relaying and settings.

Transmission Line Additions and Upgrades

- To serve the Customer Complex, ELL will install cut-ins of the following existing
- transmission lines into the new Audubon Substation:
- Waterford to Willow Glen 500kV transmission line (the addition of approximately
 2.0 miles of new 500kV transmission line)
 - o Build 1.0 mile of 500kV line on single-circuit structures from Audubon Substation to Waterford Substation
 - o Build 1.0 mile of 500kV line on single-circuit structures from Audubon Substation to Willow Glen Substation
 - Conway to Panama 230kV transmission line (the addition of 1.4 miles of new 230kV transmission line)
 - o Build 0.7 miles of single circuit 230kV line from Conway Substation to Audubon Substation (#1)
 - o Build 0.7 miles of single circuit 230kV line from Panama Substation to Audubon Substation

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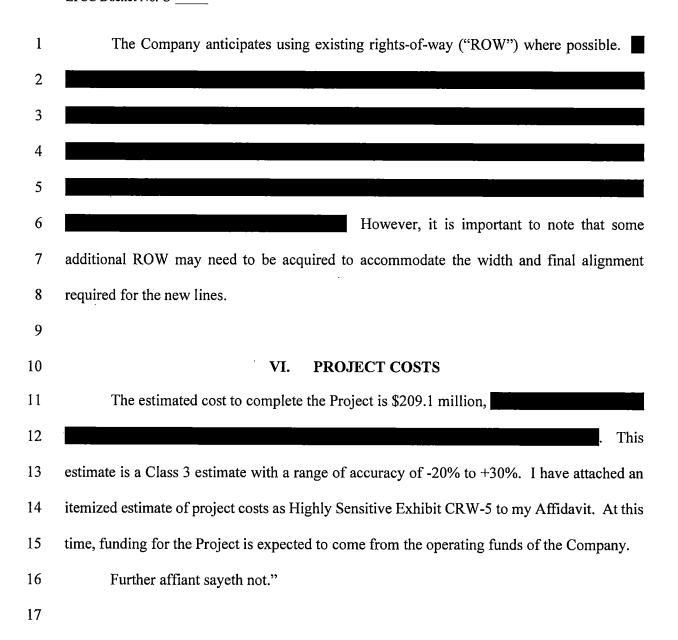
1 2	 Conway to Bagatelle 230kV transmission line (the addition of 1.6 miles of new 230kV transmission line)
3 4 5	 Build 0.9 miles of single circuit 230kV line from Bagatelle Substation to Audubon Substation
6 7 8	 Build 0.7 miles of single circuit 230kV line from Conway Substation to Audubon Substation (#2)
9 10 11 12	 Audubon Substation to the Customer Complex (the addition of approximately 2.8 miles of new 230kV transmission line)
13 14 15	 Build 1.4 miles of single-circuit 230kV line from Audubon Substation to Customer station #1
16 17 18	 Build 1.4 miles of single-circuit 230kV line from Audubon Substation to Customer station #2
19	To accommodate the needs of the Customer Complex, ELL will also need to perform
20	the following transmission line upgrades:
21 22 23	 Reconductor two spans on the Point Pleasant to Willow Glen transmission line to increase ampacity to 1,607 amps; and
24 25 26	 Reconductor two spans on the Willow Glen to Wise transmission line to increase ampacity to 1,607 amps.
27	The substation structures and overhead transmission lines will be built to 150-mph
28	wind loadings, and the substation pad will be built above base flood elevation.
29	Distribution Upgrades
30	To serve the Customer Complex, ELL will perform distribution relocations near the
31	230kV cut-ins and install new distribution circuit to feed station service requirements.
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1	IV. LOCATION AND MAPPING OF THE PROJECT
2	For illustrative purposes, I include the following exhibits with my Affidavit:
3 4 5	 Exhibit CRW-1 (HSPM): A map detailing the routing and location of the Project facilities;
6 7	• Exhibit CRW-2: A scoping diagram of the Project facilities;
8 9	• Exhibit CRW-3: Diagrams of the standard typical pole sections for construction of the transmission lines; and
10 11 12	• Exhibit CRW-4: Audubon Substation One-Line diagrams.
13	The location and siting presented in these exhibits are subject to change during the
14	course of Project development.
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16	V. PROJECT SCHEDULE
17	ELL anticipates completing the Project by

Activity	Date
Land Acquisition	
Begin Construction	
Transmission Line ROW Acquisition	
Transmission Line Permitting	
Audubon 230kV Substation Completion	
Audubon 500kV Substation Completion	
Overall In-Service Date	

as follows:

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SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED TO before me, the undersigned authority, on this 23 day of January, 2024.

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Notary Public

MATTHEW T. BROWN
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Louisiana
My Commission Is Issued for Life
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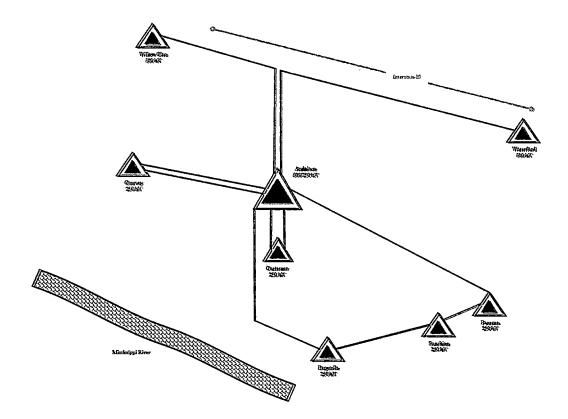
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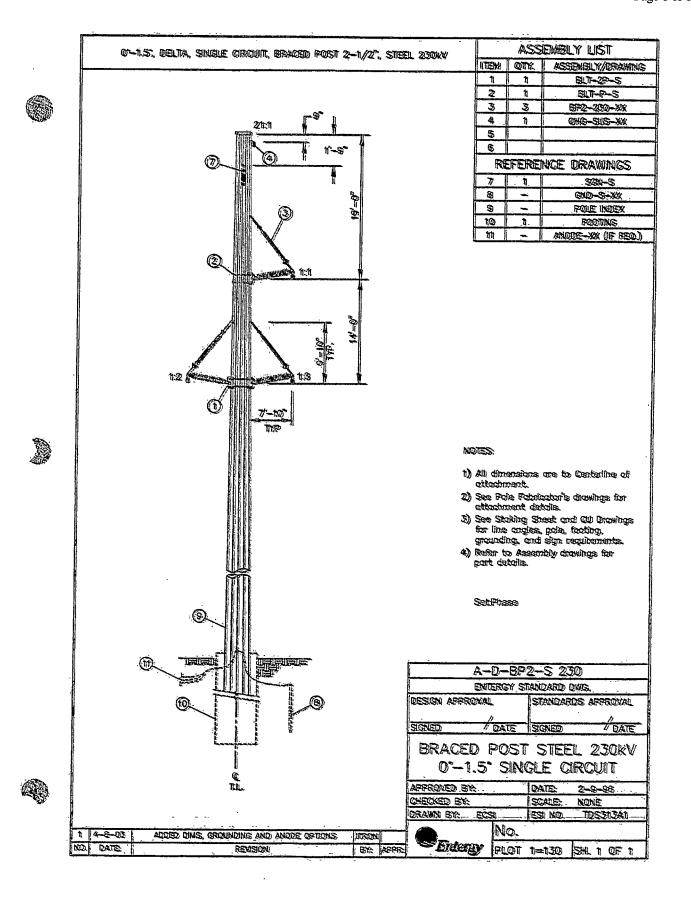
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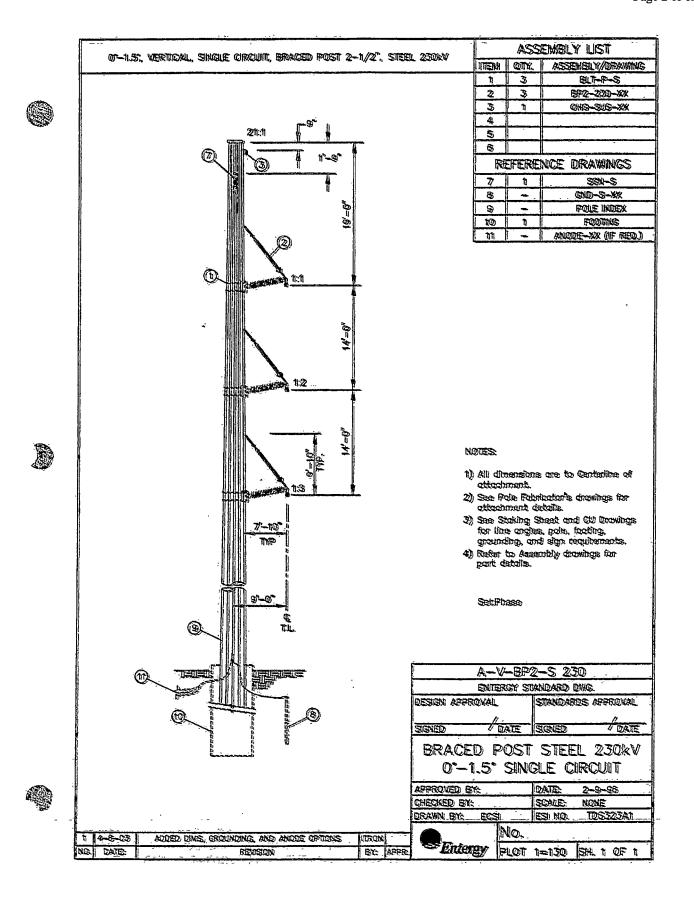
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Exhibit CRW-2 Scoping Diagram of the Project Facilities







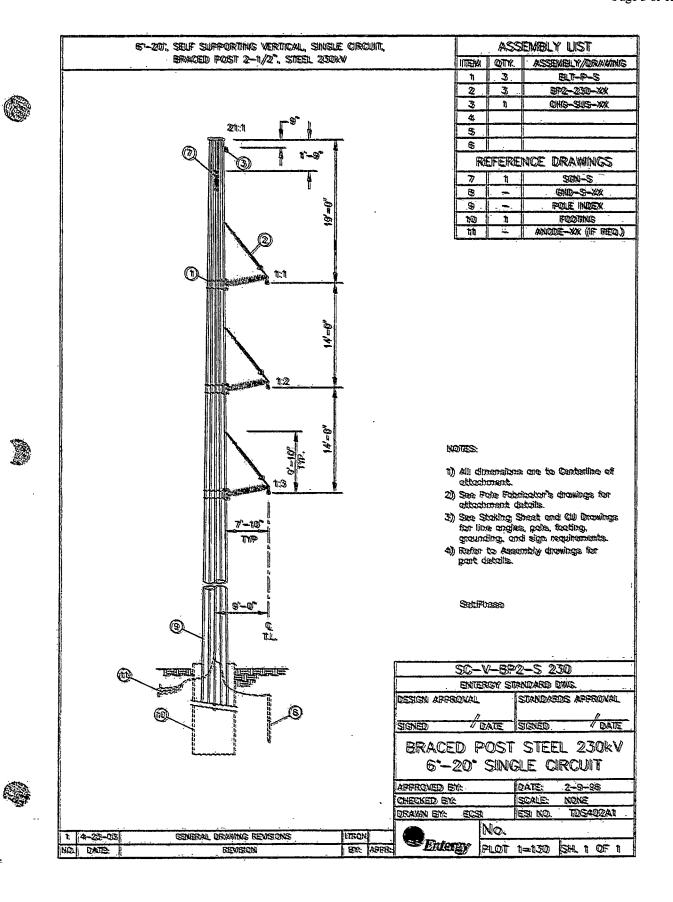
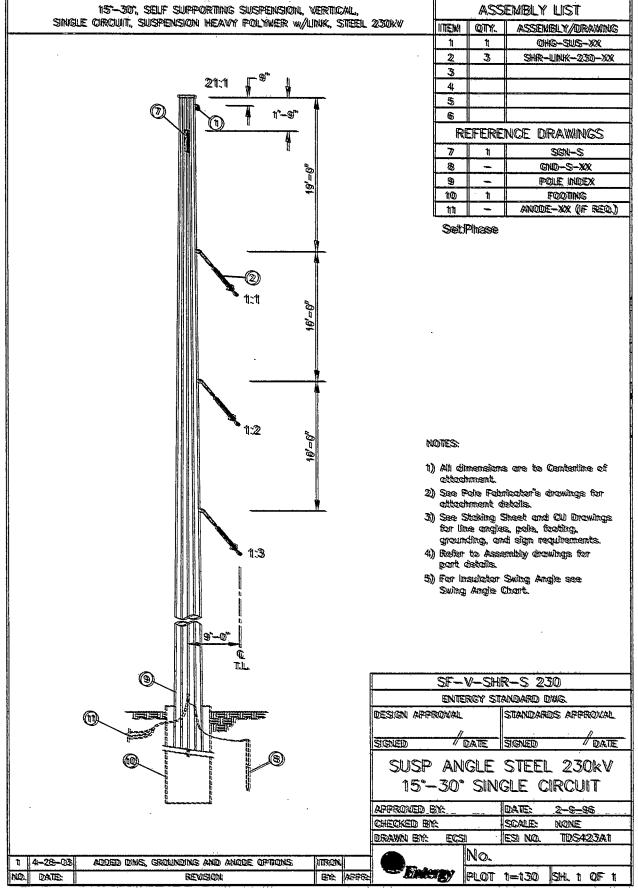
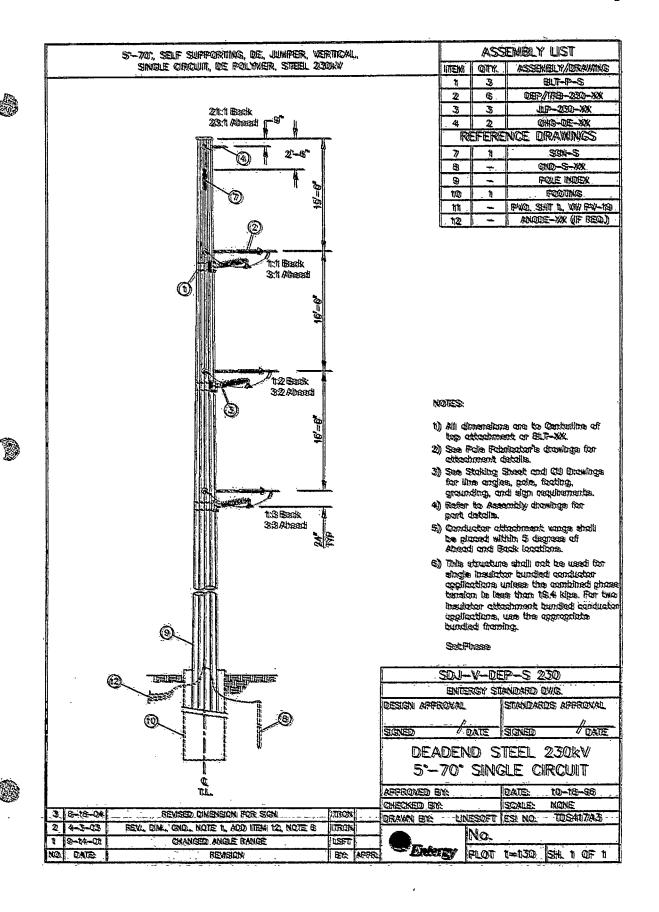


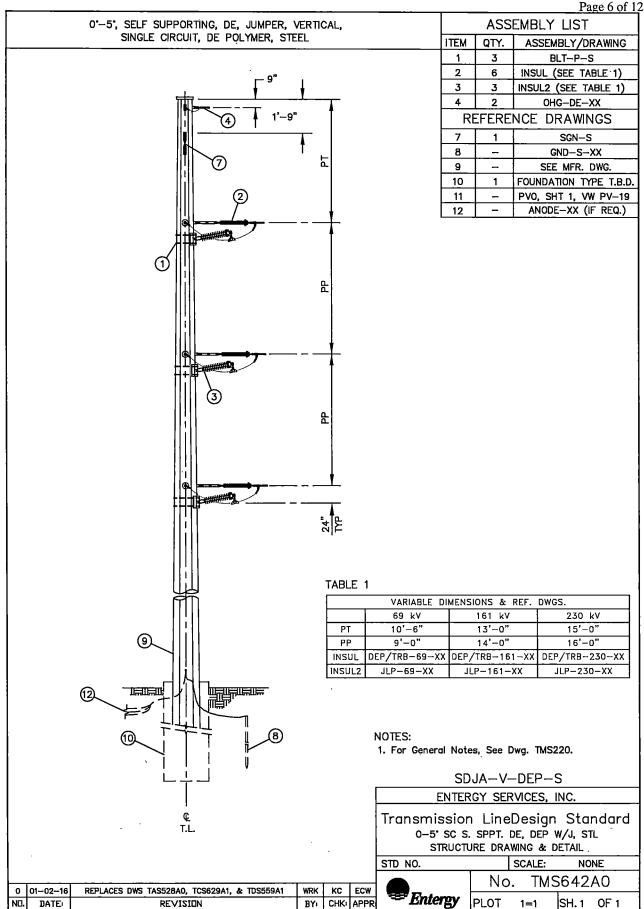
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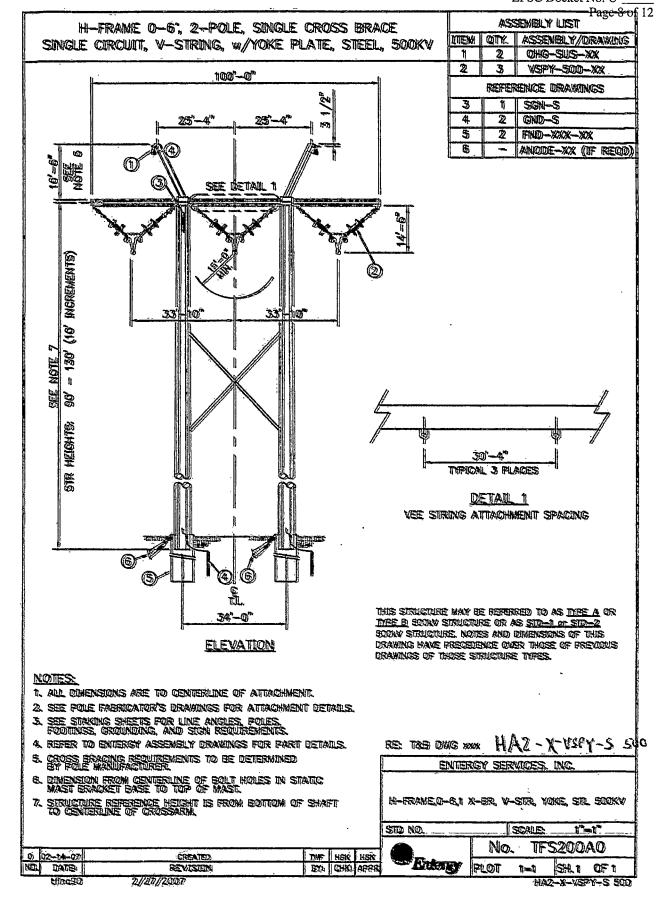
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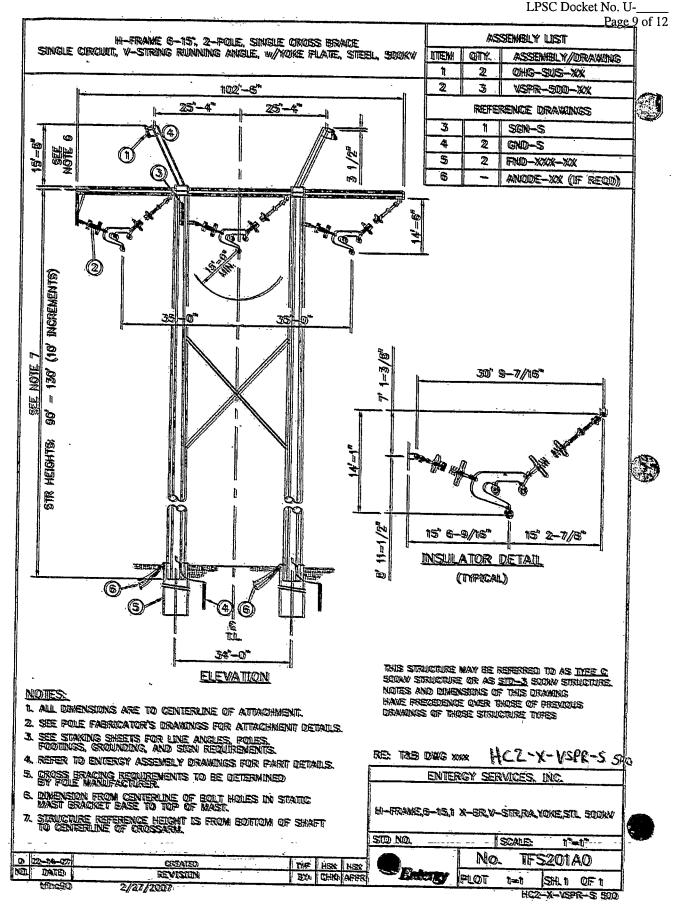
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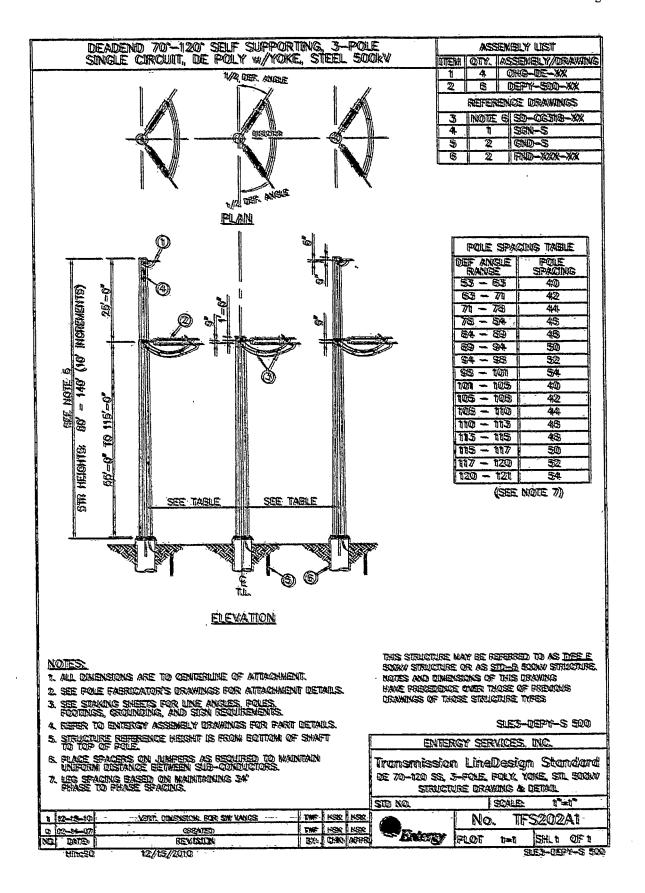
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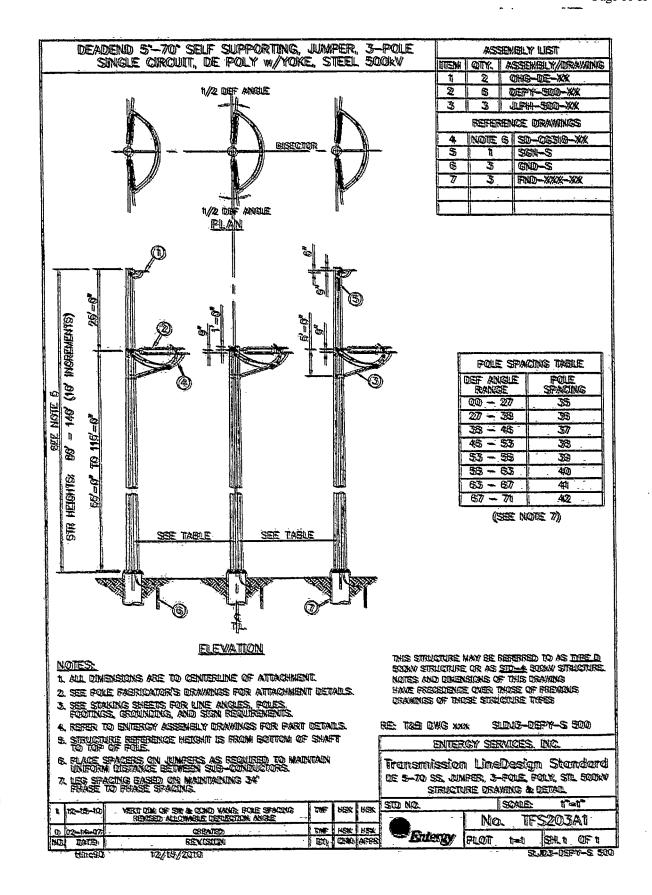
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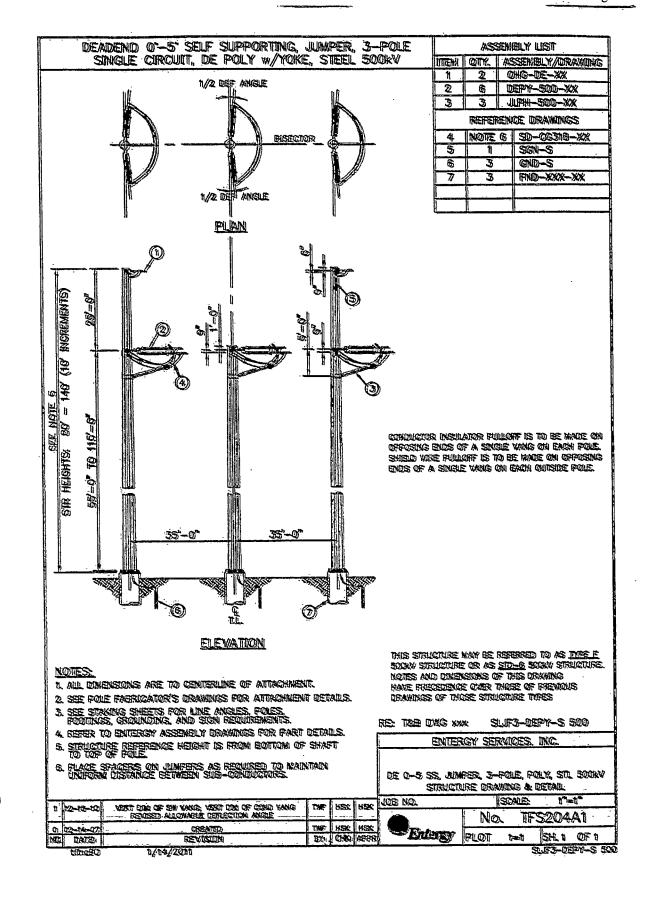
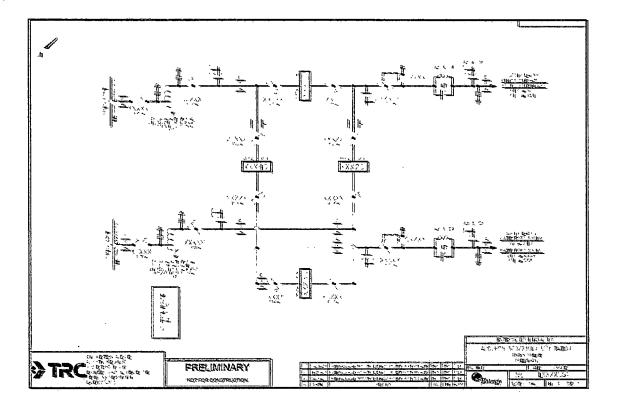
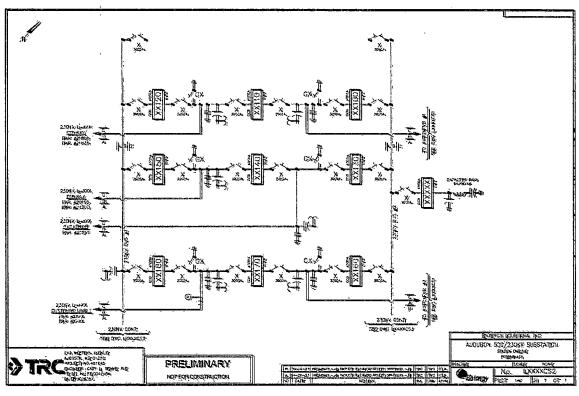
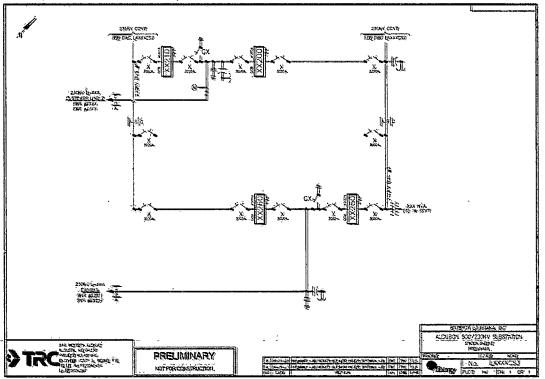


Exhibit CRW-4 (HSPM) Audubon Substation One-line Diagrams







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