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Enclosure: Study Area Map



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November 9, 2015

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Chair  
County Historical Commission Panola County Historical Commission  
809 Beverly Drive  
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November 9, 2015

Mr. David Cleveland  
Executive Director  
East Texas Council of Governments  
3800 Stone Road  
Kilgore, TX 75662

Re: Rusk – Panola Transmission Project

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**GARLAND POWER & LIGHT**

November 9, 2015

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County Judge  
Panola County  
110 S Sycamore, Room 216-A  
Carthage, TX 75633

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**Randle-Biehler, Kasey**

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**From:** Ortiz, Joab  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 4, 2015 2:51 PM  
**To:** Wise, Kristi; 'Adam Renz'; Werth, Dusty; Conf Room, 93-207; 'natalie.mccue@patternenergy.com'; George.Armistead1@outlook.com; Beth O'Brien; David Parquet; Randle-Biehler, Kasey; Pelloso, Andrew J; 'Adam Cernea Clark'; Ortiz, Joab; Deffenbaugh, Chris; McCall, Christopher; Campbell, Darren E; Blake Rasmussen; 'james.dermody@patternenergy.com'  
**Subject:** FW: Rusk - Panola Transmission Line  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**Categories:** SDMS

I have a meeting with the commissioners on Tuesday November 17th at 9 a. m.

Joab Ortiz  
Burns & McDonnell  
O: 816-349-6766  
M: 913-706-3102

-----Original Message-----

**From:** leeann.jones@co.panola.tx.us [mailto:leeann.jones@co.panola.tx.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 4, 2015 2:43 PM  
**To:** Ortiz, Joab <joabortiz@burnsmcd.com>  
**Subject:** Rusk - Panola Transmission Line

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We have the following observations:

1. Private Conservation Lands are marked and we feel you should resect those lands;
2. Pulaski was the original seat for Panola County and there is historical markers around the Sabine River area which would not need to be interrupted;
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We do not have any further observations.

I will relinquish my attendance at the next meeting so that you may meet with the Commissioners who will in turn report back to me or the Court if needed.



Commissioner Ronnie LaGrone's contact information is as follows:

110 S. Sycamore, Room 216-A  
Carthage, Texas 75633  
Phone: (903) 693-0385  
Fax: (903) 693-2726  
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Thank you,

Lee Ann Jones



**GARLAND POWER & LIGHT**

November 9, 2015

The Honorable Ronnie LaGrone  
County Commissioner  
Panola County Precinct 1  
110 S Sycamore, Room 216-A  
Carthage, TX 75633

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**GARLAND POWER & LIGHT**

November 9, 2015

The Honorable John Gradberg  
County Commissioner  
Panola County Precinct 2  
110 S Sycamore, Room 102-A  
Carthage, TX 75633

Re: Rusk – Panola Transmission Project

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November 9, 2015

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County Commissioner  
Panola County Precinct 3  
110 S Sycamore, Room 102-A  
Carthage, TX 75633

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October 27, 2015

Kim Goodwin 110 S Sycamore, Room 201  
Ms.  
County Road and Bridge Department  
Carthage  
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November 9, 2015

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County Clerk  
Panola County  
110 S Sycamore, Room 201  
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County Judge  
Rusk County  
115 N Main St, Suite 104  
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Re: Rusk – Panola Transmission Project

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Because you are a representative of your community, we want to make you aware of upcoming public outreach to engage and inform residents regarding the transmission line routing process and our subsequent application to the Public Utility Commission of Texas for approval of a certificate of convenience and necessity. We will be holding two public open houses to introduce the Project, present potential routing options, and solicit feedback from landowners and anyone interested in the Project. **The open houses will be on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 1 and 2, 2015, at the Carthage Civic Center, 1702 South Adams, Carthage, Texas 75633. The open houses will be informal, and the public is welcome to attend any time from 4 to 7 p.m.** Landowners within 500 feet of any of the proposed route options will be mailed an invitation to the open house and a map of the route alternatives. As a leader in the community, we also invite you to attend the open houses. Your insight, including identification of any routing constraints or opportunities that should be considered, is vital to the Project routing process. A map of the proposed route alternatives will be available on the Project website ([www.RuskPanolaTransmissionProject.com](http://www.RuskPanolaTransmissionProject.com)) starting November 16, 2015.

Your input is important, and we look forward to speaking with you. If you have any questions or require additional information prior to the open houses, please call 888-781-3350 or email [info@RuskPanolaTransmissionProject.com](mailto:info@RuskPanolaTransmissionProject.com). You may also send information by mail addressed to: Burns & McDonnell c/o Joab Ortiz, 9400 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64114.

Sincerely,

Joab Ortiz  
On Behalf of Garland Power & Light  
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**GARLAND POWER & LIGHT**

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