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Public Utility Commission of Texas
Division of Compliance and Enforcement
PO Box 13326
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: HB4150 Non-Compliance January 2023 Monthly Progress Report

MidSouth Electric Co-op (MidSouth) is filing this monthly progress report as requested in the of Notice of Non-Compliance dated September 14, 2022, from the Public Utility Commission of Texas (the Commission).

The following information is being provided to the Commission's Division of Compliance and Enforcement (DICE) to demonstrate MidSouth's ongoing effort to comply with Section 6 of House Bill 4150 and Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) § 38.004(b) with regards to distribution lines owned by MidSouth over Lake Conroe.

A. January 2023 progress reports for each non-compliant distribution line identified within MidSouth's January 6, 2022 report including permitting information and estimated completion dates:

1) Lake Conroe Crossing Near Marina Drive and Lake Conroe Crossing Near Lake Point Boulevard
    a. Permitting and Approvals
        i. June 14, 2022 – Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) permit approved (TxDOT Permit HOU20211210144326); and
        ii. August 18, 2022 - San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) approved insurance requirements for the project.
    b. Actual Start Date – August 20, 2022
    c. Next steps to be completed: reaming for conduit and pulling of conduit under lakebed.
    d. Estimated Completion Date – April 1, 2023

2) Lake Conroe Crossing Near Villas Way Drive
    a. Permitting and Approvals
        i. June 24, 2022 – TxDOT permit approved (TxDOT Permit HOU20211210142138); and
        ii. August 18, 2022 - SJRA approved insurance requirements for the project
    b. Actual Start Date – August 20, 2022
    c. Reaming for conduit under lakebed completed – October 18, 2022
    d. Contractor began pulling conduit under lakebed – October 19, 2022
    e. Contractor's directional bit broke off below the lakebed – November 8, 2022
    f. Contractor completed installation of conduit below the lakebed– December 15, 2022
    g. Contractor completed setting poles and installing vaults in January 2023
    h. Next steps to be completed: single phase bore, measuring for wires, and pulling wires through the conduit under the lakebed
    i. Estimated Completion Date – March 1, 2023

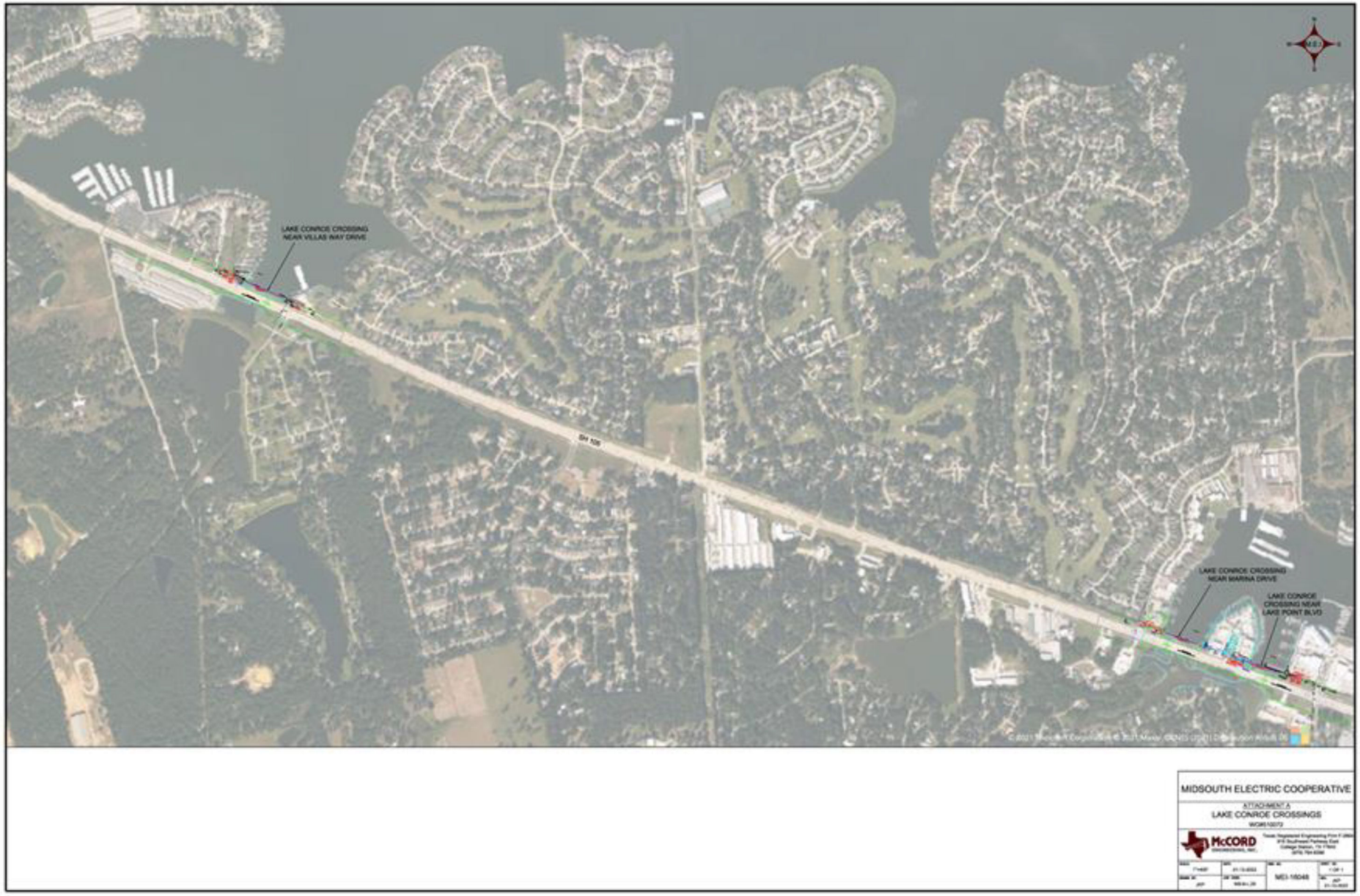
B. Mapping that identifies the location of each non-compliant line identified in the attestation:
See "Project Map" on Page 3

C. Measures taken by MidSouth to make the public aware of the non-compliant lines while the lines are in the process of being brought into compliance.

a. Social Media Outreach – MidSouth initiated a social media campaign on October 5, 2022 to make the public aware of the non-compliant lines and to update the public on what actions MidSouth is taking to bring the lines into compliance. Information was posted on MidSouth's social media platforms:
    i. Facebook https://www.facebook.com/MidSouthEC/
    ii. Twitter - https://twitter.com/midsouthec
    iii. Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/midsouthec/
b. News Article – MidSouth published a news article about the projects to comply with HB 4150 on its webpage on September 28, 2022. The article included links to the Powerline Safety Act and to Powerline Safety Information. Photos of the affected areas were included as well. The article can be accessed at: https://midsouthelectric.com/lake-conroe-grid-improvements/

MidSouth will continue provide monthly reports on the progress of bringing the lines into compliance as requested. The reports will be filed electronically under PUC Project No. 52667 on 20th of each month until project completion. A final report will be submitted once the projects have been completed.

Project Map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