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Re: Media Relations - Re: Media Relations - [External Email] Media Inquiry—Hillje-Blu Lacy 765-kV Line

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Cc: [REDACTED]

Hi Robert,

Please see the statement below regarding your follow up questions:

CenterPoint Energy Statement:

Texans expect and deserve a better energy future, and CenterPoint Energy is committed to building a more resilient, reliable, and affordable energy future for all our Texas customers, communities, local industries, and small businesses. The Hillje-Blu Lacy Transmission Improvement Project is a joint initiative between CenterPoint Energy and AEP Texas to meet our customers' future energy priorities, which include strengthening and modernizing the electric grid, mitigating the effects of more powerful storms and extreme weather, and meeting the area's growing energy and economic needs.

As part of this effort, we are investing in ~155 miles of brand new, storm-resilient transmission lines between Wharton and Nueces counties and two new substations. These investments in the electric grid will achieve an array of important goals, including: improving local reliability, resiliency and energy capacity, creating more than 1,400 new Texas jobs, providing over \$10 million in local tax revenue to improve local services, and prioritizing affordability by saving Texas customers \$100M+ each year as local economies expand and share the costs of these electric resiliency and reliability improvements.

CenterPoint Energy's energy priorities and infrastructure procurement efforts are proudly aligned with the Lone Star Infrastructure Protection Act, and we are making sure this project is built by Texans, for Texas.

Best,

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