



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, FORT WORTH DISTRICT
P. O. BOX 17300
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102-0300

September 21, 2023

Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Project Number SWF-2022-00466, Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.
2022-24 System Improvement Plans

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Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative, Inc.
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

This letter is in regard to information received September 26, 2022, and subsequent submittals dated April 4, 18, May 8, July 31, and September 5, 2023, concerning the proposal for distribution system improvements located in San Augustine County, Texas. This project has been assigned Project Number SWF-2022-00466. Please include this number in all future correspondence concerning this project.

Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulates the discharge of dredged and fill material into waters of the United States, including wetlands. USACE responsibility under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 is to regulate any work in, or affecting, navigable waters of the United States. Based on your description of the proposed work, the figure entitled "Figure 3 Project Aerial," dated July 31, 2023, and consisting of one sheet, and other information available to us, we have determined that the construction of the Long Pines Substation will not involve activities subject to the requirements of Section 404 or Section 10. Therefore, it will not require Department of the Army authorization pursuant to Section 404 or Section 10.

The USACE based this decision on an approved jurisdictional determination (JD) that there are no waters of the United States on the project site. The basis of this approved JD is enclosed. This approved JD is valid for a period of no more than five years from the date of this letter unless new information warrants revision of the delineation before the expiration date.

The Applicant may accept or appeal this approved JD or provide new information in accordance with the enclosed Notification of Administration Appeal Options and Process and Request for Appeal (NAAOP-RFA). If the Applicant elects to appeal this approved JD, the Applicant must complete Section II (Request for Appeal or Objections to an Initial Proffered Permit) of the enclosure and return it to the Division Engineer, ATTN: CESWD-PD-O Appeals Review Officer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1100 Commerce Street Suite 831, Dallas, Texas 75242-0216 within 60 days of the date of this notice. Failure to notify the USACE within 60 days of the date of this notice means you accept the approved JD in its entirety and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.

Thank you for your interest in our nation's water resources. If you have any questions concerning our regulatory program, please refer to our website at <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory> or contact Mrs. Julianna Kurpis at the address above, by telephone (817) 692-6139, or by email julianna.k.kurpis@usace.army.mil, and refer to your assigned project number.


Please help the regulatory program improve its service by completing the survey on the following website: http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey

Sincerely,

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For: Brandon W. Mobley
Chief, Regulatory Division

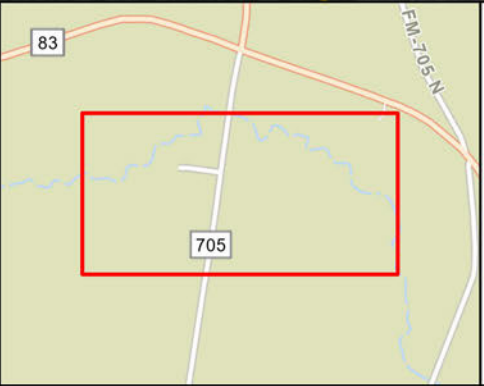
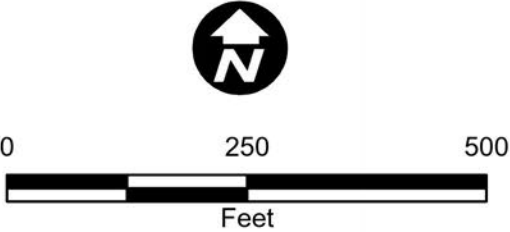
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Legend

-  Project Area
-  NRCS Soil
-  NHD Stream
- Field Collected Data**
 -  Field Data Point



DEEP EAST TEXAS
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
LONG PINES SUBSTATION PROJECT

**FIGURE 3
PROJECT AERIAL**

SAN AUGUSTINE COUNTY, TEXAS

