

March 1, 2017

## Re: Southton substation project update

Valued customer,

On February 28, 2017, CPS Energy's Board of Trustees approved the site and route for the proposed Southton Substation and Transmission Line Project. The approved site and route are posted on our website, <u>www.cpsenergy.com</u> search Southton substation.

Initiated in September of 2016, the Routing and Siting Process included an open house, a detailed environmental assessment, a public input session and many conversations with interested customers. The project team presented its recommended route/site, Site 9 (shown on the attached map), to the CPS Energy Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting on January 30, 2017. In addition, a public input session was held on February 8, 2017, at the Emporium by Yarlen.

CPS Energy will soon begin contacting property owners of the approved site in order to gather information needed for timely construction of the project. The projected completion date of the new substation and transmission line is June 2019.

The substation and transmission line are needed to keep pace with rapid customer growth and improve reliability to existing customers.

Thank you for your valuable input to this process.

Sincerely,

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