

Bentwater Civic Association – URGENT MESSAGE

I suspect many of you are aware that Entergy is proposing a new utility line upgrade with several routes under consideration, but you may not be fully aware of what this means for us. One of the routes under consideration, **Route EF**, goes through Bentwater, entering from the West and runs along the existing utility easement South of the Meadows, crosses Bentwood Dr and continues in a straight line to a point about half way down the North side of Bermuda Cir. It turns North to 1097 and then continues East along the South side of 1097, **across our front entrance**, across Lake Conroe adjacent to the bridge on the South side and continues on down 1097. Here is a link to the Entergy map: <http://www.entergy-texas.com/transmission/wrepmap.aspx>. The map can be expanded so that you can better see the route.

This is not your typical power line. Our neighbor Pete McElwain attended the Entergy open house a few days ago, saw the proposal and questioned the engineers. According to the Engineers, if this Route EF is selected, the likely structures to be built will be 120 - 130 high with a 5 foot diameter, three massive arms and six high voltage lines. To put this in perspective, the existing poles are 60 feet three wire poles. This was **not** disclosed in earlier communications from Entergy, so our thanks to Pete for bringing this to our attention.

The BCA believes there is a material risk that this will significantly impact our ambiance and lower our property values. We think that it will discourage some buyers from considering Bentwater, due to the industrial zone appearance of these structures, the fact that many people rightly or wrongly believe it is physically harmful to live near a high voltage line and the possible safety issues as these poles will be climbable and who can keep kids from trying it. Bentwater is a high density residential neighborhood. This type of transmission line does not belong in a neighborhood like ours with 2000 homes.

The public comment period expires Wednesday, so time is very short. We urge each of you to publically express your feelings and opinions. Numbers really do count, so please do this. The opinions may be expressed to:

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Due to the very short time period we recommend that you write a letter and either mail it before the deadline or scan it and email it. If you don't wish to do that, an email is better than nothing.

Please act now. This is quite urgent.

Jim Hamilton, President