

## **Who is CPS Energy?**

CPS Energy is the nation's largest municipally owned natural gas and electric utility, providing service to approximately 717,000 electric customers and 325,000 natural gas customers in and around the City of San Antonio. The utility ranks among the nation's lowest-cost energy providers while ranking number 1 in wind-energy capacity among municipally owned utilities.

CPS Energy's goal is to provide reliable energy in an environmentally responsible way. This brochure is a first step in notifying the public of this project in an effort to work together to achieve that goal. If outages are necessary or the scope of the project changes, the public will be notified via letter and/or door hanger. If you have any questions regarding the project please contact Ulrich Skerhut.

## **How can you follow the progress of this project?**

Project information is posted on the CPS Energy Web site at [www.cpsenergy.com](http://www.cpsenergy.com) (search words: Blossom).

## **Who can answer your questions?**

The Web site will include regular updates on the project as steps are completed. Also, you may call or write to:

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# *BLOSSOM SUBSTATION PROJECT*

# INFORMATION ABOUT THE BLOSSOM SUBSTATION PROJECT

## What is this project?

CPS Energy plans to construct a new electric substation in the near north east area of San Antonio on Starcrest Dr. The new substation will be supplied from an existing high-voltage transmission line that runs next to Starcrest Dr. The substation will supply electric power to homes and businesses in the immediate area, largely using existing lower-voltage distribution lines. The Substation will be built on property that belongs to CPS Energy.

A substation is a local power hub or distribution point for electricity. This substation will provide additional electric capacity to support community growth and it will improve the reliability of electric services to homes and businesses in the area. We propose to start construction in mid 2013.

CPS Energy is proposing to build the substation on an undeveloped site owned by CPS Energy off of Starcrest Dr.

## Why is this project needed?

The existing CPS Energy electric system in near north east San Antonio must be expanded to serve customers' needs for reliable electric power. The demand for electricity is increasing in this area, and we have an opportunity to improve the reliability of electric service to our customers.

## How might this project affect you?

We will contact landowners directly affected by the construction of the proposed substation, and we will strive to minimize disruptions to landowners and their properties.

Figure 1 displays an example of a substation. Figures 2 and 3 display an example of a high-voltage transmission line and a lower-voltage distribution line, respectively.



**FIGURE 1:**  
**Substation**



**FIGURE 2:**  
**Transmission Line**



**FIGURE 3:**  
**Distribution Line**