Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Yoakum (City) has determined that the following proposed action under the Texas General Land Office CDBG Mitigation Fund Program, GLO Contract #22-119-007-D417, for the purpose of providing backup power to the Brushy Creek Water Plant and lightning protection for critical facilities, is located in the 100-Year Floodplain and the City will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management.

Project Descriptions: Water Facilities: Subrecipient shall add generators and complete all associated appurtenances. Electric Facilities: Subrecipient shall install Lightning Protection Arrestors (LPA) and complete all associated appurtenances.

Generator location in the floodplain: Brushy Creek Water Plant, Intersection Loop 51 and Old Cuero Rd southward to City Waterworks Road approximately 1,167’, thence slight north eastward 170’ 29.276700, -97.160000, Yoakum, DeWitt County, TX.

LPA locations in the floodplain: LPA#4 Intersection Hickey Street and Gaettner Street south westward approximately 1270’, thence south eastward approximately 80’ 29.276800, -97.157800; LPA#5 Intersection Loop 51 and Old Cuero Rd southward to Waterworks Road approximately 1,167’, thence slight north eastward 170’ 29.276700, -97.160000; LPA#9 Intersection County Road 400 and Farm to Market Road 318 East traveling south westward approximately 640’ turning right at clearing prior to Chandler Drilling following road to site approximately 400’ 29.290500, -97.129800; LPA#10 Intersection Davis Avenue and South Park Road southward approximately 433’ 29.301200, -97.135100, Yoakum, DeWitt and Lavaca Counties, TX.

Estimated Total HUD Funded (CDBG MIT) Amount and Estimated Total Project Cost is $550,000.

Approximately <0.10-acres of activities will be in Zone A of the 100-Year Floodplain at the Brushy Creek Water Plant for the generator, installed on a new concrete pad, and which will not change the topography or natural drainage flows. The Lightning Protection Arrestors will be installed on existing poles, with no new ground disturbance. There will be no adverse impact on the floodplain.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains, and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment, should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City at the following address on or before 8/18/22: City of Yoakum, 808 Hwy 77A South, Yoakum, TX 77995 (361) 293-6321, Attn: Mayor’s Office. A full description of the project will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to the address stated above or by email to tbowe@cityofyoakum.org.

Date: 8/3/22

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the above and foregoing notice was posted on the glass window adjacent to the front door of City Hall, facing the outside, and on the City of Yoakum website (www.cityofyoakum.org), on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 4:45 PM o’clock.

/s/
Theresa A. Bowe, City Clerk