



Hello,

Over the past week, you may have seen increased media attention surrounding data center development in Louisiana, particularly related to Meta and our work to support largescale economic growth across the state. Recent coverage has included articles in The Advocate focused on the Cottonwood generation facility, and we expect a story from The New York Times in the near future. I want to take a moment to provide clarity on what this means, what is accurate, and how Entergy Louisiana is responding

First and foremost: our commitment to our customers remains the foundation of every decision we make. That has not changed, and it will not.

To help provide complete context, I encourage you to review our Fair Share Plus pledge and our data center webpage, which outline how we are planning for long-term reliability, affordability, and responsible growth. These resources explain how we ensure that companies driving new demand — especially large, energy-intensive customers — pay their fair share for the infrastructure required to serve them. This approach is central to Fair Share Plus.

As part of this commitment, it is important that our partners have the facts about Meta.

The Cottonwood generating facility is needed to support broader customer growth across Louisiana and the deactivation of legacy units that have served customers for more than five decades. Cottonwood has been part of Entergy Louisiana's supply plan since before Meta was a potential customer. Despite reports to the contrary, through its contract term, Meta is fully supporting and funding the construction of 7.5 gigawatts of new, highly efficient natural gas generation, along with additional solar and battery resources and purchased capacity. This portfolio is designed to meet Meta's projected load while also maintaining an adequate reserve margin to protect our customers and ensure reliable service. We have made this clear throughout the standard regulatory process and will continue to do so.

Earlier today, the Governor signed an Executive Order establishing a stronger, clearer framework for how data centers will be evaluated before receiving any tax exemptions. The priorities outlined in the order align with values we share and advocate for: protecting customers, strengthening grid resiliency, supporting local communities and workforce development, contributing to local tax bases, and ensuring transparency and accountability. We support these principles and welcome a process that brings additional clarity and structure to future data center investments in the state.

We value your partnership and your trust. As questions arise within your communities or organizations, accurate information is essential to ensuring productive conversations about Louisiana's energy future. We remain committed to transparency, responsible planning, and doing what's right for the customers and communities we serve.

Thank you for your continued engagement and collaboration. We will move forward together with clarity, accountability, and a steadfast commitment to delivering reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy for Louisiana.

Thank you,

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