

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Lee County Electric Cooperative, Inc. for repairs to the Sanibel Island Substation transformer oil containment pit due to damages from Hurricane Ian (DR-4673-FL PW 01843 PN 698417). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for projects under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published October 18, 2022, for Hurricane Ian. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within the floodplain. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to repair this facility at its original location within the floodplain because the facility is dependent on its location to provide electricity to the community.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Responsible Entity: FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program

Applicant: Lee County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Project Title(s): APP CERT - Sanibel Island Substation - Transformer Oil Containment Pit

Location of Proposed Work: 5050 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel Island, FL 33957 (GPS: 26.46395, -82.14913)

Floodplain: Project is located in the Zone AE with an elevation of 9 ft., otherwise known as an area with 1% annual chance of flooding, per Lee County FIRM Panel Number 12071C0509G, dated 11/17/2022.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Lee County Electric Cooperative, Inc. will make repairs to the Sanibel Island Substation transformer oil containment pit to include the replacement of GC-2100 Liner with SC-3900 coating, and concrete masonry unit walls. The electrical substation is a critical facility and needs to continue to operate to provide services to the community.

Project Alternatives: FEMA has considered the no-action alternative, as required by Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Part 9. FEMA has determined the no action alternative is impracticable as the full functionality of the Sanibel Island Substation is necessary to serve and ensure the wellbeing of the community. The no action alternative would adversely impact the community by impeding the only substation on the island. No alternative locations were considered, as the facility is dependent on its current location and needs to be within proximity to the community it's serving. Therefore, relocation is impractical.

Comments: This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP-FLORIDA@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line, "Public Comments for 4673-02080 PN 727959, APP CERT - Sanibel Island Substation - Transformer Oil Containment Pit" at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.

THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING.

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 16 **DAY OF** April **2024**

*****END OF NOTICE*****