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MEMORANDUM

TO: Prospective Contractors

FROM: Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Lisa Ledbetter

DATE: September 15, 2026

RE: Request for Proposals
2027 Chemical Vegetation Management Services

Claiborne Electric Cooperative ("Claiborne") is requesting quotations for 2027 Chemical Vegetation Management Services. This project requires chemical treatment of approximately 789 miles of existing 15kV and 25kV distribution rights of way as well as approximately 26 acres of high voltage electrical substation sites.

Prospective bidders are asked to submit their quotation using the attached Excel spreadsheet and bidding documents no later than 10:30 AM, October 15, 2026 by email to Lisa Ledbetter at lisa@our.coop. Technical questions or further questions about the Scope of Work may be directed to Daniel Kimbell, Chief Operating Officer (daniel@our.coop).

A non-mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on October 5, 2026 at 11:00 AM via Microsoft Teams. Please contact Lisa Ledbetter (lisa@our.coop) to register.

Thank you for your interest in serving Claiborne and its members!



Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

2027 CHEMICAL VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc.
12525 LA Highway 9
Homer, Louisiana 71040
(318) 927-3504

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Rural Utilities Service

BID BOND

1. *KNOW ALL PERSONS that we,* _____
_____, *as Principal, and*
_____,
as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc.
_____ *(hereafter called the "Owner")*
in the penal sum of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid referred to in paragraph 2 below, but not to
exceed _____ *dollars (\$* _____ *), as*
hereinafter set forth and for the payment of which sum well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our
executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, by these presents;
2. *WHEREAS, the Principal has submitted a bid to the Owner for the construction of the Rural Utilities Service*
project known as 2027 Chemical Vegetation Management Services.
3. *NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this obligation is such that if the Owner shall accept the bid of the*
Principal, and
- a. *the Principal shall execute such contract documents, if any, as may be required by the terms of the bid and*
give such Contractor's Bond or Bonds for the performance of the contract and for the prompt payment of
labor and material furnished for the project as may be specified in the bid, or
- b. *in the event of the failure of the Principal to execute such contract documents, if any, and give such*
Contractor's Bond or Bonds, if the Principal shall pay to the Owner the difference, not to exceed the penal
sum hereof, between the amount specified in the bid and such larger amount for which the Owner may in
good faith contract with another party to construct the project, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise
to remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused this instrument to be executed and their respective
corporate seals to be affixed and attested by their duly authorized representatives this

_____ day of _____, 20_____.

Principal (Seal)

ATTEST:

By _____

Secretary

Title

Surety (Seal)

ATTEST:

By _____

Secretary

Title

CONTRACT AND AGREEMENT

STATE OF LOUISIANA:

PARISH OF CLAIBORNE:

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public duly qualified and commissioned in and for the aforesaid Parish, came and appeared:

CLAIBORNE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., a Louisiana Electrical Cooperative, domiciled in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, whose address is P. O. Box 719, Homer, LA 71040, being represented herein by Michael Marcotte, General Manager and CEO, (hereinafter referred to as “CLAIBORNE”);

and

_____,
(hereinafter referred to as “CONTRACTOR”)

who did declare as follows:

RECITALS:

WHEREAS CLAIBORNE is engaged in providing electrical services to members in the Northwest Louisiana area; and

WHEREAS CLAIBORNE is in need of labor and/or materials, or other supplies or services related to **2027 Chemical Vegetation Management Services** (hereinafter referred to as the “WORK”); and

WHEREAS CONTRACTOR is in the business of providing such labor, supplies and/or materials;

THEREFORE it is hereby agreed as follows:

1. **SCOPE:** CONTRACTOR agrees to provide unto CLAIBORNE labor, materials, and/or supplies in connection with the Quotation or Scope of Work dated September 17, 2025 and attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. **PAYMENT:** CLAIBORNE agrees to pay unto CONTRACTOR its standard fees, charges and expenses as set forth on the attached Exhibit A for lump sum prices deliverables or as set forth Exhibit B for deliverables priced on an hourly basis.
3. **REPRESENTATIONS AND COMPLIANCES:** CONTRACTOR represents that it is duly qualified to perform the WORK set forth on the attached Exhibit A and for the prices set forth on the attached Exhibit B. Furthermore, CONTRACTOR represents it possesses all of the requisite qualifications, tools, equipment, permits, and licenses which may be required and is in full compliance with any or all federal, state, or local laws in connection with this Contract and the work and services contemplated herein.
4. **STATUS:** The parties both acknowledge and concur that at all times CONTRACTOR will be an Independent Contractor and not an employee of CLAIBORNE and further, that CONTRACTOR has no right, power or authority to bind CLAIBORNE in connection with any or all other liabilities or agreements other than those specifically set forth herein.
5. **SUBCONTRACTORS:** CONTRACTOR acknowledges that if it intends to subcontract any portion of the WORK to a third party, the CONTRACTOR shall do so only with the prior written approval of CLAIBORNE.
6. **WORKER’S COMPENSATION:** At all times the CONTRACTOR agrees to provide in full force and effect adequate policies of worker’s compensation insurance and agrees to

provide at the beginning of this contract proof of worker's compensation coverage. CONTRACTOR shall name CLAIBORNE as an Additional Insured on all policies provided under this section.

7. **AUTOMOBILE AND GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE:** The CONTRACTOR also agrees to provide and maintain in full force and effect, liability insurance in the amounts of not less than \$1,000,000 respectively insuring all of the activities, engagements, labor or services provided by its' employees or subcontractors; and to at all times maintain such policies in full force and effect and shall further agree to provide at the beginning of this contract such proof of insurance as may be required. CONTRACTOR shall name CLAIBORNE as an Additional Insured on all policies provided under this section.

8. **TERM:** The term of this contract shall be for a period of 12 months but may be renewed by mutual written agreement between the parties for such additional terms as may be required or appropriate.

9. **TERMINATION:** The parties further agree that this contract and all of the agreements set forth herein may be terminated by either of the parties by written notice tendered not less than thirty (30) days in advance of the termination date.

10. **BEGINNING OF WORK:** The parties agree that the scope and commencement of the services to be performed under this contract shall begin on or before March 1, 2027.

11. **PAYMENT:** The parties acknowledge that partial payments on this contract shall be made on the 15th day of each month with CONTRACTOR furnishing to CLAIBORNE 20 days preceding each payment date, all data required for such partial payments in order that the same may be verified and approved in time for timely payment and CLAIBORNE agrees to pay all valid invoices within 45 days from submission and verification by CLAIBORNE.

12. **LIENS:** CONTRACTOR agrees that it shall be solely responsible for the payment of all labor for its' employees or sub-contractors and agrees further that in the event any liens, judgments, or indebtedness are filed in connection with the scope of the work being provided herein, that within 15 days from date of demand by CLAIBORNE, CONTRACTOR will pay for and fully discharge any liens filed.

13. **BANKRUPTCY OR TERMINATION OF SERVICES:** During the progress of the work, services, or materials and labor being provided in contemplation with this agreement, if CONTRACTOR should become bankrupt, or should fail or refuse to follow the scope of this contract or should abandon working in connection with the scope of this contract, and upon 48 hours notice by CLAIBORNE, CLAIBORNE reserves the right to immediately terminate the contract and the services being previously provided in connection therewith.

14. **QUALITY OF WORK:** CONTRACTOR agrees to provide its' labor, materials, or supplies in a workmanlike manner and in accordance with any plans or specifications provided and shall follow all the guideline and standards prevalent for such labor, material or supplies in the Northwest Louisiana area, the applicable RUS construction specifications, and/or the construction specifications provided by CLAIBORNE.

15. **NON-DISPARAGEMENT:** Both of the parties agree not to disparage one another and agree to refrain from performing any act, engaging in any conduct or course of action, making or publishing any statements, claims, allegations, or assertions, whether verbally or in print or electronic media which have or may have reasonably the effect of demeaning or disparaging the name and reputation of the other parties.

16. **NON-ASSISTANCE:** All parties agree that they shall not voluntarily assist, aid, encourage or cooperate with any other person or entity in threatening, commencing, instituting, maintaining, litigating, or prosecuting any claims, charges, complaints, actions, causes of actions, suits, grievances, controversies, disputes or demands of any kind, nature, description or character whatsoever against each other.

17. **HOLD HARMLESS & INDEMNIFICATION:** CONTRACTOR agrees to hold harmless, indemnify and defend CLAIBORNE, its' Officers, Directors, employees or liability insurers for any or all liabilities for any damages or injuries (including death), physical or emotional embarrassment, medical damages or injuries of any kind to include liquidated damages, punitive damages, reinstatements, prejudgment interest, attorney's fees, cost or expenses of any form or of legal or equitable relief.

18. **FEES & COST:** Each party hereto is responsible for its own attorney's fees and court costs in connection with the execution of this agreement and in the event of litigation to enforce any of the terms and provisions set forth in this agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled in addition to all costs and expenses, reasonable attorney's fees for the prosecution of its' actions.

18. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This agreement and contract has been jointly prepared by the parties and it constitutes the complete agreement and contract by and between the parties and this contract and agreement may not be modified or amended except by an instrument in writing signed by both of the parties.

19. **SEVERABILITY:** In the event that any provision or paragraph of this agreement is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable under present or future law, such provision shall be fully severable and shall not invalidate the remaining provisions set forth herein.

20. **APPLICABLE LAW:** This agreement shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana and any suit or litigation involving the enforcement of this agreement or any of the terms and provisions set forth therein shall be exclusively brought in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana in the Second Judicial District Court.

21. **SUCCESSORS:** This agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective parties, their successors or assigns.

22. **ASSIGNABILITY:** This agreement may not be assigned or transferred by either of the parties without the express written consent of the other.

23. **RESPONSIBILITY:** The CONTRACTOR further agrees that CONTRACTOR shall be solely responsible for the payment of all of its subcontractors, journeyman, truckman, workman, laborers, mechanics and furnishers of labor or materials for services whatsoever rendered in connection with this agreement and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless CLAIBORNE for any or all causes of actions, liens, suits, or claims made against it or against CLAIBORNE.

THUS DONE AND PASSED at Homer, Louisiana on this ____ day of _____, 202__.

WITNESSES:

CLAIBORNE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Print Name: _____

By: _____
Michael Marcotte, General Manager & CEO

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____,
CONTRACTOR

NOTARY PUBLIC

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 1.1 **Applicability.** Notwithstanding any other requirement or obligation in the Agreement, the Contractor agrees to the requirements represent the **minimum** insurances required to contract with the Owner.
- 1.2 **General.** The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall maintain at all times during the performance of the Work, the insurance coverages and limits set forth in this Section covering the Work being performed and as may be set forth in the other Contract Documents. Unless the Owner agrees otherwise, all policies shall be through insurers authorized to do business in the State of Georgia. All policy forms shall be satisfactory to the Owner. Failure of the Contractor and Subcontractors to maintain adequate coverage shall not relieve the Contractor of any responsibility or obligation under this Agreement or the Contract Documents.
- 1.3 **Insurance Requirements.** The Contractor, at its expense, will procure and maintain in effect, and will require any Subcontractor not covered under Contractor's policies to procure and maintain in effect, without interruption during the term of the Agreement, policies of insurance, providing, at a minimum, the coverages and limits specified and complying with all other requirements stated below:
- a. **Commercial General Liability ("CGL") Insurance and Excess Liability Insurance.** The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall maintain any combination of CGL and excess liability insurance to cover bodily injury and broad form property damage, as provided below:
 - i. For all substation construction and transmission line construction, policy limits no less than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) per occurrence and annual aggregate; and, for clearing for substation grading, transmission line right-of-way clearing, substation and transmission line foundation work, erosion control, vegetation management work, and fence installation or repair work, policy limits no less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) per occurrence and annual aggregate.
 - ii. If the Work includes blasting, demolition or drilling, then XCU (Explosion, Collapse, and Underground) shall be included under the CGL Policy and shall not be excluded by endorsement.
 - iii. Coverage for blanket contractual liability assumed by the Contractor or Subcontractors shall be included, including the injury or death of any person (including the Contractor's or Subcontractor's employees) or damage to property of the Owners or others.
 - b. **Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance.** The Contractor shall maintain Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance to cover all motor vehicles used by the Contractor or its Subcontractors, whether they are owned, hired or leased and

whether on or off the Work Site. The auto liability policy limit shall not be less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) per occurrence.

- c. **Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability.** The Contractor shall maintain Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability Insurance in accordance with all applicable State workers' compensation laws. The required limits are: (i) Workers' Compensation – Statutory Limits; and (ii) Employers' Liability – One Million (\$1,000,000.00) each occurrence.
- d. **Property Insurance.** The Contractor and Subcontractors shall have the option to either (i) obtain property insurance to insure against all property damage or loss for which the Contractor, or Subcontractor, or both, is responsible under the Contract Documents; (ii) self-insure against such property damage or loss; or (iii) adopt a combination of (i) and (ii), above.

1.4 Additional Insurance Requirements. Contractor's insurance also must meet the following additional requirements, through the policy language or endorsement:

- a. **Additional Insureds.** To the fullest extent allowed by applicable law, the Owner, its officers, directors, employees, representatives, and agents must be named as additional insureds under each of the CGL, auto, and excess/umbrella policies. Additional insured status must apply to a claim arising from the Agreement, the Contract Documents, or caused in whole or in part by an act or omission of Contractor or those acting on its behalf, but, with respect to a claim in Georgia, will not apply to a claim resulting from sole negligence of an additional insured.
- b. **Work Must Be Covered.** Contractor's insurance must provide coverage for the Work being performed under this Agreement.
- c. **Contractor's Insurance is Primary.** Contractor's insurance must be primary for all Work performed under this Agreement or the Contract Documents. Insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Owner or other additional insureds is in excess of Contractor's insurance, contingent, and non-contributory.
- d. **Severability of Interest Clause.** Contractor's insurance must include a "cross-liability" or "severability of interest" clause that provides that the insurance afforded applies separately to each insured, named insured, or additional insured with respect to any claim, lawsuit, or judgment made.

1.5 Certificates of Insurance. Upon signing this Agreement, Contractor agrees to provide a certificate of insurance from Contractor's insurer(s) naming Owner as an additional insured and providing evidence that the insurance coverages specified in this Section and in the other Contract Documents (if any) have been obtained from insurance companies reasonably acceptable to the Owner. If a certificate indicates that the policy must be endorsed to effect the additional insured coverage, the Contractor agrees that it will submit the necessary premiums, documents or information to insurer to confirm that coverage for the above-identified additional insureds is provided. Contractor shall provide notice of cancellation, nonrenewal or any change in the limits or type of coverage in any such policy

to the Owner within five (5) Days of receipt of notification of such cancellation, nonrenewal or change.

- 1.6 **Updated Certificates.** Whenever a policy renews, is replaced, expires, is canceled, and at such other times as the Owner may request, the Contractor shall provide an updated Certificate of Insurance to the Owner at least thirty (30) Days prior to expiration date of the current policy.
- 1.7 **Subrogation.** To the fullest extent allowed by applicable law, the Contractor and Subcontractors waive all rights, including rights of subrogation, against the Owner and its respective directors, officers, agents, insurers, other contractors, consultants and employees for damages covered by any type of insurance during and after the completion of the Work.
- 1.8 **No Waiver.** Neither a contractual duty to procure or maintain insurance, compliance with the Agreement's insurance requirements, nor existence of, or coverage under, an insurance policy waives or limits Contractor's liability under the Agreement, the Contract Documents, or applicable law.

HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement and to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, Contractor hereby agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and, at Owner's request, defend Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Claiborne", "Cooperative", or "Owner") and its officers, directors, employees, members, agents, managers, successors and assigns of each of them, with counsel chosen by the Claiborne, from and against any and all Claims brought against any person or entity of Claiborne, and its officers, directors, employees, members, agents, managers, successors and assigns of each of them, in any manner, in whole or in part, arising out of or connected with this Agreement or the Contract Documents, the work performed under this Agreement or the Contract Documents by Contractor, its Subcontractors, employees, agents, or suppliers, or any act or omission of Contractor, any of its Subcontractors, any of its suppliers, anyone directly or indirectly employed by Contractor, its Subcontractors, or its suppliers, or anyone for whose acts any one of them may be liable.

Claims shall mean any and all claims, including those for bodily injury, death, damage to property, or destruction of property, or demands, lawsuits, actions, administrative proceedings, orders, damages, settlements, verdicts, judgments, penalties, fines, costs, fees and expenses, of whatever kind (including, but not limited to attorneys' fees, expert fees and expenses, costs of investigations, costs of defense, and court costs). But nothing herein shall be construed as making contractor liable for any injury, death, loss, damage or destruction caused by the sole negligence of Claiborne.

Claiborne shall promptly notify the Contractor of any Claim caused by the Contractor's obligations hereunder and may request Contractor to defend the Claim with counsel selected by the Owner. Contractor's duty to defend is not dependent on the prior determination of liability but arises when a Claim involves an act or omission of Contractor, or Contractor's affiliate, representative, subcontractor, supplier, officer, director, employee, or agent or any one of them, or any one for whose acts one of them is liable, caused the loss.

ATTEST:

Secretary

Dated _____

Bidder

President

Address

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 7 CFR Part 3017, Section 3017.510, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part IV of the January 30, 1989, **Federal Register** (pages 4722-4733). Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture agency with which this transaction originated.

(BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION, READ INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE)

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Organization Name

2027 Right-of-Way Maintenance

PR/Award Number or Project Name

Name(s) and Title(s) of Authorized Representative(s)

Signature(s)

Date

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this form, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out on the reverse side in accordance with these instructions.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

SWORN STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE
(Pursuant to LSA-R.S. 12:417.1)

Instructions: Pursuant to La. R.S. 12:417.1, each person or legal entity which is a party to any such contract or agreement with a cooperative shall submit a sworn statement disclosing any business or personal relationship which exists with a director or officer of that cooperative. The sworn statement shall be attached to all such contracts or agreements. Please check the appropriate response below. Declaring a business or personal relationship does not automatically disqualify a person or legal entity; potential conflicts will be evaluated pursuant to Claiborne Electric Cooperative's applicable policies and procedures.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the Parish and State aforesaid, personally came and appeared:

_____, representing _____,

whose address is _____

hereinafter referred to as the "Affiant,"

who, after being duly sworn, did depose and state as follows:

1. That the Affiant is and/or wishes to be a party to a certain contract or agreement with Claiborne Electric Cooperative, dated _____, with a value exceeding fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00).
2. That in accordance with the provisions of LSA-R.S. 12:417.1, the Affiant hereby discloses the following business or personal relationships with any director or officer of said cooperative:

☐ No such relationship exists.

☐ The following relationships exist (describe in detail):

3. That this sworn statement is made for the purpose of full disclosure and transparency, and will be attached to the aforementioned contract or agreement in compliance with Louisiana law.

[Signatures on Following Page]

AFFIANT

Signature

Printed Name

Title, if applicable

Company Name, if applicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 20____, in the Parish of _____, State of Louisiana.

NOTARY PUBLIC

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

Notary ID or Bar Roll No.: _____

My commission expires: _____

Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Chemical Vegetation Management Specifications

1. Scope

This specification covers the selective chemical vegetation control of targeted undesirable tree, brush and vine species on Claiborne Electric Cooperative's ("Claiborne") transmission and distribution rights-of-way. Claiborne's global management plan for undesirable vegetation will be performed through the integrated use of manual, mechanical, chemical or other means as may be available to eliminate identified target species and remove potentially conflicting trees or tree parts from contact with the overhead conductors and/or electric facilities. The scope of this specification is limited to selective chemical vegetation control of targeted undesirable tree, brush and vine species.

2. Objective

The primary purpose of rights-of-way vegetation control is to provide a clear and accessible area for the operation, review and maintenance of electric facilities located on the right-of-way. Reliability will be preserved through the chemical control of all potentially interfering tree, shrub and vine species that may, through normal growth, contact the overhead electric conductors or impede physical or visual access along the right-of-way. Vegetation species such as grasses, forbs, ferns and low growing shrubs are considered desirable and shall be preserved and encouraged to grow.

3. General Specifications

General areas will include all rights-of-way where Claiborne owns or enjoys the privilege of use of the land encompassed by the rights-of-way. Normally, all tree species and selected undesirable shrub species regardless of height at the time of application will be controlled. Selected invasive species such as multiflora rose, autumn olive and buckthorn will be eliminated on all areas of the right-of-way regardless of height. All hardwood tree species will be treated standing. All conifers must be treated standing.

4. Sensitive Areas

Sensitive areas are those areas where the preferred maintenance method used for general areas cannot be used and must be modified or altered to obtain the desired control. Sensitive areas shall include but are not limited to:

- Residential areas (yards)
- Public water supply watersheds
- Public or private well locations
- Stream or river crossings

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- Wetlands (wet)

5. Right-of-Way Herbicide Application

All targeted vegetation shall be chemically treated using a low volume foliar method. High volume application approaches will not be considered. As a part of its proposal, each Bidder shall specify the type of herbicide it plans to deploy to meet the goals detailed in this specification. Foliar applications may employ a mixture containing two or more approved herbicides.

6. Substation Herbicide Application

All substation sites shall be treated twice yearly: in March with a pre-emergent herbicide and again in September with a non-selective herbicide. It is Claiborne's intent that there be no vegetation within the established fence lines of each substation site after treatment.

7. Environmental

All work performed under the rights-of-way chemical vegetation control program will comply with all pertinent state statutes and federal regulations regarding herbicide use and applications. It is Claiborne's position that strict compliance with the principles of selective vegetation control and the identification and preservation of desirable species will be required. To be environmentally compliant, all crews shall be trained in the proper methods and use of herbicide application techniques being used. Low-volume and low-pressure application methods are required. Proposals to employ high-volume/high pressure will not be considered.

All crew personnel shall be trained and knowledgeable in the proper actions for oil and pesticide spill containment and cleanup. All vehicles shall be always stocked with spill containment and cleanup equipment and materials while completing this work. All spills will be reported to Claiborne's Representative within four (4) hours. Failure to adhere to the requirements of this section may result in contract suspension or cancellation.

8. Access for Rights-of-Ways

Claiborne will provide information on the appropriate access points to rights-of-way where they exist. Claiborne will supply keys for all Claiborne locked gates that will be returned to the Claiborne Representative upon completion of the contract. The contractor shall be responsible for obtaining landowner permission to use any other

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access points not designated by Claiborne. Access along rights-of-way shall not cause harm or damage to any private or company property or fixtures.

BID FORM**2027 Chemical Vegetation Management Program**

ROW Treatment - Farmerville District				
Unit	Description	Miles	Treated Price (Per Mile)	Extended Price
Farmerville East, Feeder 1	Substation 4, Feeder 1	53.67		
Farmerville Rural, Feeder 1	Substation 5, Feeder 1	214.35		
Farmerville Rural, Feeder 4	Substation 5, Feeder 4	56.04		
Marion, Feeder 1	Substation 10, Feeder 1	57.61		
Subtotal, Farmerville District:				

ROW Treatment - Homer District				
Unit	Description	Miles	Treated Price (Per Mile)	Extended Price
Homer Oil, Feeder 1	Substation 8, Feeder 1	20.47		
Homer Oil, Feeder 2	Substation 8, Feeder 2	43.06		
Homer Oil, Feeder 3	Substation 8, Feeder 3	13.30		
Homer City, Feeder 1	Substation 9, Feeder 4	54.04		
Homer City, Feeder 2	Substation 9, Feeder 1	14.25		
Homer City, Feeder 3	Substation 9, Feeder 2	140.29		
Homer City, Feeder 4	Substation 9, Feeder 3	121.76		
Subtotal, Homer District:				

Substation Treatment - Farmerville District				
Substation Site	Description	Acres	Treated Price (Per Acre)	Extended Price
Bernice		0.48		
Farmerville East		2.52		
Farmerville Rural		0.90		
Farmerville Town		0.13		
Marion		1.08		
Point		0.84		
Ruston		1.17		
Kaneb Pipeline		0.01		
Chipmill		0.01		
Linville Regulator station		0.06		
Crossroads		0.80		
Subtotal, Farmerville District:				

BID FORM**2027 Chemical Vegetation Management Program**

Substation Treatment - Homer District				
Substation Site	Description	Acres	Treated Price (Per Acre)	Extended Price
Aycock		3.25		
Regency		0.73		
Homer Oil		1.15		
Homer		0.30		
Minden		1.96		
Pinehill		1.97		
Shangaloo		0.44		
Heflin		2.99		
Trussels		3.15		
Weyerhaeuser		1.04		
Homer Oil Field Breaker		0.87		
Old Dubberly Substation		0.50		
Subtotal, Homer District:				

Total, ROW Treatment:	#VALUE!
Total, Substation Treatment:	#VALUE!
Total Bid:	#VALUE!

Right-of-Way Herbicide(s) Proposed:

Substation Herbicide(s) Proposed:

Bidder

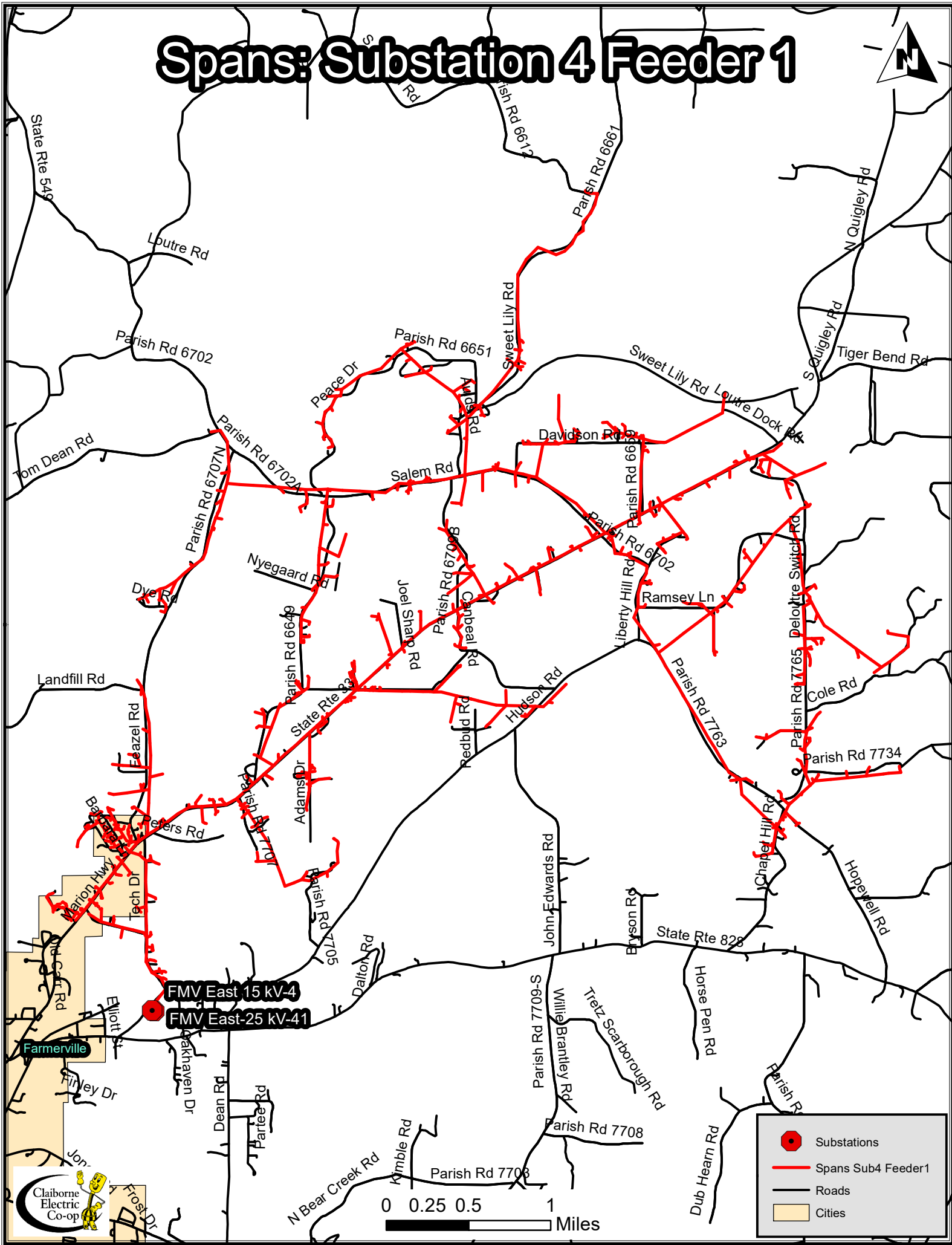
Signature

Name

Title

Date

Spans: Substation 4 Feeder 1



FMV East 15 kV-4
FMV East-25 kV-41

Substations

Spans Sub4 Feeder1

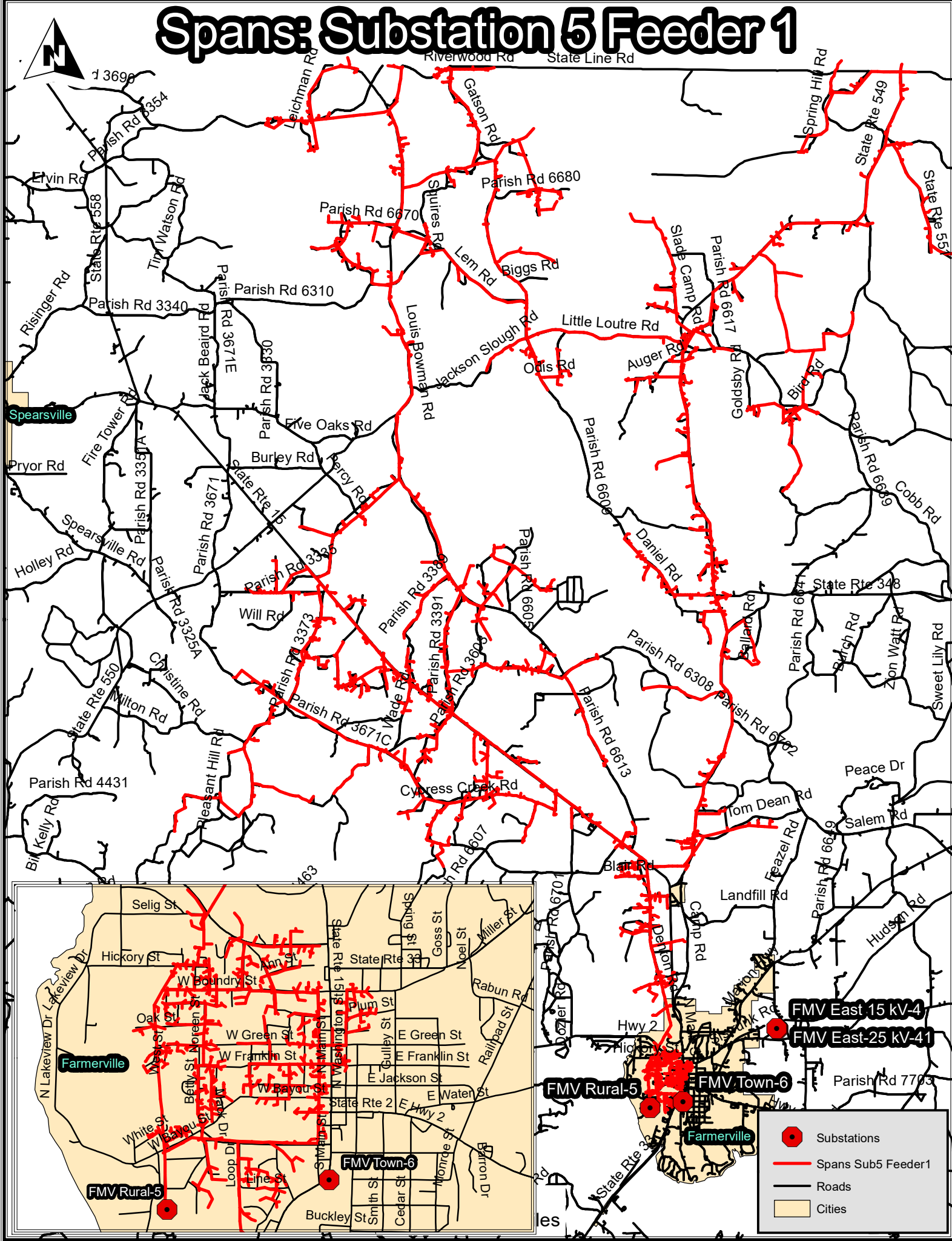
Roads

Cities

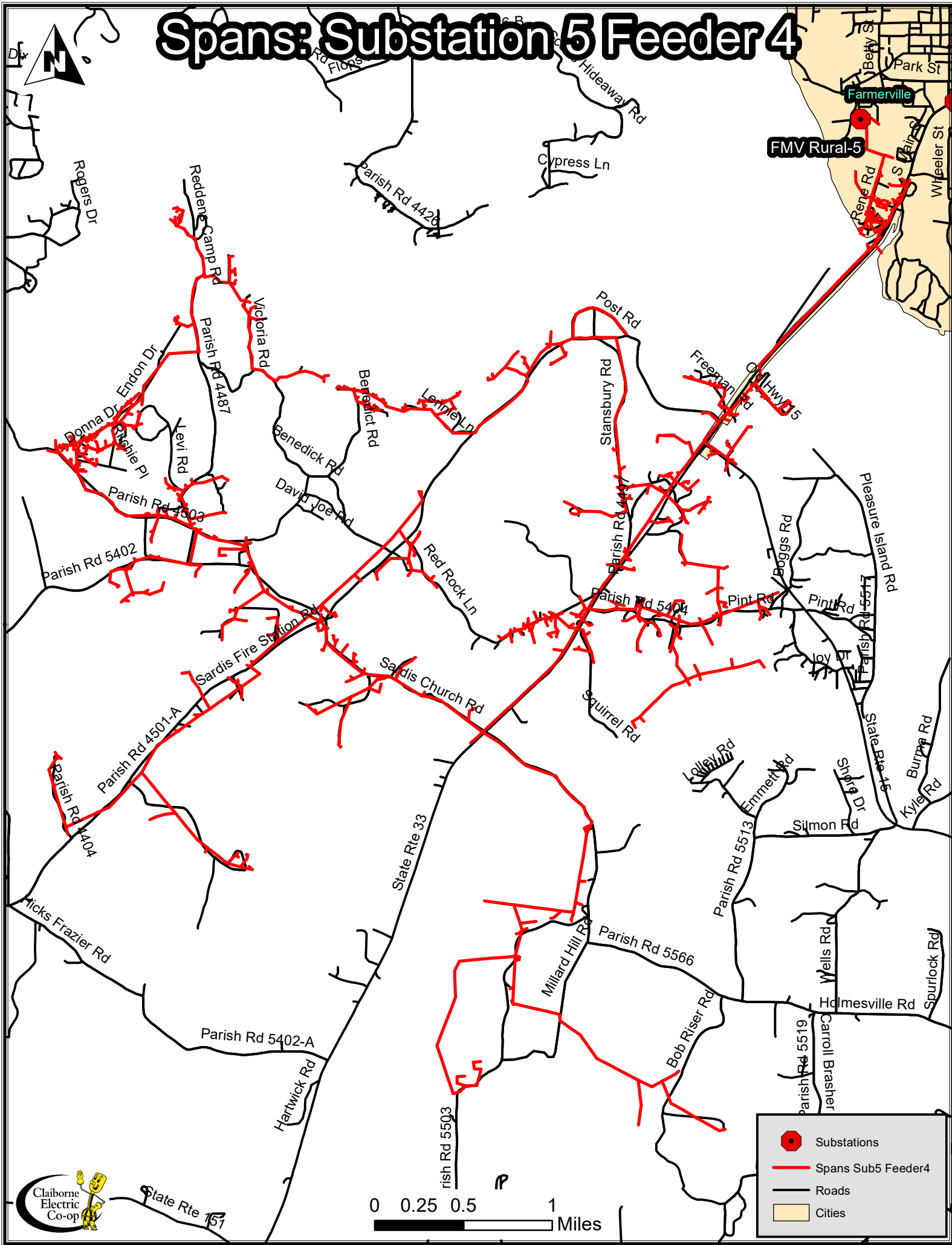
0 0.25 0.5 1
Miles



Spans: Substation 5 Feeder 1



Spans: Substation 5 Feeder 4

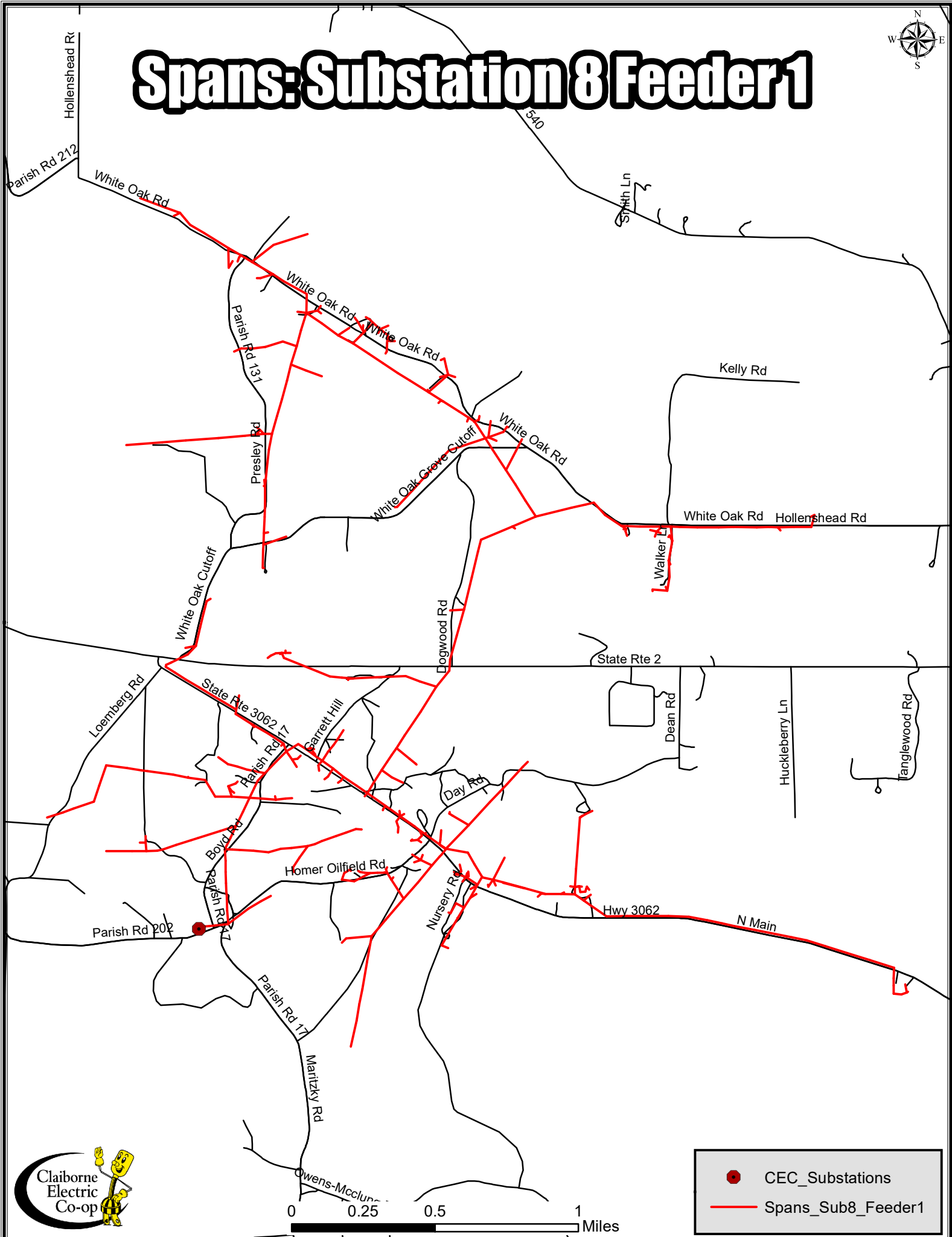
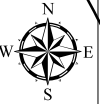


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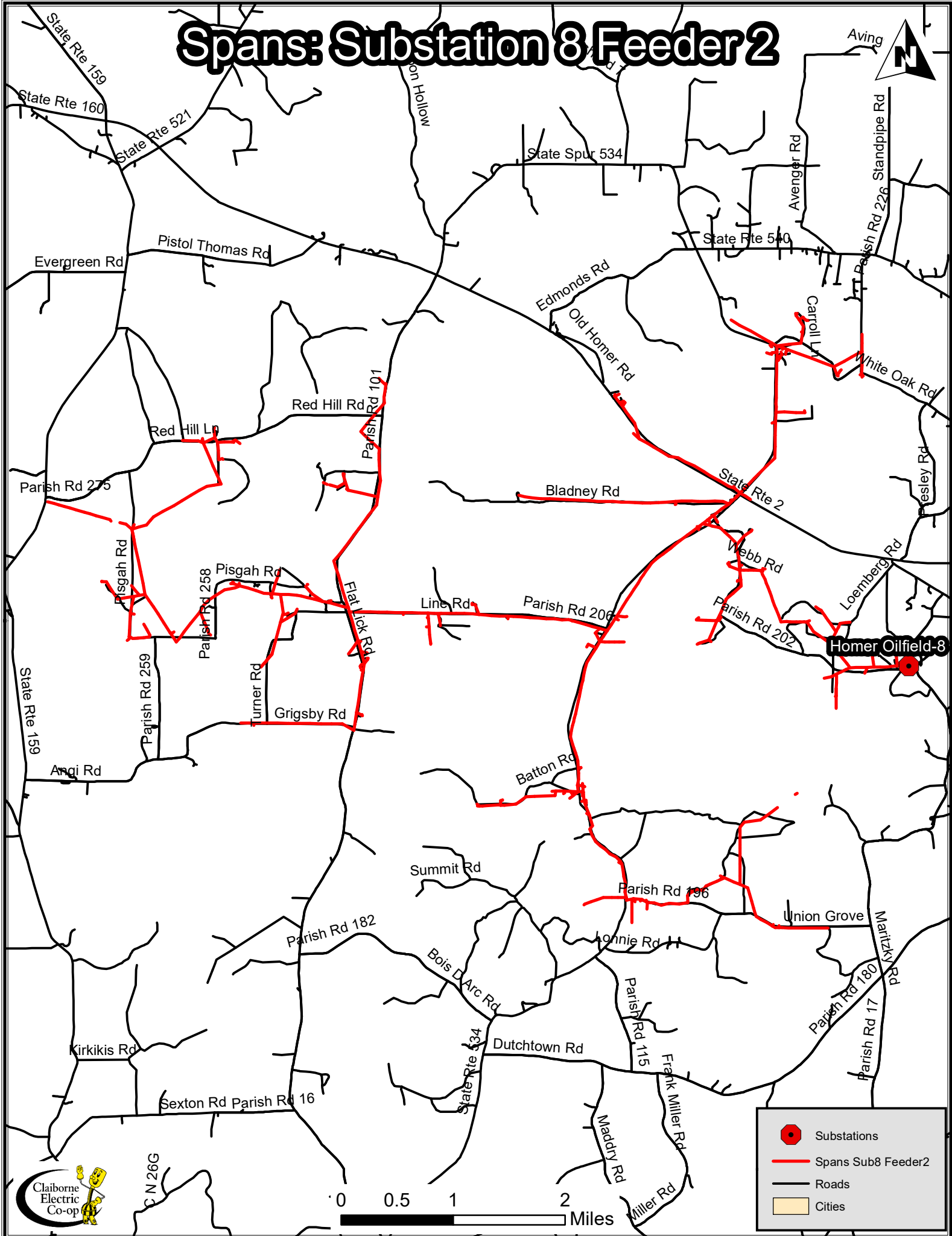


A horizontal scale bar with tick marks at 0, 0.5, 1, and 2. The word "Miles" is written at the right end of the bar.

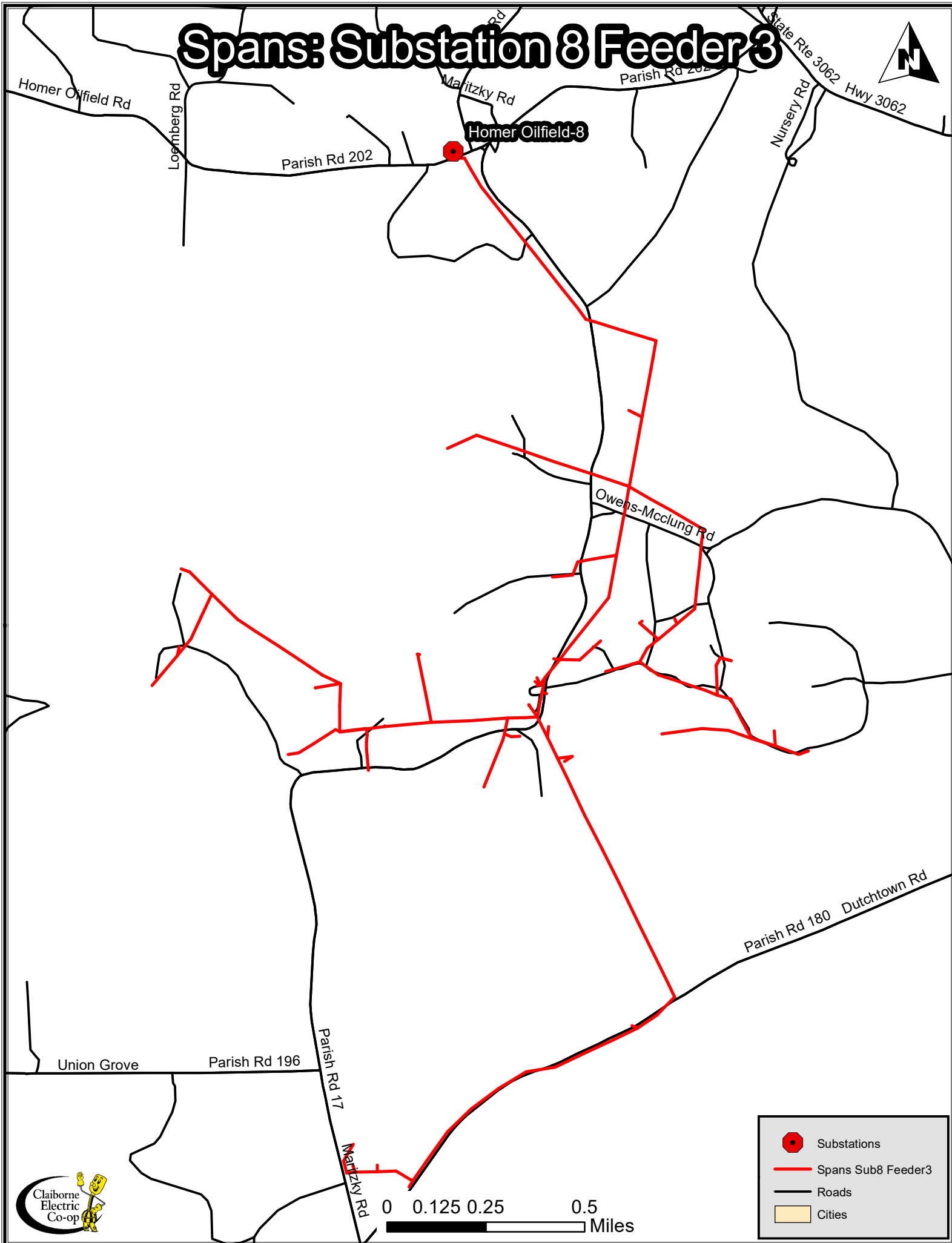
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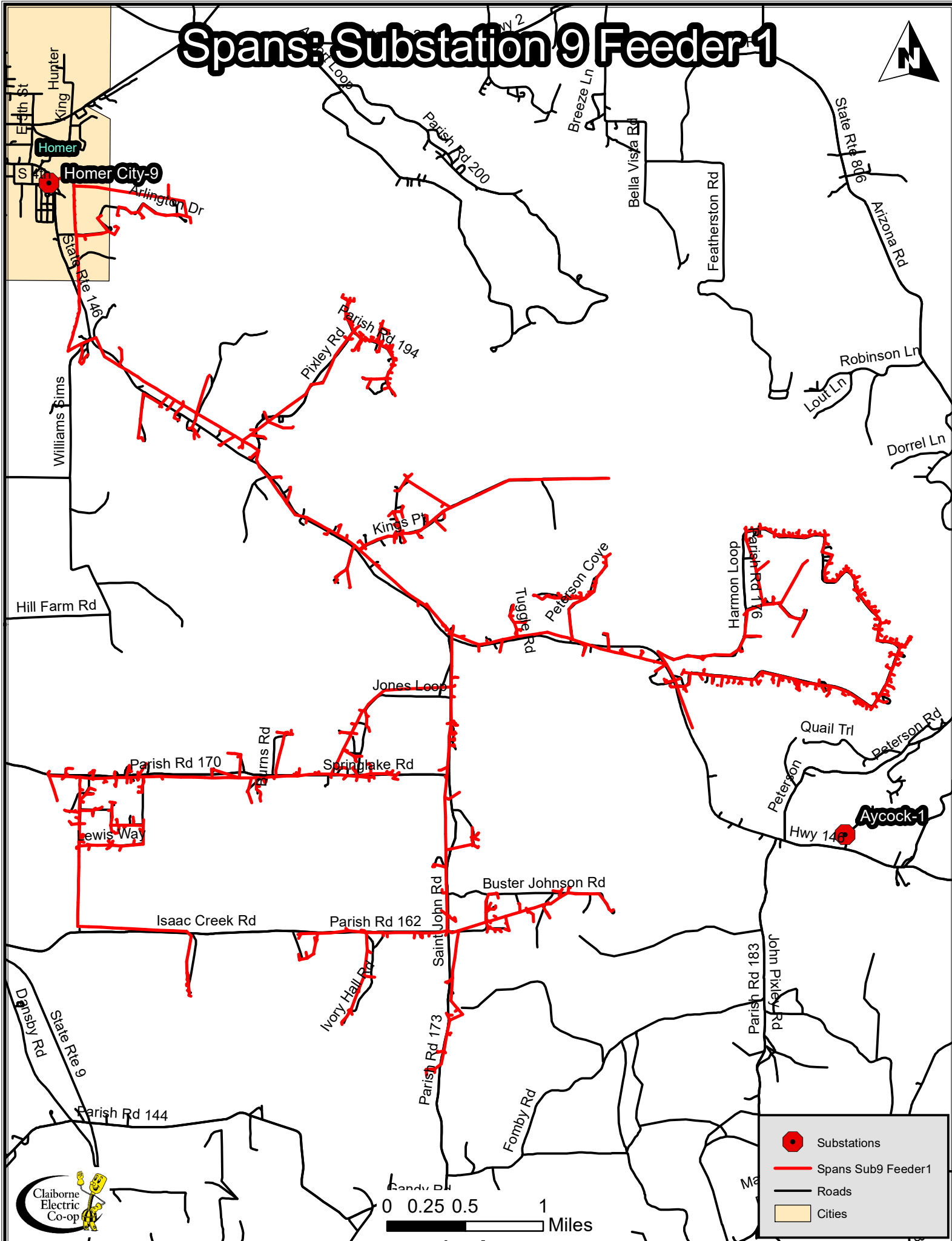
Spans: Substation 8 Feeder 2



Spans: Substation 8 Feeder 3



Spans: Substation 9 Feeder 1





0 0.125 0.25 0.5
Miles

Spans: Substation 9 Feeder 3

