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Press Release

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RE: Von Ormy Installs Street Lights on All Residential Streets

The City of Von Ormy has gotten a little brighter over the last few weeks and it was not due to seasonal residential Christmas lights. The City is installing street lights on all residential streets for the first time in the town's history. Five CPS Energy crews have been abuzz throughout the city working on the installation project since mid-November. Once completed, the city will have a total of 60 new street lights.

Although it will only take a few more weeks for CPS Energy to install the remaining lights, the process started even before the city's historical vote a couple of years ago for incorporation. In the months leading up to the vote on incorporation, CIVO (the Committee to Incorporate Von Ormy) took a poll of residents to see which city services were most desired. Street lights were one of number one service requested by residents.

Spearheading the city's effort was Councilwoman Sally Martinez, who volunteered to oversee the project, before the city was incorporated. After a year of negotiations and planning with CPS Energy, the city council unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the lights and light locations earlier this year. Due to the great demand for new service at CPS Energy, it took an additional nine months for the installation to begin.

CPS Energy crews have faced a few challenges with the project. Old poles, copper wires and woodpecker damage have resulted in many additional upgrades to poles and lines. Torres Lane will be getting new poles and wire. Local resident Pedro Lila Torres recently found photos from 1949 when electricity first came to Torres Lane. The photo show electric poles lying on the ground and work crews installing them. These same poles, which have served the residents of Torres Lane for 61 years will be replaced with newer models this week, as will the original copper wires.

Mayor Martinez de Vara said, "Today We are implementing one of the significant infrastructure improvements we hoped for when we sought to form our own city in 2008. CPS Energy and the City of

Von Ormy are working together to upgrade all outdated wires, transformers and electric poles in the City. This is a great day for us in Von Ormy."

The lights will be placed at all intersections, mid-streets and cul-du-sacs in the city. Long roads will receive lights spaced to approximate 1/2 a normal city block. Low water crossings will also get illumination to allow motorists to see water over the road.

Street lighting will assist seniors and persons with vision impairments to have nighttime accessibility. It also served as a crime deterrent. All streetlights are projected to be installed by December 15th.

About Von Ormy:

Von Ormy is located in Southwest Bexar County and is the newest City in Bexar County, being formed in 2008. Von Ormy has 1300 residents and is 2 square miles and lies along I-35 between Loop 410 and Loop 1604 in southwest Bexar County.

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