



DOT Prior Rights Research PI# 0014134
CR 784/Jerry Jones Dr/Eager Rd from
Baytree Rd to Oak St – Lowndes County

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Prior rights research for the above DOT project in Lowndes County is complete. A thorough search has been performed in the Georgia Power Company LIMS GIS database by District, Land Lot, property owners, address, GeoPI, and the Lowndes County qPublic website. The project is in the 11th District and 13th, 14th, 33rd, 34th, and 59th Land Lots of Lowndes County. Most of the conflict locations are along Jerry Jones Drive/Eager Road between Baytree Road and Oak Street. The whole project is withing the city of Valdosta.

Distribution Base Map: 0717-0216, 0717-0218, 0714-0218, 0714-0220, 0714-0222, 0714-0224, 0717-0224, 0720-0224

Distribution:

The first electrical system was built in the city of Valdosta in 1910 by the Valdosta Ice and Manufacturing Company. This system was sold to the Consolidated Ice and Power Company later in 1910 (PSN 6336). The sale included, but was not limited to, “all poles, wires and convertors situated and stretched along the streets and alley-ways of the City of Valdosta, GA.” The sale also included a franchise with the city of Valdosta to operate an electric light plant, as well as a contract with the city of Valdosta to furnish lights to the city. The Valdosta distribution system and franchise were sold to the Valdosta Lighting Company in 1912 (PSN 183074).

In 1927, the Valdosta Lighting Company was sold to Georgia Power & Light Company, a predecessor of Georgia Power Company (PSN 6337). The sale included “all of the rights, property rights, powers and privileges of the Lighting Company under that certain street lighting agreement entered into by and between Valdosta Lighting Company and the City of Valdosta on January 18th, 1926,” as well as “the distribution and street lighting system complete of the Lighting Company in the City of Valdosta.”

Georgia Power & Light Company acquired an easement from W. G. Eager, the primary property owner along Eager Road, for a distribution line along Eager Road (PSN 183137, 1929). Various other easements were acquired from Eager’s estate and heirs in the following years, including after the purchase of Georgia Power & Light Company by Georgia Power Company. In the following years, additional easements were acquired from new customers.

GDOT plans for the Valdosta West Bypass (H004158, Federal Aid Project SU-2648(I)) in 1970 partially overlap this property along Jerry Jones Drive near Baytree Road and show power poles in place along both sides of the road (Sheet 18). GDOT plans for a bridge culvert on Jerry Jones Road at Two Mile Branch near Joree Pond (PI 450140, BRMLB 4903(2)) also show power poles in place on Jerry Jones Road in 1979 (Sheet 6).