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Public Utility Commission
1701 N. Congress Ave.
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Re: Docket Number 23429

I am writing to express my serious concerns about the transmission lines scheduled for completion in May by Entergy along the border of Harper's Landing. These lines will cause serious damage to the property values, aesthetics, safety, and quiet enjoyment of the property in Harper's Landing.

The plans for this line were submitted to the Public Utilities Commission in December, 2000. At the time the plans were submitted, Entergy stated that only two homes were within 200 feet of the proposed lines. The plan was approved by the Commission in September, 2001. However, those plans were delayed by over two years because of safety issues. I, like all other residents of Harper's Landing, was never informed of the plans to construct transmission lines when I purchased my home.

Since the original plans were submitted to the Commission, over 45 homes have been built within 200 feet of the proposed path of the transmission lines. Furthermore, dozens of more homes now lie within 400 feet of the proposed path of the lines. Additionally, dozens of more homes are planned to be built in the immediate future within 150—200 feet of the power lines. Harper's Landing Park, where hundreds of children play and swim, is within 1000 feet of the proposed path. These numbers are quite disturbing.

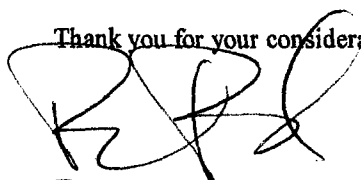
As Entergy has begun to construct this line, they have removed a considerable amount of vegetation and forestation that provided a barrier from existing railroad tracks. The removal has significantly increased the noise pollution in Harper's Landing from both the railroad tracks and the nearby interstate.

As a resident of Harper's Landing, I have had no input as to the proposed path of these lines. Obviously, dramatic changes have occurred since the plan was originally submitted to the commission. I am fully confident that the Commission will take this into account and withdraw its approval of the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for this transmission line.

To allow this transmission line to go forward would be a great monetary loss to myself and the other residents of Harper's Landing without any compensation. Further, the safety and enjoyment of the residents will be at stake.

A reasonable alternative would be to use one of the other proposed routes in EGSI's Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, or to have the lines buried below ground in the area of Harper's Landing.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.


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