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1020 Mesquite Pass
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Docket No. 26185 – Application of Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for a 138 kV Transmission Line in Guadalupe County, Texas

Dear Ms. Watson:

Thank you for your letter to the Public Utility Commission of Texas regarding the above referenced proceeding. Following is an explanation of the ways in which you may participate in this docket.

One way to become involved in a case before the Commission is as an "intervenor." An intervenor or party is a person who demonstrates a justiciable interest, such as landowner whose land may be directly affected by the application. Intervenors are full participants in the proceeding and make legal arguments, conduct discovery, file testimony, and cross-examine witnesses. But intervenors are also required to respond to detailed requests for information from other parties, make themselves and their witnesses available at the hearing to be cross-examined, send copies of everything they file with the Commission to every party in the case, and comply with all of the Commission's procedural rules. Most importantly, intervenors retain legal rights to participate in any mediation, settlement or to contest this case in a formal hearing process and in a court proceeding relating to an appeal of this case, if an appeal is filed. An intervenor should file a motion to intervene with the Commission, conforming to Commission rules and practices, and serve the motion on all parties of record. The motion to intervene can be in the form of a letter.

If you do not wish to be a full participant in this proceeding, you may become a "protestor." That is a person or organization opposing any matter contained in the application or petition submitted to the Commission. Protestors are not parties to the case and may not conduct discovery, cross-examine witnesses or present a direct case. Protestors may, however, make written or verbal comments for the record in support of or in opposition to, the application and give information to the staff that they believe may be helpful. Although public comments are not sworn and therefore not treated as evidence, they help to inform the Commission and its staff of the public concerns and to identify issues to be explored. If you intend to be a protestor, you can either send written comments stating your position regarding the application, or if the docket progresses to a hearing, a statement of protest can be made on the first day of hearing. As a protestor, you will not receive further correspondence from the Commission regarding this matter.



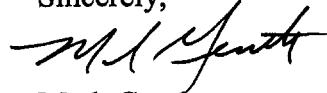
Unless you file a motion to intervene in this matter, we will consider your letter a letter of protest. In future correspondence with the Commission about this case, please refer to Docket No. 26185. Questions concerning this docket must be submitted in writing, filed with the Commission, and served on all parties of record. Unless otherwise specified in P.U.C. PROC. R. 22.71(c), an original and ten copies of any document relating to this proceeding must be filed with the Commission filing clerk at the following address:

Public Utility Commission of Texas
Attn: Filing Clerk
1701 N. Congress Ave.
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, Texas, 78711-3326

The Commission procedural rules and substantive rules are available on the Commission's web site - www.puc.state.tx.us, or they can be purchased from the Central Records. The P.U.C. Commission Rules are also available in the Texas Administrative Code.

As the presiding officer in this case, I am not at liberty to discuss substantive matters with you. However, you may contact the Commission's Legal Division at (512) 936-7260 for further information on the status of the proceeding.

Sincerely,



Mark Gentle
Administrative Law Judge
Policy Development Division

cc: All parties of record

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