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## Request to Intervene in PUC Docket No. 37407

The following information must be submitted by the person requesting to intervene in this proceeding. This completed form will be provided to all parties in this docket. **If you DO NOT want to be an intervenor, you still want to file comments, please complete the "Comments" page.**

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First Name: Brad Last Name: Street  
Phone Number: 325-846-4212 Fax Number: 325-846-3231  
Address, City, State: 158 CR 674, Merkel, Texas 79536

I am requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As an INTERVENOR, I understand the following:

- ☒ I am a party to the case;
- ☒ I am required to respond to all discovery requests from other parties in the case;
- ☒ If I file testimony, I may be cross-examined in the hearing;
- ☒ If I file any documents in the case, I will have to provide a copy of that document to every other party in the case; and
- ☒ I acknowledge that I am bound by the Procedural Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) and the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

Please check one of the following:

- ☐ I own property with a habitable structure located near one or more of the utility's proposed routes for a transmission line.
- ☒ One or more of the utility's proposed routes would cross my property.
- ☐ Other. Please describe and provide comments. You may attach a separate page, if necessary. \_\_\_\_\_

Butman Methodist Camp & Retreat Center is a ministry of the NW Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. We are located in Taylor County on FM 126, along proposed segment "E". Segment "E" would run across our property and above our entrance. We oppose Segment "E". Please see the attached.

Signature of person requesting intervention:

Brad Street

Date: October 9, 2009



## *Butman Methodist Camp & Retreat Center*

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I am the Executive Director of Butman Methodist Camp & Retreat Center in Mulberry Canyon, south of Merkel, Texas. Please accept this letter as request to intervene in opposition to Segment "E" of the proposed Sweetwater East-Central Bluff 345kV Transmission Line Project.

Butman Methodist Camp & Retreat Center is a ministry of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and we host groups from across Texas and beyond throughout the year. We have two Chapels, two Lodges, four Conference Rooms, seven Cabins, four Cottages, Dining Hall, Recreation Center, ropes challenge course, swimming pool and four to five families with eight children residing at the Camp year round. Many of our guests are children and youth who visit us with their church group, their school group or their scout group.

Proposed transmission line preliminary link "E" would apparently run across our main entrance, and would be in the foreground of the Camp's recreation areas. As you know, many people believe that these transmission lines are potentially hazardous to children, youth and adults because of the electromagnetic fields which they may create. We are seriously concerned about the perception of the public regarding these transmission lines, and fear that the presence of these lines would discourage many groups from visiting our youth camp and retreat center.

In addition, we feel we would be burdened with trying to protect the towers in order to reduce any possible liability exposure. We could incur additional liability insurance premiums as a result of the towers' presence near the camp. This would impose a serious detriment to our ministry and to the camping and retreat revenues of the Camp.

Also, The Board of Trustees has been considering an expansion to the camp facilities of over \$2.0 million. However, because of the uncertainty of the effect a transmission line may have on the camp the decision has been postponed pending the resolution of this issue.

I am opposed to Segment "E" of the proposed Sweetwater East-Central Bluff 345kV Transmission Line Project and I strongly urge you to consider an alternate route which is not within or near this park and recreational area for children, youth and adult camping and retreat groups.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,

Brad Street  
Executive Director  
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July 11, 2009

Ms. Martha Henson  
Oncor Electric Delivery Company  
1601 Bryan Street, EP 23-045A  
Dallas, Texas 75201

RE: Sweetwater East-Central Bluff 345kV Transmission Line Project

Dear Ms. Henson:

We are members of the board of directors of the Butman Methodist Camp and Retreat Center. Please accept this letter in opposition to segment "E" of the proposed Sweetwater East to Central Bluff 345kV Transmission Line Project.

Butman Methodist Camp and Retreat Center is a ministry of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and we host groups from across Texas (and even outside of the State) throughout the year. There are two chapels, a number of lodges, several conference rooms, a dining hall, lodging for 336 guests and a recreation center on our campus and, as you can imagine, many of our guests are children and teenagers who visit as part of a school, church or youth group. We also have four families residing year round on our campus.

The transmission lines would apparently run right across our main entrance, and would be in the foreground of the recreation areas of the camp. As you know, many people believe that these transmission lines are potentially hazardous to children because of the electromagnetic fields which they may create. We are concerned about the perception of the public with regard to these lines, and fear that the presence of these lines may discourage some groups from attending our camp.

In addition, we worry that the transmission towers may prove to be an attractive nuisance for some of our campers, and we would be burdened with trying to protect the towers in order to reduce any liability exposure.

We are against proposed Route "E" and would urge you to consider a route which is not within this park/recreational area.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Signed by: Aleta Alexander, Susan Anderson, Ken Becker, Jimmie Cantrell, Judy Farmer, Reverend C. Marvin Gregory, Tom Hawkins, Paul Jones, Roy D. Knowles, Tere Lawrence, Dr. Jerry A. Marshall, Bill McMaster, Mark Merrell, Richard Petree, B. Jack Reed, Doris Stevens, and Brad Street.

## Brad Street

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**From:** Brad Street [brad@butmancamp.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2009 4:20 PM  
**To:** 'ROBYN.WERTHEIM@HOUSE.STATE.TX.US'  
**Subject:** Sweetwater East-Central Bluff 345kV Transmission Line Project

Susan L. King, State Representative, District 71  
Robyn Wertheim, District Director

I enjoyed the opportunity to visit with you and Representative King during her recent visit to the Public Forum at the Precinct Three Barn on August 27<sup>th</sup>. I am the Executive Director of Butman Methodist Camp & Retreat Center in Mulberry Canyon, south of Merkel, Texas. Please accept this letter in opposition to Segment "E" of the proposed Sweetwater East-Central Bluff 345kV Transmission Line Project.

As you have been made aware, Butman Methodist Camp & Retreat Center is a ministry of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and we host groups from across Texas and beyond throughout the year. We have two Chapels, two Lodges, four Conference Rooms, seven Cabins, four Cottages, Dining Hall, Recreation Center, and a ropes challenge course. As you are aware, many of our guests are children and youth who visit us with their church group, their school group or their scout group.

Proposed transmission line preliminary link "E" would apparently run across our main entrance, and would be in the foreground of the Camp's recreation areas. As you know, many people believe that these transmission lines are potentially hazardous to children and youth because of the electromagnetic fields which they may create. We are seriously concerned about the perception of the public regarding these transmission lines, and fear that the presence of these lines would discourage many groups from visiting our youth camp and retreat center.

In addition, we feel we would be burdened with trying to protect the towers in order to reduce any possible liability exposure. We could incur additional liability insurance premiums as a result of the towers' presence near the camp.

Also, The Board of Trustees has been considering an expansion to the camp facilities of over \$2.0 million. However, because of the uncertainty of the effect a transmission line may have on the camp the decision has been postponed pending the resolution of this issue.

I am very surprised that my Representative would allow Segment "E" to continue when the placement of this transmission line would harm the constituents you serve, and could undoubtedly harm a viable business and ministry over 50 years old, when there are acceptable alternate routes available. While I know Butman Camp is a Christian nonprofit organization and we do not pay taxes on our camp, I also know that our payroll in 2008 was over \$385,000 and is projected to be over \$400,000 this year. In 2008 we purchased another \$325,000 in equipment, supplies and materials, most of which is bought locally in the Abilene, Merkel and Sweetwater area.

I am opposed to Segment "E" of the proposed Sweetwater East-Central Bluff 345kV Transmission Line Project and I strongly urge you to consider an alternate route which is not within or near this park or recreational area.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,

Brad Street  
Executive Director  
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## **Brad Street**

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**From:** Jack Reed [jreed@reimid.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2009 10:17 AM  
**To:** ROBYN.WERTHEIM@HOUSE.STATE.TX.US  
**Cc:** butman@butmancamp.org

Susan L. King, State Representative, District 71,  
Robyn Wertheim, District Director

I am the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Butman Methodist Camp & Retreat Center. Please accept this letter in opposition to Segment "E" of the proposed Sweetwater East-Central Bluff 345kV Transmission Line Project.

As you have been made aware, Butman Methodist Camp & Retreat Center is a ministry of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and we host groups from across Texas and beyond throughout the year. There are two Chapels, two Lodges, four Conference Rooms, seven cabins, four cottages, dining hall, recreation center, and a ropes challenge course. As you can imagine, many of our guests are children and youth who visit us with their church group or their school group.

The proposed transmission line segment "E" would apparently run across our main entrance, and would be in the foreground of the recreation areas at the camp. As you know, many people believe that these transmission lines are potentially hazardous to children because of the electromagnetic fields which they may create. We are seriously concerned about the perception of the public with regard to these transmission lines, and fear that the presence of these lines would discourage many groups from our camp & retreat center.

In addition, we would be burdened with trying to protect the towers in order to reduce any possible liability exposure. We could incur additional liability insurance premiums as a result of the towers presence.

Also, The Board of Trustees has been considering an expansion of the camp facilities, approximately \$1.5 million to \$2.0 million but because of the uncertainty of the effect a transmission line may have on the camp this decision has been postponed until this issue is resolved.

I can not accept that a representative of the people to whom you serve would allow the placement of a transmission line which could cause harm or damage to a business, a ministry and your constituents, when acceptable alternative routes are available.

I am against proposed Route "E" and would urge you to consider a route which is not within this park or recreational area.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

B. Jack Reed  
Chairman of Board of Trustees  
Butman Methodist Camp & Retreat Center