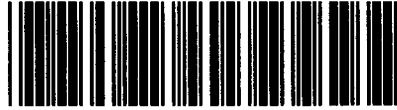




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Request to Intervene in PUC Docket No. 37448

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, but still want to file comments, please complete the "Comments" page.**

Mail this completed form and 10 copies to:

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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. _____

Signature of person requesting intervention:

Curt Rhodes

Date: 11-16-2009

November 16, 2009

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RE: Docket #37448

Dear Sirs:

I am a landowner on County Road 2001, segment 31, which is on several alternate routes for the LCRA 345kV Transmission Project: GN1, GN2, GN4, GN5, and GN9. I am writing because I will be devastatingly impacted if any of these alternate routes are chosen for the 120' lattice tower transmission lines. I was able to verify with an aerial map from LCRA that 50% of my parcel of land will be located under the easement of the transmission lines going through my property. This includes two homes which are both occupied. This includes 100% of the frontage property along County Road 2001; also our entrance to the property for three homes. This easement area covers 97% of all the trees on my property that are much needed shade for my livestock during our hot, dry summer months.

If this route is chosen, I would be unable to continue to live there and unable to make any renovations or add other structures near my home. The transmission line easement directly affects my sister's family as their parcel of land, which borders one side of mine, is the same easement border for the LCRA lines. This alternate route, that includes the segment where I live, appears to be way north of where these lines will ultimately carry power to the Gillespie station. It would be a very large added expense for the construction of these lines by going this far north. There is currently an added problem with Oncor requesting a preferred route for their lines coming north on a portion of County Road 2001 going to the Lometa area. This would go right down the road in front of our land. We already have the wooden H poles from LCRA lines across the road from us. Now there would be **two 345kV 120' lattice transmission tower lines crossing over each other along with the other LCRA H pole lines. This would cause a large electromagnetic field over this area. This cannot be a good environment to live under.**

I would like to ask you to consider LCRA's preferred route which is a more direct route to the Gillespie station, route GN11. I would like to suggest that LCRA (and Oncor) use monopoles or buried cable through any populated area. They are not as large as the lattice towers but can carry the same power needed to do their job. These options may be more expensive than the huge lattice towers but the monopoles or buried cable will take less easement which means less property taken from any landowner. Any property taken for easement purposes causes a permanent devaluation of the landowner's parcel - both the piece taken and the piece left. In many cases, the land is the landowner's livelihood and their only means of retirement. When people can use their land, they do not need to rely on government programs and be a burden on the state. With monopoles or buried cable, there would be less possibility of wild fires from sparks and sparks caused by migrating species - the buried cables not seen and monopoles with

less physical substance. We do have low flying aircraft in this area with an airport close by and Fort Hood flies it's aircraft through this area on a regular basis. I feel that monopoles or buried cable will be the least offensive to both landowners and the State environment as well as have the least opposition. This is something that we as ratepayers must pay for and it is easier to pay for something that is not as offensive as the huge footprint the lattice transmission towers will make all across the State. Please make a decision to request that LCRA and Oncor use monopoles or buried cable for this transmission project. Advise them to move lines that are in a direct path of habitable homes.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my concerns.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Rhodes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Curt" being more prominent than the last name "Rhodes".

Curt Rhodes