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DOCKET NO. 37448

COMMENTS

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My mother, Mrs. Betty Simon, owns land directly affected by the proposed segment C13 where it crosses the Llano River. We have been using the land for many years for vacations and family reunions and have spent significant time, effort, and money to add improvements such as electric utilities, water well, septic tank, storage shed, access road, and trailer that will be rendered useless by the proposed route. The land borders the Llano River and much of its value derives from the scenery and seclusion. Furthermore, it is directly adjacent to land owned by my mother's brothers and sisters, which cannot be replicated if she is forced to move. The usefulness and value of my mother's land should not be destroyed by accepting the proposed route.

Signature of person submitting comments:

Roger E. Simon Date: 11/18/2009

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C10-010.01

First Name: Nettie L. Last Name: Plueckhahn

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Nettie Plueckhahn Date: 11-15-09

continue on to Lucky, Watson and Lewis Locust Mountains.

The transmission line would not parallel existing rights-of-way or property lines or fence lines. It would divide my property in half and go through several deeds.

It would also come between two houses and give too much exposure to electric and magnetic fields.

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(✓) John Griffin
*First Name: Linda Last Name: Krzesniak

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We own approximately 560 acres in Naruna, Texas. The published "preferred" route, segment C22 thru 26, takes the transmission lines right up to our property. We do **NOT** want the transmission lines on or near our property nor even in the Community of Naruna. The transmission lines should follow one of the alternative routes where some transmission lines, with easements, already exists Alternate Route GN7 - C17, C18, C27, & C29.

Signature of person submitting comments:

John Griffin Linda Krzesniak Date: 11-16-09

William C. Walker, Jr.
4019 Martinshire Drive
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November 11, 2009

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Re: PUC DOCKET NO. 37448, SOAH NO. 473-10-1097 - Comments affirming Route GN11 and protests concerning Section C-8 in the Gillespie to Newton Project part of Route GN4.

To Whom It May Concern:

We own property which would be visibly impacted by the construction of proposed alternate route GN4 which includes Segment C-8. This segment (C-8) is routed thru property owned by Six Peaks LLC, Mark and Susan Jenkins and Debbie Knight which is part of the Vista Encantada subdivision. We are owners in Vista Encantada and the C-8 segment, if built, would have a direct and negative impact on our property, our neighbors' property and the entire subdivision.

Furthermore, the C-8 route would have a severe and negative impact on the Enchanted Rock State Natural Area as it would be in the direct line of site of anyone who visits the SNA and climbs the Rock or adjacent peaks. The SNA has several hundred thousand visitors each year mostly fellow Texans. The C-8 segment, if built, would have a direct and negative impact on all of those visitors as they enjoy the view of what is now unspoiled landscape.

The preferred route, GN11, has minimal impact on Enchanted Rock SNA.

According to the LCRA in their filing on October 28, 2009, if the GN4 route is chosen over the preferred route GN-11, it will require the acquisition of an additional 37 miles of right-of-way costing tens of millions of dollars. This alone should be reason enough to follow LCRA's preferred route GN11 which uses existing right-of-way. Section C-8 is 13.8 in length and 3.2 miles follows the Atmos gas pipeline. It was noted by LCRA consultants that the 3.2 miles along the pipeline may cost less in the easement acquisition. This is not true and an unproven assumption as there is a huge difference between the impact on surrounding property by an underground easement and an overhead electric transmission line that is 150' or more above the ground and visible for miles. The taking and damages for a new route would not be minimized by following an existing underground gas pipeline easement which is owned and controlled by a completely different entity for a different purpose.

William C. Walker, Jr.
PUC Docket No. 37448; SOAH NO. 473-10-1097
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We urge you to follow the preferred route of the LCRA using Route GN11 which follows an existing transmission line thru our area. The 130kw, 192kw and 448kw lines which are adjacent to proposed sections C-5 and C-9 already exist and the landowners along these route segments have already been compensated. To incrementally add a new line would have a far less cost, damages and impact on those property owners.

OUR POINTS ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

The law requires the PUC to consider a number of factors in deciding whether to approve a proposed new CREZ transmission line.

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See attached letter.

Signature of person submitting comments:

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Nancy C. Malin
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I'm Herb Stehling--Our property is located approximately 3 miles North West of Fredericksburg on Hwy 87. What we are concerned about basically, is the taking of our land, the scenery, Homestead, and all the sweat and blood that we have put into it. The other factor is the safety of our families. This monster transmission line will create a Electro Magnetic field that has been said to be cancer causing and impossible to live close to.
Our fore fathers came over in 1845, acquired the land, worked the land, overcame many adversit and through the years we have been stewards of our land and made it what it is today. Our Grand Children are 6th generation and love to come to the ranch. Just last year we did major additions and renovation to the 50 year old Camp House and created a lodge for the family to enjoy. If the C-2 route is followed, it will go directly over the 200 year old oak trees in front of the lodge and the lodge would be in the easement and would be destroyed. It will als destroy the site that our daughter has chosen to build her home in a few years. This transmiss line should not be built through the C-2 area but should follow the I-10 Corridor or undergrou We feel that the LCRA "Preferred" route is more direct and should be approved--ie--the C-1 rou

Signature of person submitting comments: Herb Stehling Date: 11-19-09

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Proposed Line in this direction - G2

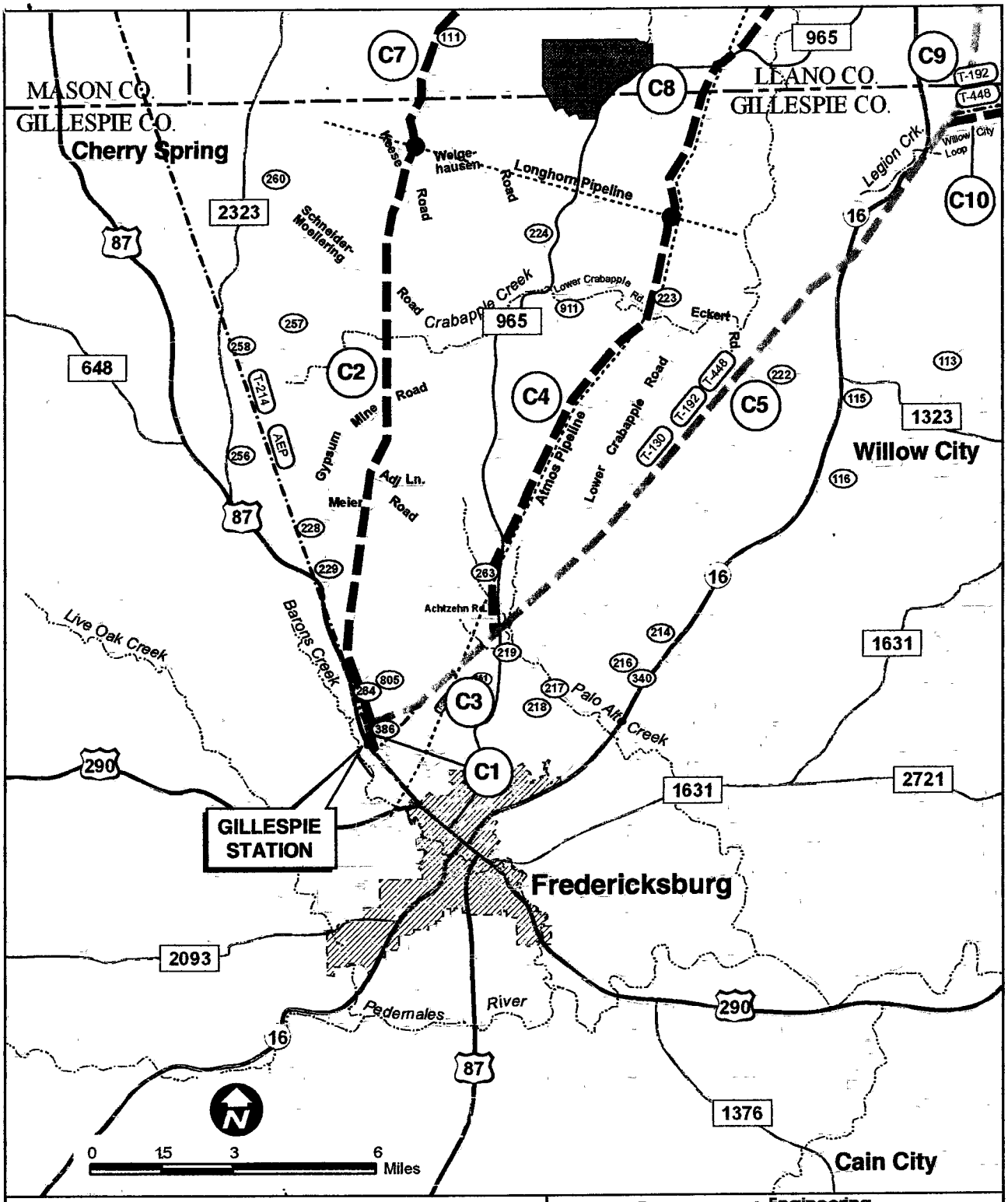

Figure 1

PRIMARY ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

GILLESPIE-NEWTON PROJECT

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