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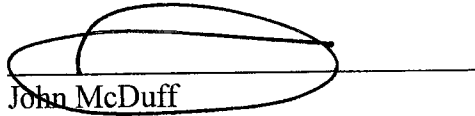
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY OFFICE
OF
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**LYNNE LOLA RATHMAN'S
RESPONSES TO
COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST SET OF REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

NOW COMES Lynne Lola Rathman, ("Lynne Rathman"), and files her Responses to Commission Staff's First Set of Requests for Information. This Response is timely filed.

FURTHER, Lynne Rathman desires to point out that she and her brother Mark Leo Rathman each own a property that is separate from the other, and each has accordingly made a separate intervention.

Respectfully submitted,



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Lynne Lola Rathman's Response to Commission Staff's First Set of Requests for Information was served to all necessary parties on the 25th day of November, by email, facsimile, First-Class mail, or by hand delivery.


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RESPONSES

BA-1-1 Do you have a habitable structure (According to Subst. Rule 25.101, a habitable structure is a structure that is normally inhabited by humans or intended to be inhabited by humans on a daily or regular basis.) near one or more of the links of the proposed transmission line? If so, describe the structure, identify the link(s) and estimate how far the proposed line is from the habitable structure?

Response: My weekend home is near the C27 line. It is a small camper, connected to electricity and well water, both of which I had installed. Moving it is not an option, due to a lack of electricity and water. The proposed line is about fifteen hundred feet from my home.

BA-1-2 Will one or more of the links of the proposed transmission line cross your property? If so, identify the links and any features like a property line, pipeline, power line or road that the proposed transmission line will follow through your property.

Response: Yes, the C27 link crosses my property. And it crosses two of my property lines, ranch roads, cattle trails, and the area where the cattle congregate to every day.

BA-1-3 Have you discussed any modifications to the proposed transmission line route on your property with a representative of LCRA TSC: If so, what were the modifications to the proposed route that you suggested and what was the response to LCRA TSC?

Response: At this time, I have not discussed any modifications to the proposed transmission line route on my property.

BA-1-4 What are your specific concerns about the proposed transmission line?

Response: My property is somewhat shaped like a thin rectangle, from east to west. My brother Mark is on the north side of me. He has nearly 200 acres. My Uncle John Rathman is on the north-front side of me. He has close to 30 acres. The Sunvison's are on my south side. They have just over 100 acres. The Goodman's are on the back-east side, and on my front west-side is Ronny and Winston Baker. The Baker's are just a stone's throw across the county road. Ronny has about six acres. Good folks surround me, and all but one have transmission line problems.

Link C27 would run right through the length of my thin rectangle, from east to west. The preferred route would put large towers and power lines down the

middle of our community of families. And all the while forcing me to live, work underneath and around these towers and lines, along with my neighbors, year round. The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences concludes that EMF exposure cannot be recognized as entirely safe at this time. I just don't see how I can work my land and be safe around these lines.

My brother Mark Rathman and his partner have three children living with them. Since our land has been in the family for over a 100-years, we have many family members and friends staying with us on our land frequently. Being from a family of eight, we have many siblings and extended families, taking walks on our land, enjoying bar-q-que's, weenie roasts, s'mores, and just reminiscing. There are beautiful trees, springs, and wildlife running through our land.

The only access I have is from the west side, County Road 207. Of the property along County Road 207, I own a small portion of the frontage connected to the road. The County owns about $\frac{3}{4}$'s of the frontage. So, with the towers and lines going through my front and only access, it is possible that I'll lose access to my property. And, if one of several towers is constructed on the front, I have no idea how I'll drive through or around the tower.

I have two businesses on my land. They will both be disrupted and possibly destroyed.

I am a small-time cattle rancher and pecan farmer.

First the cattle. My brother Mark and I are in partnership. The cattle go back and forth from my property to Mark's. Independently, we don't have much land for them to graze or water to provide, so we have to combine our properties for our cattle operation. I have limited water and grassland, Mark has limited water and grassland. But when you combine our properties it's just enough to run cattle; most of the time. Unfortunately, we did not have enough grassland for them during the past couple of droughts. If you construct towers between us, it'll be like building a wall right in the middle of our business. I can't move the grasslands, springs, water-wells or tanks. They are strategically laid out for the cattle business. As long as the towers and lines run between me and Mark, the access for our cows to cross back and forth would be restricted.

Now for my pecan business. My pecan orchard runs along the back-east fence line. I had a water-well drilled and an underground irrigation system installed. I have spent over \$100,000 on setting up the orchard and I have 300 trees. I have two issues with the transmission lines. First, don't touch my water-well or underground irrigation system. Secondly, the power lines better not ignite a fire and destroy my trees. Pecan trees take at least seven years to produce. One fire could wipe them out. And I would have to start over, if I could find the money.

BA-1-5 Did you attend any open houses presented by the utility concerning this proposed transmission line? If so, when and where: Did you provide written comments to LCRA TSC at or after the open house?

Response: I did attend an open house, in Lampasas on May 4th. I provided detailed comments afterwards to LCRA.

BA-1-6 Are your property boundaries represented accurately on the maps provided by the utility? If not, please explain any discrepancies and provide a modified LCRA TSC map or drawing to indicate the discrepancies.

Response: Somewhat, I have a 'general' idea.

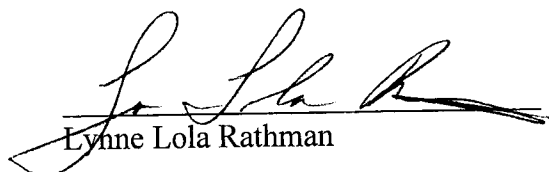
BA-1-7 What is the primary use for your property and, in your opinion, will this use be impacted by the proposed transmission line?

Response: The primary use for my place is farming pecan trees and running a cow-calf operation, to live on. In my opinion, the line will have a detrimental effect on both.

BA-1-9 In your opinion, is there any feature about your land that you believe should be considered when routing a transmission line on your property? If so, please explain.

Response: My two hundred forty acres is all that I have.

I swear that the above answers are true and correct.


Lynne Lola Rathman