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APPLICATION OF LCRA	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
TRANSMISSION SERVICES	§	
CORPORATION TO AMEND ITS	§	
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE	§	
AND NECESSITY FOR THE	§	OF
GILLESPIE TO NEWTON 345-KV	§	
CREZ TRANSMISSION LINE IN	§	
GILLESPIE, LLANO, SAN SABA,	§	
BURNET, AND LAMPASAS	§	
COUNTIES, TEXAS	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

KANE-GLENSPRINGS RANCH, LTD. RESPONSES TO THE
COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO ALL INTERVENORS

COMES NOW, George V. Kane, III and files this, his Response to the Commission Staff's Second Set of Requests for Information to All Intervenors. This Response is timely filed. George V. Kane, III agrees and stipulates that all parties may treat these Responses as if the answers were filed under oath.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be filed with the Public Utility Commission and served as required by ALJ Order No. 4 in the above-captioned proceeding on this 16th day of December, 2009.

By: Mike Willatt
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KANE-GLENSPRINGS RANCH, LTD. RESPONSES TO
THE COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND SET OF REQUESTS FOR
INFORMATION TO ALL INTERVENORS

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: First, let me say that legal title to the ranch is in Kane-Glensprings Ranch, Ltd. However, we think of this as the family ranch and I will refer to the ranch, in these responses, as "my Ranch."

There are four (4) habitable structures on my Ranch that are near the Transmission Line (Link C-15). The four (4) houses are all situated within approximately 400-800 yards of the proposed Link C-15. All four (4) houses are inhabited by humans on a regular or daily basis. The structures are listed as follows: 1) foreman's house; 2) original ranch house cabin; 3) original guest cabin and 4) hunter's cabin (converted to workout facility with gun reloading room).

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. C-15 crosses my Ranch on the southwestern boundary where the Atmos pipeline easement crosses my land. It quickly goes off the easement in a northeasterly direction right through the middle of my Ranch across the most scenic improved pasture. This route also crosses five (5) roads on my Ranch.

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 of LCRA TSC?

Response: No. I did not learn about the proposed transmission line until a few weeks ago. I support the LCRA's preferred route so, at this point, there is no need to discuss the route with the LCRA.

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

Response: The C-15 route does not follow the borders of the Ranch. The proposed line crosses through the middle of my Ranch and through the most beautiful improved pasture where we

have plans to build our future ranch home. I have spent an enormous amount of time and money clearing and improving this pasture. It has elevation on it that enables you to see most of the entire Ranch which is why we have chosen this site. The enormous towers running thru the middle of it would be devastating to the Ranch and our future Ranch house site. Running them through at this site would completely decimate the Ranch and take away our ability to build our family ranch house that we plan to use for generations to come. The negative financial impact on this Ranch/recreational property would be devastating to say the least by the addition of the enormous transmission line towers.

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

Response: No. I did not learn about the proposed transmission line until a few weeks ago.

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: Yes, they appear to be accurately represented.

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: My Ranch is a working ranch (cattle) but most importantly it serves as a recreational property and regular gathering place for our family and friends. We also have a significant whitetail deer management program that has produced an extremely healthy population. This Ranch is used extensively for recreational hunting. In addition to hunting the ranch also serves as recreation for fishing, horseback riding, shooting skeet and target shooting at the gun range. We take stewardship of this place very seriously and have worked hard to improve the pastures, wildlife, roads and overall environment.

Our Ranch Manager, Joey Gordon, is a retired Texas Ranger and as much as anyone, takes pride and ownership of this Ranch in a way that would make any lovers of Texas lands proud. (Please see BA-1-9 for further info.).

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: Yes. This Ranch and the adjoining ranch to the south (which is also on the C-15 Route, together make up a large part of the historic "Wilberns Glen."

Wilberns Glen is described as **“an outstanding natural wonder of Llano County”** and **“one of the true gems of the Texas Hill Country”** in the book titled **“The Old Man and the Glen”**. Further excerpts include: **“The large spring boils from the ground at the Summit of the hill”.... “waterway courses through rugged terrain down a steep side of the predominately limestone hill forming a stairway of pools and formations as this crystal stream falls from one level to a lower one before it finally flows into the Little Llano River”... “The Glen was a wonderful picnic area for church groups..... The preacher would take the new members up the mountain and baptize them... That was really something – to see a large group of people walking hand in hand up the mountain with their song books and to hear the echo of these voices which carried down into the valley”**.

Wilberns Glen is further described in the books *Goddess of Mystery*, *Coronado’s Children*, and the *Llano County Album*.

I am very concerned about the C-15 link of the transmission line because it would dilute and negatively offset the charm and aesthetic beauty of this historic place. My own son was baptized in the spring waters just the same as was done in the early days mentioned above. While all lands have significance, this one is one for the ages that is well documented and in a class of its own with rich heritage that has been enjoyed by many. It would be most unfortunate to chip away at this Ranch’s historical, aesthetical, environmental and natural charm by running the transmission line through it with the large dominating towers.