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

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MRS. JOAN HARRIS'S
RESPONSES TO COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION

Mrs. Joan Harris (Mrs. Harris) files these Responses to Commission Staff's (Staff) First Request for Information (RFI) to Mrs. Harris. All responses offered are to be considered to be offered under oath by Mrs. Harris herself.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Joan Harris by *cpw*
Mrs. Joan Harris

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Request BA 1-1
Mrs. Joan Harris's Response

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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

Yes, we have four habitable structures near link C-4 of the proposed transmission line. Two are lived in full time. My home is about 500 feet from the center of the proposed line.

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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 C-4 link will cross our property. This route will follow the Atmos Pipeline through the property.

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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.

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

Response

My concerns about the proposed transmission line are the destruction of the hardwood trees, visually marring the route to Enchanted Rock (one of the Hill Country's most popular tourist destinations), the fragility of the soil, and ruining the aesthetic qualities of the whole area. In addition, there are concerns about the health effects of EMF's associated with the proposed line and the proximity to the house. Any additional concerns that may be identified as more information is presented in this case will be provided in testimony.

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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

Yes, I attended the open house meeting at the Fredericksburg Pioneer Pavillion.
And, yes, I did provide written comments.

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Request BA 1-6
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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

There are no property lines representing our property boundaries on maps provided by the utility.

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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

We use our property for grazing sheep, growing a vegetable garden, and for recreation. The proposed transmission line will destroy pastures and impact sheep as well as the wildlife. We are also concerned about aesthetics. Finally, we are concerned because the Atmos Pipeline is an old pipeline and therefore not buried as deeply as those constructed today. I am worried that operating heavy equipment over this pipeline could cause rupture and/or an explosion.

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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

Features to be considered on our property when routing a transmission line are the shallow soil along with the concerns mentioned above in BA-1-7. We are up in the hills with only about 4 to 6 inches of topsoil. Heavy equipment moving through this area to build the transmission line would destroy the pasture.

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