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**APPLICATION OF ONCOR ELECTRIC
DELIVERY COMPANY TO AMEND A
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY FOR THE BROWN –
NEWTON 345-kV CREZ**

**TRANSMISSION LINE IN BROWN,
MILLS, LAMPASAS, MCCULLOCH
AND SAN SABA COUNTIES**

TRANSMISSION SERVICES

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**TRANSMISSION LINE IN
CALDWELL, GUADALUPE, HAYS
TRAVIS AND WILLIAMSON**

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

TERRI HARRIS LAUGHLIN

TRACT #644

RESIDENCE #3763

SEGMENT XX

DECEMBER 7, 2009

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

A. TERRI HARRIS LAUGHLIN

90215 US HWY 190

P O BOX 40

LOMETA, TX 76853

**Q. ARE YOU AN INTERVENOR IN THIS CASE IN WHICH ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY
COMPANY IS SEEKING A CCN TO CONSTRUCT A TRANSMISSION LINE?**

A. YES.

Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED IN A COMMISSION PROCEEDING?

A. NO

Q. CAN YOU BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE YOUR INTEREST IN THIS CASE?

**A. YES, MY RESIDENCE IS LOCATED IN TRACT 644, SEGMENT XX (PREFERRED ROUTE Y),
ONCOR'S # ON MY HOME IS 3763.**

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE WHERE YOUR PROPERTY IS LOCATED.

A. TRACT #644, SEGMENT XX (PREFERRED ROUTE Y) #3763 ON MY HOME. ALSO, IF ALTERNATE ROUTES EE AND TT ARE CHOSEN MY HOME AND STABLES WILL BE AFFECTED IN THE SAME MANNER, UNLESS FROM TT AND EE ONCOR CAN INTERSECT WITH VV (FM 3415). ACCORDING TO ONCOR'S MAP, MY HOME IS WITHIN THE 500' (ACTUALLY AROUND 350' THE BEST THAT I CAN TELL LOOKING AT AREIAL PHOTO) AND MY STABLES, BARN, ROUND PEN (ALL METAL) WILL BE WITHIN THE 250' +- RANGE. E. AS WELL AS, MY WATER WELL IS WITHIN THE 350' +- RANGE.

Q. WHAT ACTIVITIES OCCUR ON YOUR PROPERTY?

A. ON A DAILY BASIS, MY HORSES ARE IN THIS AREA WITH METAL HORSE SHOES ON. I GROOM, FEED, WATER AND TEND TO MY HORSES AND CATTLE IN THIS AREA. I RIDE MY HORSE IN THE METAL 60' ROUND PEN, AS WELL AS, IN THE METAL ARENA, (80 X 100 +-).

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE WITH THESE ACTIVITIES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO TRANSMISSION LINES?

A. NO. I WAS TOLD THAT A PERSON COULD CARRY AROUND LIGHT BULBS IN THE PROXIMITY OF THESE TOWERS AND LINES AND THEY WOULD LIGHT UP! I ASKED ONCOR ATTORNEY, ALLEN NYE (?) ABOUT THIS ON NOVEMBER 9, 2009, DURING THE MEETING IN AUSTIN. HE CLAIMED HE DID NOT KNOW AND NEITHER DID THE SPECIALIST. AFTER MY QUESTIONS, AN ENGINEER CONFIRMED THAT WAS TRUE, THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD DONE IT.

Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW YOUR EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES WOULD BE AFFECTED IF LINK Y WAS CONSTRUCTED ON YOUR PROPERTY.

A. LINK Y, SEGMENT XX WOULD CAUSE HEALTH HAZARDS TO MYSELF, FAMILY MEMBERS AND TO MY HORSES. SAFETY WOULD BE OF GREAT CONCERN DUE TO THE LARGE ELECTRO MAGNETIC FIELDS, AS ON A DAILY BASIS I AM IN THE VICINITY OF THIS BARN AND STABLES AND DEALING WITH WATER AND METAL SURROUNDING MYSELF AND MY LIVESTOCK. IF THIS LINE COULD BE AT LEAST 500' FROM MY BARN I WOULD FEEL MUCH BETTER. AT THE MEETING IN AUSTIN ON NOVEMBER 9TH, 2009, ONCOR ATTORNEY, ALLEN NYE, TOLD ME TO GROUND MY BARN. HOW DO YOU GROUND AN ENTIRE ELECTRO MAGNETIC FIELD FROM THE LINES TO THE GROUND AND THE SURROUNDING AREA?

Q. ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY ACTIVITIES ALONG LINK Y THAT WOULD BE SIMILIARLY

AFFECTED BY CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRANSMISSION LINE ALONG THAT ROUTE?

- A. YES, MY NEIGHBORS, ALVIN AND TERRY SNELL HAVE HORSES, BARNS, ETC AND THEY ARE TO THE WEST OF MY PROPERTY AND WILL BE AFFECTED IN THE SAME MANNER. MY NEIGHBOR NANCY SLAGLE TO THE WEST OF THE SNELL'S HAS LIVED IN HER FAMILY HOME (OF 98 YEARS) FOR OVER 55 YEARS THAT I KNOW OF AND PROBABLY LONGER THAN THAT.

ALSO, OF GREAT CONCERN, THE LOMETA REGIONAL PARK, IS VERY CLOSE TO THIS LINK Y ON HWY 183. THEY USE THIS PARK FOR THE LANDING OF HELICOPTORS IN EMERGENCIES. THIS IS OF GREAT CONCERN TO THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF RURAL CITIZENS IN GREAT NEED OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL ATTENTION. THIS COULD BE OF LIFE AND DEATH MATTER. WHAT IS THE DISTANCE FOR SAFETY PURPOSES OF INGRESS AND EGRESS OF EMERGENCY HELICOPTOR MEDIVAC?

- Q. DO ANY OF THE DIRECTLY AFFECTED PROPERTIES THAT YOU OWN ALONG LINK Y HAVE HABITABLE STRUCTURES ON THEM?

- A. YES, LINK Y, SEGMENT XX, TRACT 644, RESIDENCE #3763, AND/OR LINK TT AND LINK EE WITH SEGMENT XX.

- Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE HABITABLE STRUCTURES?

- A. MY HOME, SINCE 1994, 3 BEDROOM, 3 BATHS, 2050 SQ FT, + COVERED PORCHES, STORAGE BUILDING, DOG KENNELS, METAL BARN, PIPE STABLES, METAL ROUND PEN, METAL ARENA, WELL WITH SUBMERGIBLE PUMP.

- Q. DOES LINK Y FOLLOW YOUR PROPERTY LINES OR ANY OTHER RIGHTS-OF-WAY THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF ON YOUR PROPERTY?

- A. YES LINK Y, SEGMENT XX, FOLLOWS THE SOUTHERN PROPERTY BOUNDARY LINE, SO WILL LINK TT AND LINK EE WITH SEGMENT XX. IT WILL BE PLACED ON MY NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY, BUT WITHIN 500'(APPROX 350' ACCORDING TO AREIAL PHOTO) OF MY HOME AND WITH 250+- FT OF MY STABLES AND BARN. I KNOW THAT THIS WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON MY PROPERTY VALUES, DESTROY MY VIEWS THAT I LOOK AT ON A DAILY BASIS, BECAUSE IT WILL BE SO CLOSE TO MY PROPERTY. AS A PROPERTY OWNER, I SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR DAMAGES.

- Q. ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY HABITABLE STRUCTURES THAT WOULD IMPEDE THE

CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRANSMISSION LINE USING LINK Y?

A. THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED ONES.

Q. ARE THERE ANY CULTURAL FEATURES ON THIS PROPERTY?

A. NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE.

Q. IN ADDITION TO THESE CULTURAL FEATURES ARE THERE ANY ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE FEATURES ON THIS PROPERTY?

A. THE PROPERTIES ON SEGMENT XX, STEVEN BROOKS KIRBY TRUST, MYSELF (TRACT 644), THESE PROPERTIES HAVE SEVERAL PONDS WITH WILDLIFE AND HABITAT, WHICH MAY POSSIBLY INCLUDE SALAMANDERS, GOLDEN CHEEK WARBLERS, ETC.

Q. ASSUMING THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZES ONCOR TO BUILD A TRANSMISSION LINE IN THIS AREA, DO YOU SUPPORT APPROVAL OF A ROUTE UTILIZING LINKS TT AND/OR EE?

A. IF TT AND/OR EE IS USED, IT STILL CAN CONNECT TO SEGMENT XX, WHICH AFFECTS POSSIBLY THE LOMETA REGIONAL PARK AND THE EMERGENCY MEDI VAC ROUTE, AND NOT ONLY MYSELF, THE SNELLS, SLAGLE, MF KLOSE'S HOME, STEVEN BROOKS KIRBY TRUST AND ON WEST TO TOMMY HONEYCUTT, GAIL ODOM'S HOME, BOBBY ODOM'S HOME, JOLENE ALEXANDER'S HOME, ETC.

IF EE OR TT WERE CHOSEN AND THEN VV (FM 3415), IT WOULD BYPASS THE PARK, MF KLOSE'S HOME, STEVEN BROOKS KIRBY TRUST, MYSELF, THE SNELL'S, SLAGLES.

Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW EVERYDAY ACTIVITIES WOULD BE AFFECTED IF LINKS TT AND/OR EE WAS CONSTRUCTED ON YOUR PROPERTY.

A. IF TT AND EE INTERSECTS WITH SEGMENT XX, IT WILL HAVE THE SAME CAUSE AND AFFECT AS LINK Y. THEREFORE, STILL SUBJECTING MYSELF, MY FAMILY AND MY HORSES AND LIVESTOCK TO A HUGE ELECTRO MAGNETIC FIELD. I WOULD BE AFRAID ON A DAILY LIVING IN SUCH CLOSE RANGE TO SUCH A LARGE AND UNSAFE LINE. IF IT CAN LIGHT UP FLUORESCENT BULBS ONE HOLD IN THEIR HANDS, WHAT CAN IT DO TO ONE'S BRAIN CELLS? WHAT CAN IT DO TO MY HORSE (AND ME RIDING MY HORSE) WITH METAL HORSESHOES ON HIS HOOVES??? WHAT ABOUT IN RAINY WEATHER? I WAS TOLD TO GROUND MY BARN (BY ONCOR'S ATTORNEY, ALLAN NYE?). IT HAS PIPE 18" - 24" INTO THE GROUND. HOW DO YOU GROUND THE WHOLE ELECTRO MAGNETIC FIELD FROM THE LINES TO THE GROUND AND THE SURROUNDING AREA?

Q. ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY ACTIVITIES ALONG LINKS TT AND/OR EE THAT WOULD

**BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRANSMISSION LINE
ALONG THAT ROUTE?**

- A. IF TT AND EE FOLLOWS INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF LOMETA, IT WILL BE IN FRONT OF THE LOMETA REGIONAL PARK AND THE EMERGENCY MEDIVAC HELICOPTOR PATH, THEN IT IF INTERSECTS WITH SEGMENT XX, IT WILL BE AFFECTING MY HOME, AS WELL AS OTHERS.

IF LINK Y, SEGMENT XX IS CHOSEN OR SEGMENT XX IS CHOSEN WITH ANY OF THE ALTERNATE ROUTES, I WOULD PLEA THAT THE COMMISSION AND ONCOR PLEASE PLACE THE LINE FURTHER AWAY FROM MY PROPERTY LINE AND MY BARN AND HOME. PERHAPS EVEN THE MONO-POLES COULD BE USED IN SOME OF THE AREAS SUCH AS THIS.

LINK EE OR TT NEEDS TO TAKE VV (FM 3415) TO THE WEST. THAT IS THE BEST SCENARIO FOR MYSELF, MY NEIGHBORS, THE LOMETA REGIONAL PARK, AND THE CITY OF LOMETA.

THIS TESTIMONY WILL BE DOCUMENTED AND RETAINED FOR FUTURE USE REGARDING ANY POSSIBLE DAMAGES AND/OR DEATHS WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THIS ELECTRO MAGNETIC FIELD, THESE TOWERS AND LINES.

Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?

A. Yes.

#37464 TRACT 644



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF LAMPASAS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary public personally appeared Terri Harris Laughlin to me known, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

My name is Terri Harris Laughlin. I am of legal age and a resident of the State of Texas. I certify that the foregoing testimony is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief after reasonable inquiry.


Terri Harris Laughlin

Subscribed and sworn to me, notary public, on this 8 day of December, 2009.




Notary Public for the State of Texas

My Commission Expires: 2-23-2013

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Direct Testimony of Terri Harris Laughlin

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