



Control Number: 37464



Item Number: 461

Addendum StartPage: 0

PUC DOCKET NO. 37464
SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-10-0710

APPLICATION OF ONCOR
ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY,
LLC TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR
THE BROWN – NEWTON 345 KV CREZ
TRANSMISSION LINE IN BROWN,
MILLS, LAMPASAS, MCCULLOCH
AND SAN SABA COUNTIES

§
§
§
§
§
§
§
§

BEFORE THE

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

RECEIVED
09 DEC 10 PM 12:36
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
FILED CLERK

LESLIE AND SUZANNE WILSON'S
STATEMENT OF POSITION

TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

COMES NOW Leslie and Suzanne Wilson and file this Statement of Position pursuant to Order No. 6 in this proceeding.

We support Oncor's Preferred Route, 255, and we object to Alternative Routes 26, 28, 34, 82, 176, 243, 245, 247, 248, 251, 252, 253, 256, 257, 258, and 259 and any combinations of any routes which contain Link HHH, Link III, and/or Link T.

The 3W ranch is generally rectangular in shape with its south edge fronting the north side of Mills County Road 423 and its east edge bordering the west side of Mills County Road 429. The east to west dimension along CR 423 is approximately 2.5 to 3 times greater than the north to south dimension along CR 429 from CR 423 to the Winters Family Property's south property line (C-Bar Ranch).

My family saved up all our working lives to afford a beautiful, peaceful ranch to enjoy in our "golden years." In August 1998, while approaching our 60's we purchased our 3W ranch, a parcel of 671.5 acres in Mills County, Texas. We paid the market price for land at that time,

which made this a huge financial purchase. In June 2007, we completed our 3,600 sq. foot Tilson home, with a detached 1,200 sq. foot garage/shop. The investment in these structures was also substantial since both are all brick and Hardi-board construction with galvoalum standing seam roofs. We again planned the home for spending our remaining years and cannot afford to rebuild elsewhere. The home and garage are situated on a modest rise located 1,500 feet north of HHH (CR423) and 2,400 feet west of T (CR 429). A 125 foot high transmission line would definitely be visible for thousands of feet along both the proposed Link HHH and Link T routes. We cannot relocate, so should the transmission line be routed along Link HHH, Link T, or Link III, we will be stuck with our view of the ugly span from our home and much of the ranch forever.

We placed privacy and a peaceful retirement as our first priorities in purchasing the 3W and building our home and garage. We have never permitted any hunting or other type of access unless we are present. Hamilton Electric and Ray and Lynn Buck, who lease the grazing rights for their cattle, are the only people who are on the property when we are absent. The 3W Ranch and these improvements are the bulk of the estate which my spouse and I have worked all our lives to enjoy and hope to pass on to our heirs.

Described west to east, Link HHH (CR 423) runs for approximately 9,500 feet on the south edge of the 3W beginning at the east property line of the Lost Bucks Ranch easterly to CR 429. About 600 feet along this route is the west gate to the ranch. Having to cross the transmission line at this point would make access more difficult. This edge has been trenched twice in the past six years for oak wilt by the Texas Forest Service and Carpenter Construction of Hico, Texas. This very expensive action has helped somewhat, but oak wilt still remains a serious problem and is easily spread. Tearing down our hundreds of beautiful oak trees along

these thousands of feet of the route would create a barren strip of land and would undoubtedly spread more oak wilt to new areas. In this area are the water channels which supply our largest tank from the south. During any construction these channels would be damaged or destroyed, thus lessening the water for our stock tank and creating serious soil erosion. About 3,500 feet from the west edge there is a pleasant valley with oaks and a wet area that would be destroyed. Also destroyed would be several cross fences which proceed north from the CR 423 roadway to provide several pastures.

The main entrance to the ranch and home site is about 6,000 feet from the west edge and includes a working Aero-Motor windmill, a several thousand gallon concrete water storage tank, several concrete water troughs, and a large concrete and rock above ground reservoir. All of these important features for raising cattle would be gone and they are the only ones on the entire ranch. Also within the 160 foot wide route are the only work shed and corrals for handling the cattle. These probably would be destroyed. If not, a health hazard would be connected with working in the metal pens. Proceeding east along route HHH are more oak wilt areas which have been trenched. The route continues on CR 423 to its intersection with CR 429 which is the common point with Links T and III.

Link T (CR 429), described north to south, runs for approximately 2,500 feet on the east edge of the 3W from the south property line of the Winters Family Property (C-Bar Ranch) to the intersection with CR 423. About 800 feet along this route is the east gate to the ranch. Having to cross the transmission line at this point, again, would make our access more difficult. This edge has also been trenched for oak wilt twice in the past six years by the Texas Forest Service and Carpenter Construction of Hico, Texas. About 1,000 feet along route T our underground telephone line and high speed DSL service from Central Texas Telephone

Cooperative in Goldthwaite cross the transmission line route. This crossing could result in major damage during construction or later servicing problems to our only communication links, a major safety issue. Cellular telephone service is highly unreliable in our area, and people living alone in the country must be able to call for assistance. About 1,000 feet along this route is a scenic wetlands area and further south a pleasant wet weather creek crosses CR 429 to the Garner Ranch. All of these features would be destroyed within the 160 foot transmission line foot print until the end of our property at CR 423.

The 3W Ranch is idyllic Texas Hill Country property, unblemished as yet by towers and other industrial man-made structures. In its choice of Preferred Route, 255, we believe that Oncor has wisely chosen to utilize existing utility corridors, rather than make new scars in the Texas Hill Country.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, We pray that Administrative Law Judge considers this Statement of Position and approves Oncor's Preferred Route, 255, and denies any and all objectionable Alternative Routes 26, 28, 34, 82, 176, 243, 245, 247, 248, 251, 252, 253, 256, 257, 258, and 259 or combinations of routes which include objectionable Link HHH, Link III, and/or Link T.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

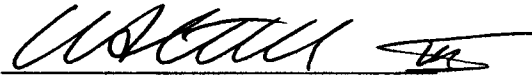

LESLIE WILSON



SUZANNE WILSON
9002 Fairway Hill
Austin, Texas 78750
512-258-0150

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, William B. Steele, III, hereby certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding on December 10, 2009, by email, hand delivery, facsimile transmission, or U.S. Mail.



William B. Steele, III