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## *Public Utility Commission of Texas*

May 11, 2010

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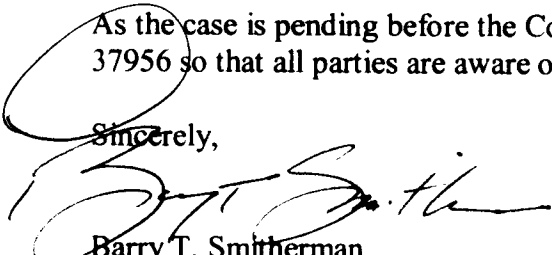
Dear Mr. Webb:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding Cross Texas Transmission's proposed transmission line project.


Transmission service providers, such as CTT, are required to obtain a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) prior to construction of a transmission line. As required by state law, the Commission considers various factors when evaluating the CCN application, such as the community, historical, aesthetic values, and environmental integrity associated with the transmission line. Commission rules also include other factors for consideration, such as whether the proposed routes utilize or parallel existing compatible right-of-ways, property lines or other features, and whether the routes conform to the policy of prudent avoidance. The Commission can also evaluate different ways to construct the lines, such as the use of monopole structures or lattice structures, and will weigh the costs versus the benefits of different options in its decisions.

As the case is pending before the Commission, we have filed your correspondence in Docket No. 37956 so that all parties are aware of your concerns.

Sincerely,

  
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April 30, 2010

Public Utility Commission of Texas  
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Re: Proposed Transmission Line of Cross Texas Transmission, LLC across  
property owned by L.H. Webb, Sevincross Ranch, Gray & Wheeler County,

Sections 42 & 43, Block 25, H&GN Survey, Gray County Texas

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

My Name is L.H. Webb; I am a fourth generation rancher on a Texas Historic Ranch that God has blessed me with. This land has been entrusted to me by my ancestors and I have strived to ensure my stewardship efforts are worthy of their 100+ years of sacrifices.

It saddens me to learn that CTT's proposed transmission line "J" will cross this land.

This land has one mile of McClellan Creek running through it. It is pristine habitat for many flora and fauna native to the Texas Panhandle. Old growth cottonwood trees, locusts, hackberry, soapberry, willow, mulberry, shiner oak and black walnut. Tall, mid and short grasses and hundreds of forbs, sedges and woody plants are found throughout this diverse ecosystem.

This bottomland and upland is home to white-tailed deer, bobcats, mountain lions, coyotes, wild hogs, Rio Grande turkey, lesser prairie chicken, bob white quail, blue quail, dove, ducks, possums, porcupines, coons, skunks, snakes, frogs, abundant aquatic life, and countless of other wildlife.

Nature tourism and hunting are an important part of our ranching income. The installation of these huge transmission lines would be detrimental to the birds flying into them, and would serve as perches for predator birds giving them an unnatural advantage over the unsuspecting prey below. These towering structures would be the end of our endangered lesser prairie chicken on this part of the ranch. The unspoiled natural beauty of this area would be lost forever with these behemoth deathtraps in view. The net effect of these towers would be an end to nature tourism and upset the ecosystem of this rare wetland wildlife habitat.

The first point of the PUC mission statement **"is to protect customers"** I hope each of you keep this mission in mind when deciding the route of these lines. You as commissioners of the PUC have the power to stop the permanent destruction of this scenic habitat and death of untold numbers of species of wildlife.

I pray that God grant each of you wisdom as you make these difficult decisions.  
Thank you for your time and consideration of my position.

Sincerely,  
L.H. Webb