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**COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST SET OF REQUESTS FOR
INFORMATION TO ALL INTERVENORS**

STAFF -1-1 Do you have a habitable structure, as defined by P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.101(a)(3), near one or more of the segments of the proposed transmission line? If so, describe the structure, identify the segment(s) and estimate how far the segments are from the habitable structure. P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.101(A)(3) defines "habitable structures" as follows: "Structures normally inhabited by humans or intended to be inhabited by humans on a daily or regular basis. Habitable structures include, but are not limited to, single-family and multi-family dwellings and related structures, mobile homes, apartment buildings, commercial structures, industrial structures, business structures, churches, hospitals, nursing homes, and schools."

ANSWER: Yes, we have a farm house approximately 300 yards from location of the proposed new transmission line.

STAFF-1-2 Does one or more of the segments of the proposed transmission line cross your property? If so, identify the segments and any features including but not limited to a property line, pipeline, power line or road that the segments follow through your property.

ANSWER: Yes, the alternate route link EE crosses our property at segment 7-66.006. There is a natural gas line running east to west on our property. This is the first Right-of-Way north from State Highway # 112. Also an above ground natural gas meter facility is located on this Right-of-Way close to this segment. Location is west of CR 331 and is visible from CR 331. There is also a water line that runs north and south along CR 331 on our fence line and turns west on State Highway # 112 on our fence line on this alternate route.

STAFF-1-3 Do any existing transmission or distribution lines cross your property? If so, please describe how and where they cross your property.

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ANSWER: If you are referring to your type of existing transmission or distribution line crossing our property, the answer is No! But if you are referring to transmission and distribution lines as natural gas, oil lines, water lines, and electrical lines, the answer is Yes! I have already described this answer in Staff-1-2.

STAFF-1-4 Are any existing transmission or distribution lines visible from your property? If so please describe from where the lines are visible, approximately how far away the lines are located and how the current lines affect your property, if at all.

ANSWER: No.

STAFF-1-5 Do you currently have any windmills located on your property? If so please describe the location of the windmills and how many are located on your property.

ANSWER: YES, if you are referring to a water windmill it is located at the farmhouse approximately 300 yards from the proposed transmission line. The answer is NO, if you are referring to your type of windmill.

STAFF-1-6 Are you aware of any directly affected landowner that did not receive notice of the proposed transmission line project from Lone Star? If so, please identify the landowner and describe as best possible the location of the property affected. A directly affected landowner is any landowner from which Lone Star would need to obtain an easement or other property interest if it built the transmission line using one or more of the segments of the proposed transmission line, or whose land contains a habitable structure that is within 500 feet of the centerline of one or more of the segments of the proposed transmission line.

ANSWER: No

STAFF-1-7 Have you discussed any modifications to the proposed transmission line route on your property with a representative of Lone Star? If so, what were the modifications to the proposed route that you suggested and what was the response of Lone Star?

ANSWER: No

STAFF-1-8 What are your specific concerns about the proposed transmission line?

ANSWER: My comments are to intervene in the installation of the proposed transmission line on our property as Alternate route, Link EE, Segment 7-66.006 for the following reasons: The installation of the proposed new transmission line would destroy oak trees that have been on our property for a hundred years and also gives refuge to countless deer, turkey, quail, dove, bobcats, fox, coyotes and various other wildlife. The installation of the proposed transmission line would also intervene with the ranching of our land with the maintenance of equipment and personnel to maintain this new proposed transmission line. Also the appearance of the new proposed transmission line would depreciate the value of the land with the destruction of the natural beauty of the land. I also have concern about a destruction of pasture which would cause soil erosion on our property.

STAFF-1-9 Did you attend any open houses presented by Lone Star concerning this proposed transmission line? If so, when and where? Did you provide written comments to Lone Star at or after the open house? If so, please provide them.

ANSWER: No.

STAFF-1-10 Are your property boundaries for the property you own represented accurately on the maps provided by the Lone Star in its Application? If not, please explain any discrepancies and provide a modified Lone Star map or drawing to indicate the discrepancies. Online versions of the maps can be viewed at <http://www.lonestar-transmission.bgtpartners.com/open-house-materials.html>. In addition, Lone Star will provide hard copies of these maps at each location where its Application is available for public review (such locations are listed in Lone Star's notice) and will provide a hard copy to any party upon request.

ANSWER: Yes.

STAFF-1-11 What is the primary use for your property and, in your opinion, will this use be impacted by the proposed transmission line?

ANSWER: Primary used for ranching and hunting purposes. Yes, at present time this property is leased out for ranching cattle purposes which the land is currently being used. The destruction of pasture and trees could result in the loss of income from our property with the installation of the proposed transmission line. Also loss of wildlife habitat would be result in loss of hunting opportunities.

STAFF-1-12 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.

ANSWER: Consider the natural beauty of the land and the destruction of 100 years old oak trees and wildlife, and loss of income from our property with the installation of this proposed transmission line.

STAFF-1-13 Please identify all persons with an ownership interest in your property.

**ANSWER: FRANKLIN BYPASS TRUST – Persons with ownership is as follows: CORA M. FRANKLIN
VERNON C. FRANKLIN
JERRY S. FRANKLIN
DAVID D. FRANKLIN**

STAFF-1-14 If the transmission line is routed on your property, please identify specifically the location that you would prefer for the right-of-way of the line. Use a map to show the location. Online versions of the maps can be viewed at <http://www.lonestar-transmission.bgtpartners.com/open-house-materials.html>. In addition, Lone Star will provide hard copies of these maps at each location where its Application is available for public review (such locations are listed in Lone Star's notice) and will provide a hard cop to any party upon request.

ANSWER: With the amount of oil lines, natural high pressure gas lines, water lines, and electrical lines located on our property, I do not see it feasible to route your new proposed transmission line any place on our property.

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ADMISSIONS TO ALL INTERVENORS**

STAFF RFA 1-1: Admit or deny that you do not own or reside in a habitable structure within 500 feet of the centerline of any proposed transmission line route in this docket.

ANSWER: I admit that I do not own or reside in a habitable structure within 500 feet of the centerline of any proposed transmission line route in this docket.

STAFF RFA 1-2: Admit or deny that the property boundaries for the property(ies) you own are accurately represented on the maps provided by the Lone Star.

ANSWER: I admit that the property boundaries for the property I own are accurately represented on the maps provided by the Lone Star.

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