

**QUESTION**

Admit or deny that topographical relief has any affect on reliability of the line.

**RESPONSE**

Lone Star can neither admit or deny. While topographical relief has no direct effect on reliability, extreme or severe topographical relief can have some indirect effects on reliability (*e.g.*, these factors can potentially affect accessibility for maintenance and restoration time in the event of an outage). Thus, these indirect effects depend upon the severity of the topographical relief.

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**QUESTION**

Admit or deny that topographical relief has any affect on maintenance of the line.

**RESPONSE**

Lone Star can neither admit or deny. Extreme or severe topographical relief can have some potential affect on accessibility for maintenance and restoration time in the event of an outage. Thus, these effects depend upon the severity of the topographical relief.

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**QUESTION**

Admit or deny that topographical relief has any affect on soil erosion or storm water runoff during construction and/or maintenance of the line.

**RESPONSE**

Lone Star can neither admit or deny. Extreme topographical relief can affect runoff and soil erosion; however, Lone Star will implement a Storm Water Pollution Protection Plan (SWPPP) including temporary and/or permanent erosion control measures to control runoff and erosion during construction and/or maintenance of the line. Please also refer to ICCG First Set of RFIs, Request No. 1-8.

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**QUESTION**

Describe how Lone Star evaluated the impact to threatened and endangered species along link RR.

**RESPONSE**

Concerning route evaluations prior to filing the CCN in this case, please see Section 7.1.6.1 of the Environmental Assessment and Alternative Route Analysis Study. After the Commission orders a route, Lone Star will make further determinations concerning threatened and endangered species (if any) along links in the ordered route. If Lone Star identifies threatened and endangered species habitat, Lone Star will use the principles of avoidance, minimization, and mitigation (if necessary). Also, please refer to Lone Star's response to Holzem First Set of RFIs, Request No. 1-4; 10 Star Ranch First Set of RFIs, Request No. 1-6; Yellowbird Second Set of RFIs, Request No. 2-17; and Staff First Set of RFIs, Request No. 1-8.

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**QUESTION**

How does Lone Star plan on mitigating the fragmentation of critical habitat for endangered and threatened species?.

**RESPONSE**

Concerning mitigation for clearing endangered species habitat and fragmentation, please refer to Lone Star's response to Holzem First Set of RFIs, Request No. 1-4.

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