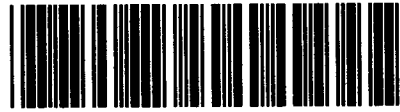




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Dear Chairman Smitherman and Commissioners Nelson and Anderson:

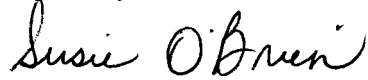
In reading the ruling, I find that the judge said she could not look at my comments on this route through the Canadian River Breaks because they were filed by PUC under a different docket number. I wrote my comments, as did many of my fellow citizens when the route was announced. PUC decided where to file them.

This "preferred route" threatens mile after mile of the Canadian River watershed. Amarillo and Lubbock get a large percentage of our water from this watershed. Yet, the judge stated that she could not differentiate the environmental impact of the different routes. They are as different as night and day and the "preferred route is the most damaging to the water and community value of open space as well. When she wrongfully ignored the hundreds of letters written showing this community value, she skewed her decision.

The "preferred route is the longest and destroys the most open space. Sharyland might not care that it is the most expensive because their profit is based on costs, but the citizens of Texas will have to pay the additional cost. Your PUC staff recognized all of this and made a reasonable recommendation.

We rely on PUC to see that this judge showed bad judgment in listening to and quoting testimony that should not have been allowed in the record and saying that testimony that was legal and referred to our many letters regarding the community values damaged by the northern route was improper. Her decision disregarded the recommendation of PUC staff and Parks and Wildlife. Please disregard her poor judgment.

Respectfully,



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