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Public Utility Commission of Texas
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Subject: Docket Number (38324)
Opposition to Settlement Agreement: "Willow Creek-Hicks 345kV Transmission Line Project"

Dear Chairman Smitherman,

My home is located adjacent to the Vista Ranch community, north of Fort Worth and west of Haslet. I am writing you in regard to the settlement agreement for the Willow Creek-Hicks transmission line project. Modified route 368 was selected which includes link "HHH", which crosses and therefore will take part of my property.

When Oncor selected its preferred route earlier this year, it selected link "GGG" which avoids residential areas and follows existing utility easements. I only learned through friends at church Sunday that Oncor and the PUC has now chosen an alternate route including link "HHH" which effects me and the large residential community of Vista Ranch. I want to bring to your attention that I have received NO NOTICE of this change and it is only by accident that I have found out about this change at the last minute from neighbors. Thus, my rights to be present at the hearing, to comment and to object have been effectively denied, and I am writing to protest both the inclusion of link "HHH" and the manner in which Oncor and PUC have failed to communicate this change in route. I am 87 years old, and cannot just take off to Austin on a moment's notice to defend my home.

I request that the PUC modify your schedule for approval to allow time for proper communication to everyone who may be affected and to provide them opportunity to exercise their rights. I also request that an explanation be given as to why the preferred route with segment "GGG" was abandoned.

I suggest that honoring my requests would be advantageous to the PUC as well as fair to me and others who may have not been notified (I already know of several). The reasons are:

- There are approximately 200 families in Vista Ranch very angry about this change and lack of notice
- These people and I are very upset that previous letters and questionnaires and comments which took us a lot of time and effort to prepare have been excluded from your deliberations because of a change in docket number, which I consider a technicality and possibly a manipulative procedural trick

In short, the PUC risks exposing itself to severe criticism and bad publicity by proceeding without offering an explanation for the change and taking corrective steps to see that everyone

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effected by this change is communicated to and sufficient time allowed for them to exercise their rights to comment, to object and to attend hearings.

My reasons for believing that "GGG" is the better route are:

- The potential drop in residential property values in and around Vista Ranch of 10-30%, based on current statistics, which would be less for the "GGG" route which has less residential housing and follows existing utility corridors
- The "HHH" link's proximity to Hicks Airfield, and the problems of birds roosting on high wires and potential "bird strikes" threatening planes. As there are many private pilots (many non-commercial), the erection of such tall towers adjacent to the field would present unnecessary and dangerous obstacles to aircraft.
- Link "HHH" passes thru relatively narrow corridors of land between residential areas. This creates severe restrictions on further development of established communities. "GGG" crosses broad open areas without large established communities and any future development could adapt to the utility corridor.

Sincerely,



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