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

- Staff-1-1 Do you have a habitable structure near one of more of the segments of the proposed transmission line?
- Answer Yes, we have a home on a private airpark near segments b52 and b47. This airpark has 34 owners, and is called Silver Wings Fly-In Ranch, and is located in southwest Gillespie County directly between these two segments, in a north-south direction.
- Staff-1-2 Does one or more of the segments of the proposed transmission line cross your property?
- Answer No.
- Staff-1-3 Do any existing transmission or distribution lines cross your property?
- Answer No.
- Staff-1-4 Are any existing transmission or distribution lines visible from your property? How far away are the lines located, and do they affect your property ?
- Answer Yes. A private line runs along the eastern edge of the property. It affects the aesthetic value of the property only.
- Staff-1-5 Do you currently have any windmills located on your property?
- Answer No.
- Staff-1-6 Are you aware of any directly affected landowner that did not receive notice of the proposed transmission line project from LCRA TSC?
- Answer No.
- Staff-1-7 Have you discussed any modifications to the proposed transmission line route on your property with a representative of LCRA TSC?
- Answer No.

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

Answer Both segments, b52 and b47, directly affect the airspace that has been reserved for takeoff and landings at our airport (TS36). This private airport formerly named River Ranch, now Silver Wings Fly In Ranch, has been in existence for possibly 15 years. An obstruction such as the power lines that crosses the flight path would endanger all operations of this airport. The prevailing wind is 140 – 180 degrees, 80 percent of our takeoffs and landings utilize the South (170 degree) runway. An obstruction within a mile of that runway would be too dangerous for flight safety. The north runway (350 degree) slopes downward toward the North end. The North-South runway varies in altitude by as much as 200'. Consequently the segment b52 to the North has as much or more of an impact, but both are extremely hazardous to flight safety. Potentially, 30 airplanes expect to be domiciled here at TS36 plus 10 – 12 airplanes coming into the airport for restoration and repair by the FAA authorized repair station that is currently occupying the large commercial hangar on the south end of the runway. The two segments, b52 & b47, would affect flight safety to such a degree that the \$20 million investment of this property would be essentially be put into financial catastrophic ruin.

Staff-1-9 Did you attend any open houses presented by LCRA TSC concerning this proposed transmission line?

Answer No.

Staff-1-10 Are your property boundaries for the property you own represented accurately on the maps provided by LCRA TSC in its Application at Attachment No. 3?

Answer We don't know for certain.

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 This property is a fly-in residential and commercial community. Each owner has one or more airplanes which are used mostly for recreational purposes. There are potentially 25-30 airplanes hangered at this airport. The owners bought their acreage with the understanding that the runway would remain operable for as long as they can maintain it. Any outside obstruction within the area which would affect this usage would affect property values in an exceptionally destructive manner.

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?

Answer The north-south runway needs a one mile clearance in each direction for take-offs and landings.

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

Answer Ray and Janet Brown, Stanley and Donna Kremp, Joseph C. Zullo, Donald and Linda Odell, Tom and Suzie Mayo, George Frushour, Troy Cobb, Milo Burroughs, James and Madeline Averett, Richard Pulley, H.K. and Pamela Flesher, Mike Schaetter, Fred and Molly Mooney, Calvin Zoch and Dawn Farris, Jay and Yvonne Hartman, Donald and Barbara Parrish, Randy Richter, Jack and Shirley O'Bar, Buddy and Suzanne Inkley, Skip and Bonnie McKenzie, Stephen Frushour, Mike and Joyce Ekiss, Robert and Mary Hasson, Paul Carper, Rick Friedrich.

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.

Answer Along the same route as the current private line, which follows the eastern border.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns regarding the proposed transmission lines. I hope that among your many options for routing these lines, that you find the solution that will benefit the most persons along these routes. Electric power is a critical issue for every citizen, yet those along the routes don't want to suffer undue hardship in order to provide power for the cities to the east of us.

Sincerely,

 

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