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Commission Staff's First Set of Request for Information
and First Set of Request for Admission to Intervenor

RE: Andersen, Andrew & Victoria (628)

Preparer: Victoria Andersen

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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."

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Answer: We have a habitable structure as defined by PUC Subst. R. 25.101(a)(3) near one or more of the alternate segments of the proposed transmission line. Structure is described as a single family dwelling, 3 BR, native stone siding home on concrete slab. The segment that would affect us is identified as alternate route segment C-6. Segment C-6 would be approximately 175-200 feet or closer to our home depending on width of the easement.

Staff 1-2: Does one or more of the segments of the proposed transmission line cross your property? Is 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.

Preparer: Victoria Andersen

Answer: Yes, alternate route segment C-6. This segment appears to follow no particular feature. As identified in the LCRA Description of Proposed Transmission Line Alternate routes and Segment Descriptions for the Proposed McCarney D to Kendall 345-k-V CREZ Transmission Line, pg. 24 of 48, Segment C-6 in part reads: "It heads east-southeast, parallel to the south side of the NextEra transmission line, for approximately 0.7 miles, **where it angles slightly south and veers slightly away from the transmission line for approximately 0.2 mile and crosses SH 16.**" The angling slightly away from the NextEra transmission line is the direct cause of the C-6 route segment cutting deeper into our property and migrating closer toward our home. As it is there are only 302 feet between our home and our northern property line, when the C-6 route enters our property in the north west corner. The transmission line immediately starts to veer in a southerly direction away from the NextEra line and ETC Pipeline north of our property line. As the transmission line veers it begins reducing the distance between it (C-6) and our home as it continues to move in a south eastward direction toward Hwy 16. Our northern property line is only approximately 827 feet in total length, from east to west.

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

Preparer: Victoria Andersen

Answer: No.

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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.

Preparer: Victoria Andersen

Answer: Yes. NextEra lines are visible the entire length of our northern property line. The large, unsightly lines and towers are visible from all angles, can be seen when we are in the house, in the yard, out in the pasture, driving up Hwy 16. to our home. These lines are approx 600+feet from us. While these lines do not currently affect activities and lifestyle, they most certainly erode away at the appeal of our property, intrude upon the scenic views and ultimately diminish our property value. Which begs the question of why LCRA is not encouraged to consider partnering with NextEra in line sharing/leasing thus in good faith take "all" measures available to mitigate damage/interference with the Hill Country, its property owners and natural beauty, making NextEra and LCRA partners rather than competitors. Branches of our Government have recognized years ago the prudent value of "partnering"...saving taxpayer dollars, avoiding redundancy, and the eco-friendly impact, etc. Seems to us it would be beneficial for our utility companies to embrace partnering as well.

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.

Preparer: Victoria Andersen

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? 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 LCRA TSC 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.

Preparer: Victoria Andersen

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? If so, what were the modifications to the proposed route that you suggested and what was the response of LCRA TSC?

Preparer: Victoria Andersen

Answer: No, we were unaware that we had that option.

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

Preparer: Victoria Andersen

Answer: Why the emphasis on the C-6 route that would ultimately negatively impact us and possibly others when a route like B-57 & C-3 can achieve the same outcome without as great an impact to homes and Hill Country beauty. C-3 is aligned with Power Plant Rd., and the LCRA grid off that road, which have zero homes, and for the most part is cleared. We understand LCRA owns approx 20 acres off of the proposed C-3 Power Plant Rd. segment. We are very concerned about the loss of the few trees we have and our ability to continue to raise and race our flock of Racing Homer Pigeons safely with these lines in such close proximity to our home and lofts. We have raced birds from this location for 30 years.

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

Preparer: Victoria Andersen

Answer: Attended open house in 2009 in Fredericksburg, Texas. We did not hear about the C-3 proposed alternate route at that open house, but did ask them to use existing routes around this area as best I can recall.

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 (Sheets 1-28)? If not, please explain any discrepancies and provide a modified LCRA TSC map or drawing to indicate the discrepancies.

Preparer: Victoria Andersen

Answer: Boundaries appear to be reasonably accurate however the location of the house is more northeast than represented on the map, pg. 26, LCRA TSC Application Attachment No. 3. Please see attached LCRA aerial map, page 5 of this packet.

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? If so, please explain.

Preparer: Victoria Andersen

Answer: Habitat. These lines would be 175-200 feet from our home. We purchased rurally some 30+ years back so that we could raise and race our Racing Homing Pigeons, and any transmission line/tower would put them directly in harms way. Placing these lines on our property would consume almost 20+% of our total property, destroy what little scenic views we have left and more importantly destroy the few trees we do have.

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.

Preparer: Victoria Andersen

Answer: Yes, definitely our home and our stock tank which is currently under construction. We own a small parcel of land and the proposed alternate route puts the line essentially at our back door and travels directly over or stock tank area.

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

Preparer: Victoria Andersen

Answer: Andrew D. Andersen & Victoria L. Andersen

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.

Preparer: Victoria Andersen

Answer: see page 5

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.

Preparer: Victoria Andersen

Reply: We own and reside in a habitable structure within 500 feet of the centerline of Segment C-6 proposed transmission line.

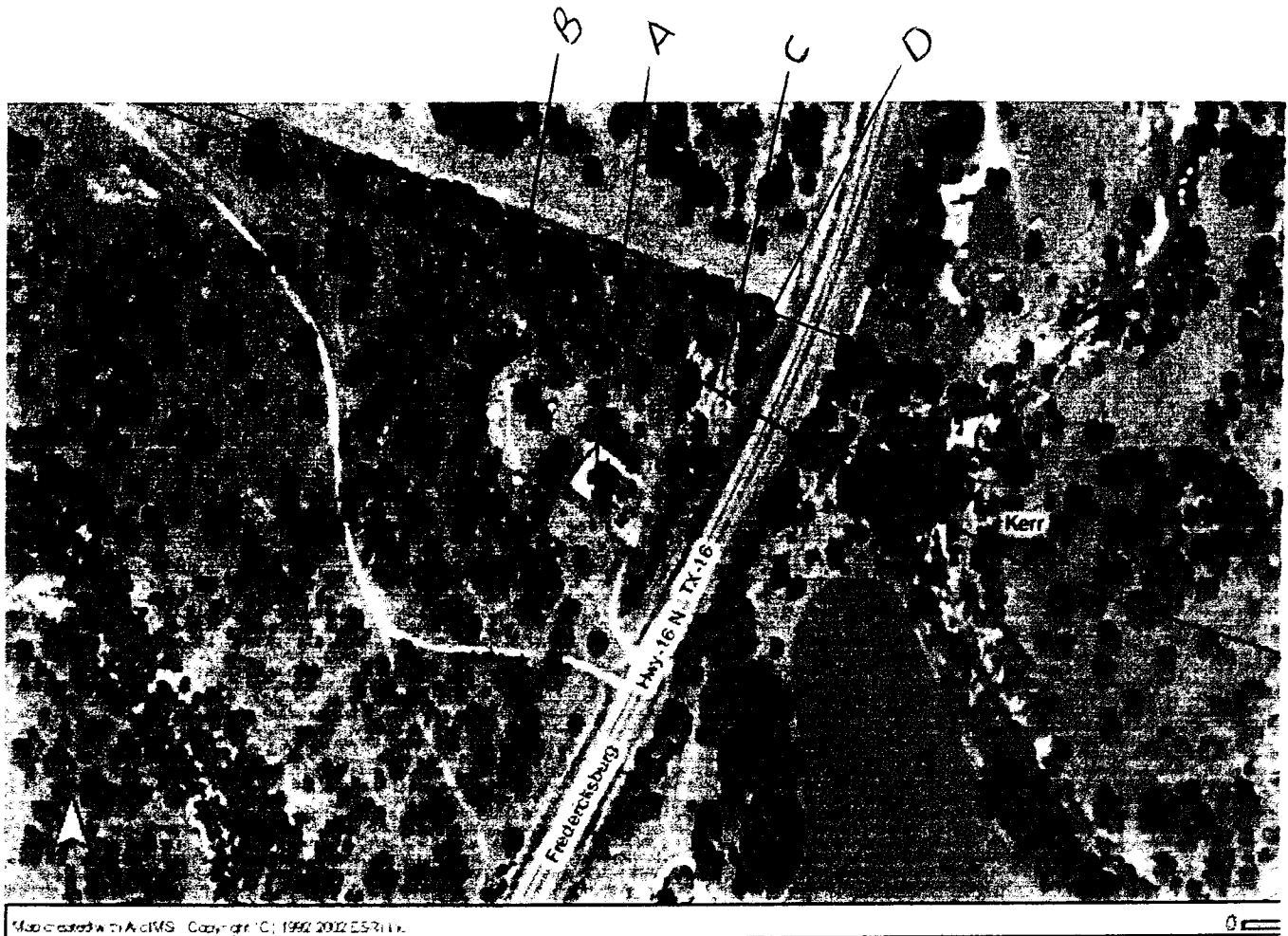
Staff RFA 1-2: Admit or deny that the property boundaries for the property(ies) you own are accurately represented on the maps provided by LCRA TSC in its Application in Attachment No. 3. Sheets 1-28.

Preparer: Victoria Andersen

Reply: Boundaries appear to be reasonably accurate however the location of the house is more northeast than represented on the map, pg. 26, LCRA TSC Application Attachment No. 3. Please see attached LCRA aerial map, pg 5 of this packet.

Andrew Andersen Aug 18, 2010
Andrew Andersen Date:

Victoria Andersen Aug 18, 2010
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LCRA aerial map of affected property reflecting:

- A = location of our home
- B = Transmission Line Segment Route C-6
- C = Stock Tank under construction
- D = Staff 1-14 (preferred Right-of-Way)