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Request to Intervene in PUC Docket No. 38597

The following information must be submitted by the person requesting to intervene in this proceeding. This completed form will be provided to all parties in this docket. **If you DO NOT want to be an intervenor, but still want to file comments, please complete the "Comments" page.**

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First Name: Judge Last Name: Christian
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I am requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As an INTERVENOR, I understand the following:

- I am a party to the case;
- I am required to respond to all discovery requests from other parties in the case;
- If I file testimony, I may be cross-examined in the hearing;
- If I file any documents in the case, I will have to provide a copy of that document to every other party in the case; and
- I acknowledge that I am bound by the Procedural Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) and the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

Please check one of the following:

- I own property with a habitable structure located near one or more of the utility's proposed routes for a transmission line.
- One or more of the utility's proposed routes would cross my property.
- Other. Please describe and provide comments. You may attach a separate page, if necessary. _____

See attached

Signature of person requesting intervention:

Judge Christian

Date: 10/4/10

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October 4, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this as an attachment to my formal request to intervene against PUC docket #38597. I have a list of practical reasons that this project should not come near my property and a list of more passionate personal reasons. The practical reasons are as follows:

- 1) There are 3 private airports within about a mile of the proposed transmission line route. Smaller aircraft like this tend to be small propeller driven planes. These types of aircraft do not perform like big commercial aircraft. They require a much longer "climb out" area to safely depart from their respective airports. I fear that erecting an object 150 foot tall within a mile of these airport will be a danger to the public and to the pilot's who operate these planes. These three airports house approximately 30 aircraft from crop dusting activities, to acrobatic aircraft as well as aircraft for personal use. Two of these strips are just South of the proposed route and One is just North of this route.
- 2) For the past 15 years, my wife and I have been involved in raising exotic horses known as Chincoteague Ponies. These horses have been known to bring over \$10,000 at auctions in various parts of the country. This price is for an untrained unbroken almost feral pony. These horses have become popular due to a children's book written in 1947 by author Marguerite Henry. There has even been a movie about these horses. Transmission line buzz has been known to create sleep deprivation in some horses which manifests itself to look like narcolepsy. This sleep deprivation will devalue and could potentially cause health issues in these horses unless I was able to relocate my horse operation further away from these transmission lines. We can't sell \$10,000 horses who when inspected by potential buyers seem sluggish from no sleep or who act strangely in general from this buzz.
- 3) I am working on starting a cattle operation through the Noble Foundation based out of Ardmore Oklahoma. I had asked my sponsor in the Noble Foundation about potential issues with this buzzing and he told me there are studies that show depreciable loss of normal performance and cow behavior in and around transmission lines.
- 4) My wife and I have had discussions with architects about building our next home on our land. One of the possible new home sites would be directly under or closer to this transmission line. I shouldn't have to feel limited in home placement or site selection based on a public project going through my property.
- 5) Cooke County has recently shown to be a hotbed against large public works like this. There were many rallies held to stop and divert the Trans Texas Corridor away from this area. I suspect that if this unwanted public eye sore were brought through Cooke County it would possibly suffer from vandalism and possible destruction in some small portions of it from these highly motivated individuals. Now maybe this is just idle coffee shop talk, but maybe its

frustrations being vented by a public that has had enough intrusion into their personal lives and is to the point of mobilizing and taking action against unwanted public works in their backyard.

My personal opposition to this project is far more passionate and less practical for reasons I hope only words on a piece of paper can somehow convey. I am a 7th generation Texan. My family has been in Texas since 1828, well before the Alamo fell. My earliest Texas ancestor was killed working for Stephen F. Austin surveying land. I am the 5th generation of my family to have lived and operated this land as a family farm. My property would be eligible to be designated as a Family Land Heritage Farm in Texas, but my Great Grandmother had to rent this farm out for a period of time in the 70's making it ineligible for this recognition. To say I am a true Texan would be a vast understatement.

My feelings and connection to this property can not be valued in a way that you can understand. There is no "fair market value" price that can possibly equate to making me feel good about having my God given rights as an American and a Texan to own land, and operate it as I see fit, taken away. I should be allowed to do this without some cold hearted, calloused, and distant bureaucrat destroying and devaluing my heritage, based on feasibility studies and construction costs relating to lines on a map. This project involves people and families. I will not stand by idly while you decide how this will affect my future family. I have generations of Texans past, present and yet to come who are depending on me to see to this end. It will not be my generation that succumbs to the pressures and arrogance of a government that cares too little, spends too much, and makes me pay too much. I will fight for what I see as rightfully mine. I suggest you move this project to affect those who caused the need for this power line to have to come from the panhandle in the first place. Those people live in the suburbs. They are what is driving this need for power so let them deal with their "progress" as they will likely call it. The house I live in today was built in 1928 and doesn't need any power from the Texas panhandle. Why should I suffer the consequences of 60" televisions and computers that needlessly run all night? Why should my family bear the burden of societal mismanagement of electricity use? The answer is, I shouldn't have too. I will use whatever resources available to me to stop this from happening so close to me, and uphold the promises from the past to be handed over to the future of Texas yet to come.

Honorably Yours,

Judge Christian