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Re: Statement of Position, regarding PUC DOCKET # 38597

Dear PUC Commissioners,

Nine years ago I began looking for a new place to live. At that time, my family had been living in Flower Mound, TX for 10 years, but I knew it was not going to be the place where we stayed long term. I searched and searched for a small ranch to bring my horses and family to. The search took three years. When I found the property where we currently live, it met all my criteria....hills, trees, a flat area and a pond, located in what would be the perfect location. I would know it when I saw it. The realtor would ask, what about the house? My response was....Oh the house I can change but I can't change the land or location. The land and location was my top priority. I found my little piece of heaven on earth at 5800 Harmony Ranch Drive, Aubrey, Texas. Now the next step was to convince for my husband this was what he needed in his life. The drive to the property was just two miles off highway 380 in Denton, down Rock Hill Road.

Location was important. My husband works in the Plano area and he did not want an extremely long commute. It was my job to bring balance back into his life. I knew what would be best for my family was a move to a more rural area and to inject a little country living into our lives. One of my selling points was to point out to my husband that the property was located across from the 380 Greenbelt. The Greenbelt, I pointed out was a protected and managed wildlife area. I was quick to show him the signs stating that fact as we drove by. I pointed out the amount of trees, the little ponds, the birds flying overhead and the overall general beauty and tranquility of the Greenbelt and how no one would ever build across the street from us. The Greenbelt also had a trail head for us to use when we wanted to take the horse out for a nice ride, a picnic area and also walking trails. Could it be more perfect? The Greenbelt was a huge selling point for us as we made our decision to buy the property at 5800 Harmony Ranch Road.

Initially, my daughters had complaints of culture shock as they adjusted to life in the country. But as time passed, each found the value of living in an area with a slower pace of life and being surrounded by natural beauty. Simple joy could be found on the drive down Rock Hill Road seeing a herd of deer standing in an opening, or seeing the baby mountain lion with its mother on the drive to school. Eventually each girl told me that they were glad we moved. Wow, do you know how profound it is to have teenagers actually tell you that you were right?

I will also never forget the day my husband came home from his stressful job and sighed. He then told me how glad he was that we moved to Aubrey. The view from the top of 380 looking out over the

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Greenbelt was breath-taking. Then to be on our little ranch surrounded by trees was as if he had never even been in the city at work. He said he felt so peaceful and stress free coming home. How much is that worth? In my opinion, it is priceless.

As a mom and wife, hearing both my children and husband tell me how living in our home at 5800 Harmony Ranch Road has changed their perspective on life was extremely emotional and rewarding. I had witnessed an intangible gift. The Greenbelt as it exists today gives many gifts not only to my family but to my neighbors and to people I don't even know. I can't even begin to list the numerous ways the Greenbelt and those who live near it, and use it will be negatively affected by putting the new proposed ONCOR transmission lines through it.

When you think of going for a walk in the park do you think of the peaceful surroundings, the winding path through the tree lined forest? When you are out on your horse taking a peaceful trail ride or kayaking the stream that goes through the 380 Greenbelt, you are there to soak in nature. You go to the Greenbelt to relax. How sad to think that if the power lines are permitted to go through the 380 Greenbelt on a diagonal path, through the widest portion of the Greenbelt all who have enjoyed the respite of this area will no longer. How sad for those who have not yet discovered the 380 Greenbelt. Once the damage is done, there will be no turning back. Once you allow the new power lines into the 380 Greenbelt, the legacy the people of this area who graciously donated their land to create the Greenbelt area will be lost. Do you want to be the entity whose legacy is the ones who ruined the 380 Greenbelt?

Has anyone really given considerable thought the damage that will happen to the eco systems that are currently in the Greenbelt? What about the damage to the area by the large, heavy trucks that will drive in and out daily while building roads to put up the new transmission lines? What about the maintenance of the ground area around those transformers? Will you be spraying pesticides to prevent ground growth near the transformers? Why would the PUC want to destroy an area already designated a wildlife managed area? The area is a greenbelt between Lake Ray Roberts and Lewisville Lake. It is a place many people come to so that may rejuvenate, and enjoy nature. It is a place where parents bring their children to hike and bike. It is a place to escape to from the business of the day. We are losing green spaces and once they are gone they are not coming back.

Did you know that there are studies showing an increase of suicides in areas with strong EMFs caused by Power transmission lines? (Electromagnetic Field Frequency)

A study done in California in 2002 showed EMF's can cause some degree of risk of childhood leukemia, adult brain cancer, Lou Gehrig's disease and miscarriage. In my neighborhood alone we have one adult male with cancer and one adult male with Lou Gerhig's Disease. Why would a person choose to place high voltage power transmission lines close to peoples home, or in a highly used recreation area? Would you feel comfortable sleeping 100 feet from this transmission line? By placing the power line through the Greenbelt that is exactly what you are doing.

I could list many more compelling reasons as to why you should not place the new ONCOR power lines through the 380 Greenbelt, but for now I will leave it at the few I have mentioned. I humbly and sincerely ask; Is there not a better route? What shall your legacy be? Will it be to honor those who

came before you and for you to preserve an area already designated a protected wildlife area, and recreation area for many people to enjoy? Please place the ONCOR transmission line to the north of Lake Ray Roberts. Please choose a route that will not cross the 380 Greenbelt.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Judith P. Krzeminski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Judith" being more prominent and the last name "Krzeminski" following in a similar style.

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