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**APPLICATION OF ONCOR
ELECTRIC DELIVERY
COMPANY, LLC TO AMEND
A CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
FOR THE KRUM WEST
TO ANNA 345-kV CREZ
TRANSMISSION LINE IN COLLIN,
COOKE, DENTON AND
GRAYSON COUNTIES**

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

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ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF DAN TAYLOR
ON BEHALF OF TAYLOR BROTHERS, G.P.**

I. INTRODUCTION

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

A. My name is Dan Taylor, and my address is
P.O. Box 25
Ropesville, Texas 79358

Q. WHAT IS YOUR BACKGROUND AND CURRENT OCCUPATION?

A. I received a Bachelors and Masters degree in Agriculture from Texas Tech University. I taught agricultural science in public schools for eleven years. I have run a cotton gin for thirty-four years, and I am currently in farming and investments.

Q. HAVE YOU EVER TESTIFIED IN A PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS ("PUC" OR "COMMISSION") PROCEEDING?

A. No.

Q. ARE YOU AN INTERVENOR?

A. Yes, in my capacity as a partner in Taylor Brothers, GP.

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II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?

A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe my property and to voice my opposition to construction of the proposed transmission line using Segment G5 and the "Southern Routes."

Q. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE PREFERRED ROUTE?

A. No. Even though the Preferred Route does not impact our land directly, I oppose any routes crossing the area commonly referred to as the "Greenbelt". Put another way, we oppose any and all of the "Southern Routes."

Q. DO YOU SUPPORT ANY OTHER ANY ROUTES?

A. I support any cost-effective routes that do not cross the Greenbelt, including Routes 1863, 1865, 2180, and 41.

Q. DO YOU OPPOSE ANY ROUTES?

A. I strongly oppose any route containing Segment G5 and any route crossing the Greenbelt.

III. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR PROPERTY.

A. Our property was purchased as investment property in September 2009. It has been platted for residential development. Currently, we lease the land for cattle grazing.

Q. WHAT TRACT NUMBER WAS ASSIGNED TO YOUR PROPERTY BY ONCOR?

A. 443.

Q. WHAT SEGMENTS ADVERSELY AFFECT YOUR PROPERTY?

A. G5.

Q. ARE THERE ANY STRUCTURES ON YOUR PROPERTY? PLEASE DESCRIBE THEM.

A. Yes. There is a brick house and a barn.

IV. ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE PROPERTY

Q. HOW WILL YOU BE AFFECTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED LINE?

A. The construction of G5 will negatively impact the value of my property. Taylor Brothers purchased this property in 2009 as an investment property. The property has been platted for residential development. We believe that locating a 345 kV line across segment G5 will greatly detract from the ability to develop our land and other tracts as well.

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW LINK G5, AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED, WILL IMPACT YOUR PROPERTY, AND EXPLAIN WHAT YOUR OBJECTIONS ARE TO ROUTING THE TRANSMISSION LINE ALONG LINK G5.

A. The construction of the proposed transmission line using link G5 on our property will greatly decrease the suitability of our property for its current use and will impact the property's value. Additionally, the construction of the line across our property will decrease the area available for residential development.

Q. ARE THERE ARE ANY OTHER CONSIDERATIONS RELATING TO LINK G5?

A. Yes. Taylor Brothers opposes the construction of link G5. However, if the proposed line must be built in a manner that impacts our property we would prefer that the Segment follow property lines and existing rights of way.

Q. DO YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE AS TO WHAT KIND OF UTILITY POLES ARE USED, MONOPOLES OR LATTICE STRUCTURES?

A. We oppose the line entirely, but given the land uses involved in the area, and other considerations we believe monopoles are warranted.

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW LINK G5, AS CURRENTLY PROPOSED, WILL IMPACT YOUR PROPERTY, AND EXPLAIN WHAT YOUR OBJECTIONS ARE TO ROUTING THE TRANSMISSION LINE ALONG THIS ROUTE.

A. We believe that the construction of the proposed transmission line using above-listed links will impact our property in terms of community values and in terms of negative impact on the property. Additionally, we believe that the line can be built cost-effectively if one of the "Northern Routes" are chosen.

With regard to prudent avoidance, the Preferred Route would impact at least as twice as many habitable structures as alternate routes 41, 1863, 1865, and 2180. See Oncor Application at Attachment No. 3A.

In terms of the environmental impact, we purchased this property with the knowledge that the Greenbelt provided a great benefit to the people of this area. Our property is to the immediate west of the Greenbelt. Construction of the Preferred Route will cross the Greenbelt resulting in detrimental effects on the natural aesthetics and pleasing environment provided by the Greenbelt. Given the strong community feelings of the people of this area for the Greenbelt, we believe construction of the Preferred Route across the Greenbelt is counter to both aesthetic and community values and should be avoided.

Significantly, both routes 1865 and 2180 carry cost estimates within roughly 5% of the cost estimate for the preferred route while impacting only about 42% of the habitable structures that would be impacted by the preferred route. This performance on cost-effectiveness and prudent avoidance grounds, while preserving the Greenbelt, seems to merit serious consideration by the Commission.

V. CONCLUSION

Q. WILL YOU PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR TESTIMONY?

- A. Taylor Brothers opposes construction of any of the "Southern Routes." The construction of Segment G5 will decrease the value of our property and decrease its utility for residential development. In particular, if a line is built across the Greenbelt, we believe that this line will harm the nature and character of the Greenbelt and the quality of life it provides for residents of this area of Texas. We oppose the construction of Segment G5; however, if the PUC decides to allow its construction, we respectfully ask Oncor to relocate G5 along property lines or existing rights of way.

Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?

- A. Yes. However, in the event the Commission issues an Order with additional issues to be addressed in this proceeding, I reserve the right to supplement my testimony.