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**THE TOM AND HAZEL CAMPBELL FAMILY BYPASS TRUST**

**GAYLE C. NEWNAM, TRUSTEE**

**RESPONSE TO:**

**COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST SET OF REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION TO  
INTERVENOR**

**Request 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."

**Response 1-1:** There are no habitable structures on our property which is crossed by Segment B18.

**Request 1-2:** Does one or more of the segments of the proposed transmission line cross your property? If 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.

**Response 1-2.** Segment B18 crosses our property and appears to follow a small distribution line across the center of a cultivated field.

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

**Response 1-3:** Yes, a distribution line takes power to water and oil wells. This line crosses the center of our cultivated field on wooden poles approximately 35 to 40 feet tall. No transmission lines cross our property.

**Request 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.

**Response 1-4:** Distribution lines are visible crossing our property, neighboring properties and following FM 1292. I do not know the distances to the distribution lines. The distribution lines are visible from most areas of our property. No transmission lines are visible from our property.

**Request 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.

**Response 1-5.** No.

**Request 1-6:** Are you aware of any directly affected landowner that did not receive notice of the proposed transmission line project from ETT? 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 ETT would need to obtain an easement or other properly 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 of more of the segments of the proposed transmission line.

**Response 1-6:** No.

**Request 1-7:** Have you discussed any modifications to the proposed transmission line route on your property with a representative of ETT? If so, what were the modifications to the proposed route on your property that you suggested and what was the response?

**Response 1-7:** Yes, we discussed that the proposed transmission line appears to pass directly over an existing oil well and water well and crosses approximately through the middle of this rectangular tract of land. We noted the location of oil and water wells on the tract and told ETT of the impending installation of additional wells in this field. We preferred the line be moved to the western boundary of this property or at the least be moved eastward so as to cross between oil wells. The response from ETT was favorable to avoiding all wells and allowing for the installation of additional oil wells at a density permitted by the Texas Railroad Commission.

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

**Response 1-8:** Our specific concerns about the proposed transmission line are the very large size and location of the proposed segment across our land. We cannot see any transmission lines of this size from the property and we do not want one located where it will interfere with the installation, operation and maintenance of existing or planned oil and water wells or cross through the middle of our field destroying the scenic landscape views.

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

**Response 1-9:** We attended the open house presented by ETT in Albany, March 25, 2010. We did provide written comments to ETT; a copy is attached to this response.

**Request 1-10:** Are your property boundaries for the property you own represented accurately on the maps provided by ETT in its Application at Attachment No. 11? If not, please explain any discrepancies and provide a modified ETT map or drawing to indicate the discrepancies.

**Response 1-10:** The property boundaries were not accurately represented on the aerial maps presented by ETT at the December 3 meeting at the SOAH in Austin. I do not have Attachment No. 11. We drew in corrections on the map and discussed them with ETT representatives. A portion of the map seen December 3, 2010, is attached with corrections indicated. Parcels KN-113 and KN-113.1 are incorrect. Our property is the larger, western-most tract as redrawn on the attached map.

**Request 1-11:** What is the primary use for your property and, in your opinion, will this use be impacted by the proposed transmission line?

**Response 1-11:** The primary use of the land is cultivated crops, grazing, and oil production. These uses could be negatively impacted if the proposed transmission line is within an unsafe distance of the current oil and water wells or the line prevents the installation of planned additional oil wells. An aerial photograph of our property with existing water and oil wells along with planned oil wells is attached. The transmission line would also negatively impact maintenance of all the wells if it is too close for the safe operation of drill/maintenance rigs.

**Request 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.

**Response 1-12:** The operation and maintenance of existing oil and water wells along with additional oil wells that we have planned with the mineral rights lease holder should be considered in the routing of a transmission line on this property. The fact that we do not have a large transmission line on our property obstructing views is important to us.

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

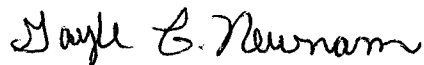
**Response 1-13:** The Tom and Hazel Campbell Family Bypass Trust.

**Request 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.

**Response 1-14:** If the transmission line is routed on our property, we want it placed on the western property boundary.

These responses are filed timely pursuant to Order Number 1, and responses may be treated as if they were answered under oath.

Respectfully submitted,



Gayle C. Newnam, Trustee

OPEN HOUSE QUESTIONNAIRE

TESLA TO EDITH CLARKE TO  
CLEAR CROSSING TO WEST SHACKELFORD  
345-kV DOUBLE CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

Wednesday, March 17 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Fairpark Auditorium Banquet Room 1000 N. Commerce St. Childress Texas	Thursday, March 18 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Crowell Activity Center West Side of Square 107 South Main Street Crowell, Texas	Tuesday, March 23 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Munday High School Gymnasium 811 W. Ave "D" Munday, Texas	Wednesday, March 24 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Haskell Memorial Civic Center 1507 N. Ave. "G" Haskell, Texas	Thursday, March 25 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. Albany ISD Gymnasium 501 N. 1st St. Albany, Texas
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Welcome and thank you for taking the time to attend this public open-house meeting for the proposed Tesla to Edith Clarke to Clear Crossing to West Shackelford transmission line project. The purpose of this open house is to present information, receive your ideas and concerns, and answer your questions about the project. Before the electric utility and its routing consultant (PBS&J) make any final decisions concerning which potential routes will be filed for its consideration by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and which transmission structure to select, we want to hear your opinion on several issues.

After you have visited the various display stations around the room and talked with the project representatives, please fill out this questionnaire and leave it with the representative at the door before you leave. Your responses will help the utility company and PBS&J understand the community's concerns and better aid the project team as it incorporates the input received in the route selection process. If you would like a contact from a utility company representative to discuss the project in more detail, please indicate so on the questionnaire. Again, thank you for your time and interest!

1. Which open meeting did you attend?

Childress  
☐

Crowell  
☐

Munday  
☐

Haskell  
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Albany  
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2. In your opinion, has the purpose for the project been adequately explained?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "no," how could we have improved on this effort? What did you not understand?

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3. Do you believe the public open-house format and the information that was provided were helpful for your understanding of the project?

Open-house Format Yes ☒ No ☐  
Information Provided Yes ☐ No ☐

4. As explained at one of the stations of the open house, the routing of a transmission line involves many considerations. Please rank the following factors in order of their importance to you. Indicate the most important factor to you with the number 1; second most important with the number 2; and so on through number 12; thus the least important factor would be indicated by the number 12.

6 Maximize paralleling existing right-of-way  
10 Maximize distance from residences  
9 Maximize distance from public parks  
3 Maximize paralleling property lines  
5 Minimize visibility of the line  
2 Minimize impacts to agricultural lands  
12 Minimize costs  
11 Maintain reliable electric service  
4 Minimize impacts to floodplains and wetlands  
7 Minimize impact to historic and cultural resource sites  
8 Minimize impacts to wildlife  
1 Other (please specify) Minimize impact to producing oil wells

5. If you wish to comment on the factors listed above, or any additional factors that you think should be considered, please use the space below and the back of the questionnaire, if necessary

Current proposed westernmost alternate <sup>route (B18)</sup> crossed directly above a producing oil well on our property. ~~we~~ We would prefer the route be at the western north-south property line, or ~~we~~ secondly that the route be moved 500 ft ~~to~~ east of proposed location so as to be between wells if the western most (B18) alternative route is chosen.

6. If there are any other features in the study area that you feel are important, please describe the locations and/or mark them on the study area maps attached.

Oil wells are marked on attached map on Figure B. Aquifer water table is 18 ft deep. Bottom of aquifer is 29 ft.

7. Please rate the acceptability of locating a new transmission line with respect to each of the following land uses as 1 (preferable), 2 (acceptable), or 3 (unacceptable). Circle the appropriate number for each land use.

	Preferable	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Place lines through undeveloped land	(1)	2	3
Locate new lines through residential areas	1	2	(3)
Place new lines next to existing rights-of-way	(1)	2	3
Place new lines next to property lines	1	(2)	3

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

8. If you have a concern with a particular transmission line link shown on the displays and the attached maps, please indicate the link (by letter and number) and describe your concern.

Link

Concern

B 18

The western-most proposed route crosses directly over an existing producing oil well in the middle of a cultivated field. This route would cut the parcel of land in half.

The structures would interfere with agricultural crop production.

The lines and structures would negatively impact our rural atmosphere and view scope.

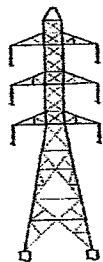
Foundations of the poles have the potential to negatively impact the shallow ~~water~~ aquifer which is used for agriculture and domestic use.

9. Which of the following applies to your situation?

- ☐ Potential route is near my home  
☐ Potential route is near my business  
☒ Potential route crosses my land  
☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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10. The typical structures that are being considered for this transmission line project are represented below. One structure type is a wide-base lattice tower and the other is a monopole tower. On the last page of this questionnaire is a diagram showing both structure types and information on structure size and length between structures for typical tangent structures. Considering these two typical structure designs, please indicate below which you would most prefer.



☐ Wide-base lattice tower



☒ Monopole

11. What were the reasons for your choice of the structure type selected as the most preferable? Was it potential land use restrictions, aesthetics, concern of property value impact, or other?

Want the smallest footprint in a cultivated field,  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. If the structure you selected as the most desirable is chosen as the structure for the project, would that decision influence your willingness to favorably work with the utility in the purchase of the necessary easement on your property?

If it must cross my property, ~~the~~ I prefer the monopole  
since it would have the least impact on the cultivated  
field.  
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\_\_\_\_\_

13. The transmission project costs may differ depending on which structure is finally chosen. What amount of cost difference would you consider as significant enough to justify using a structure other than the type you selected as most preferable? Would it be 10% less, 25% less, or 50% less? Please comment.

Cost is irrelevant to me. I am concerned that the  
monopole is used because it would have ~~the~~ the least  
impact on my cultivated field.  
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14. If an increase in structure size (height and width) could reduce the number of structures located on your property, would that factor into your desired structure selection? Please comment on the importance of reducing the number of structures located on your property.

No. I want the smallest footprint per tower for the least impact to my cultivated field.

Please provide any additional comments below:

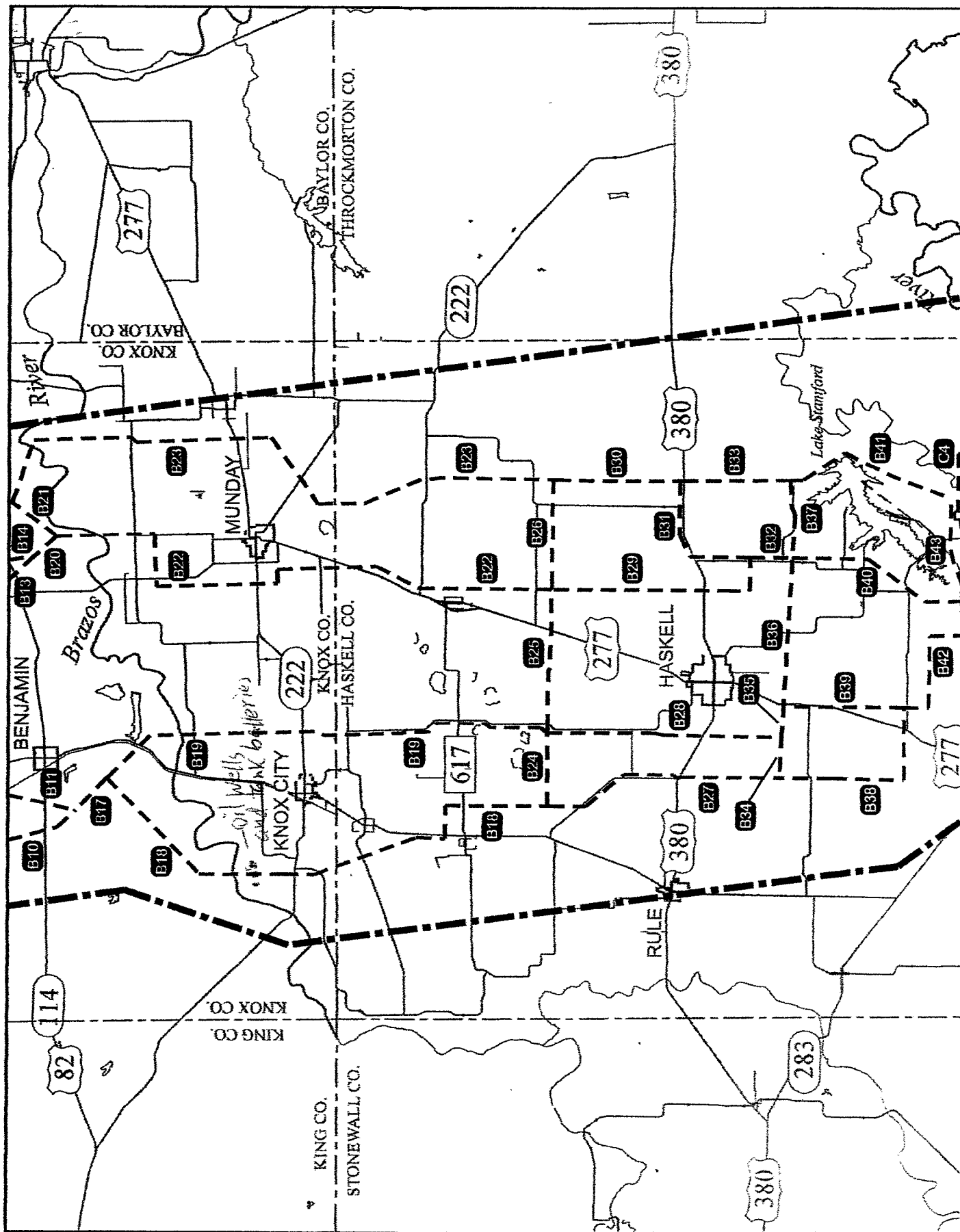
I prefer you Not choose route B18 for the following reasons:

- 1 Aesthetics - This land has been in my family for several generations. It has been a rural farm and <sup>we</sup> do not want the intrusion of the transmission <sup>lines</sup> across our property disrupting our view scope for no benefit to local electrical supply.
- 2 Interference with current oil production and the location of future wells
- 3 Interference with production of agricultural crops since it cuts across the middle of our open field and ~~the~~ parcel of land.
- 4 Concerned about the impact to native wildlife by providing a strike hazard for migratory birds. Bald Eagles frequent the Brazos River bottom ~~just north of~~ our parcel ~~the~~ during the winter.

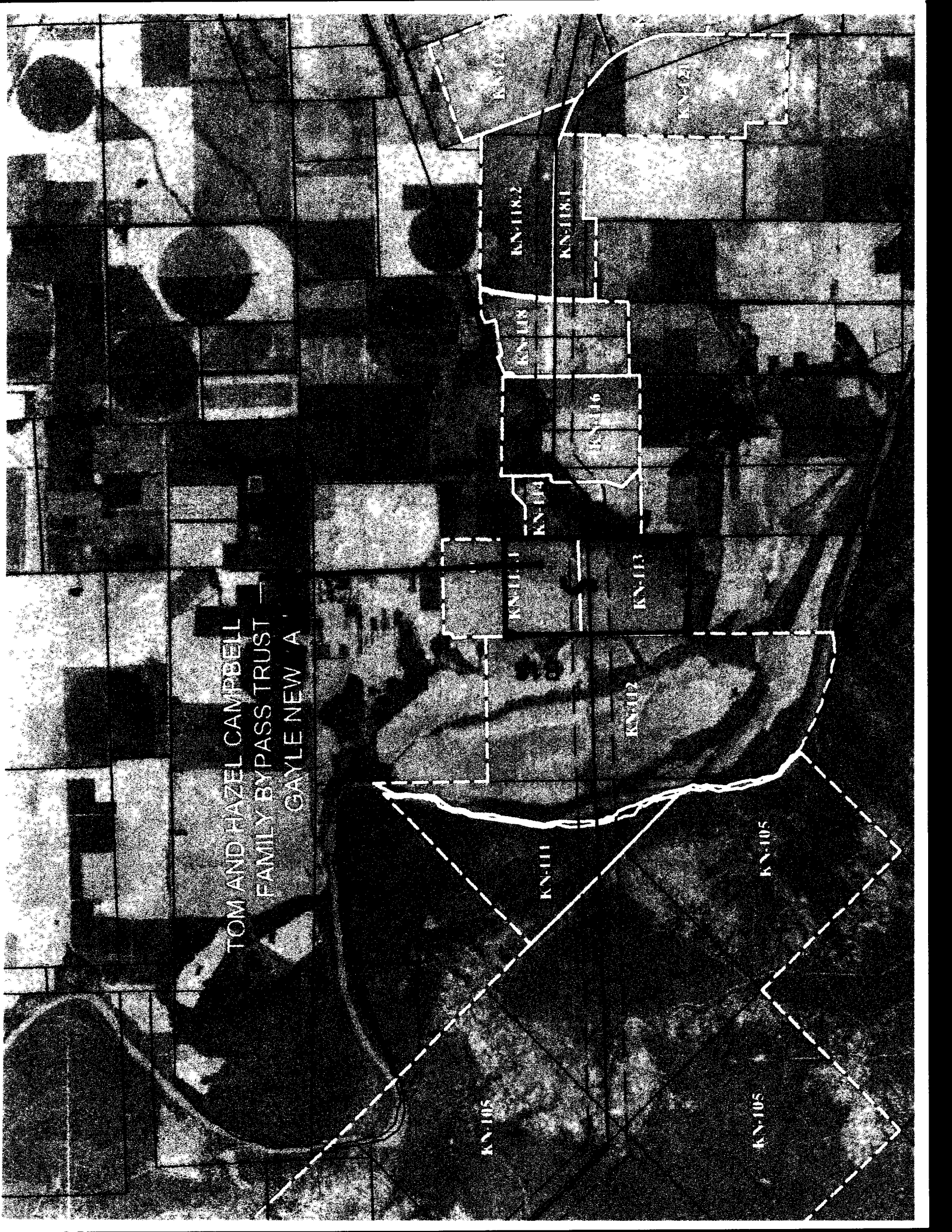
David Campbell Newnam - Trustee  
for The Tom and Hazel Campbell Family Trust

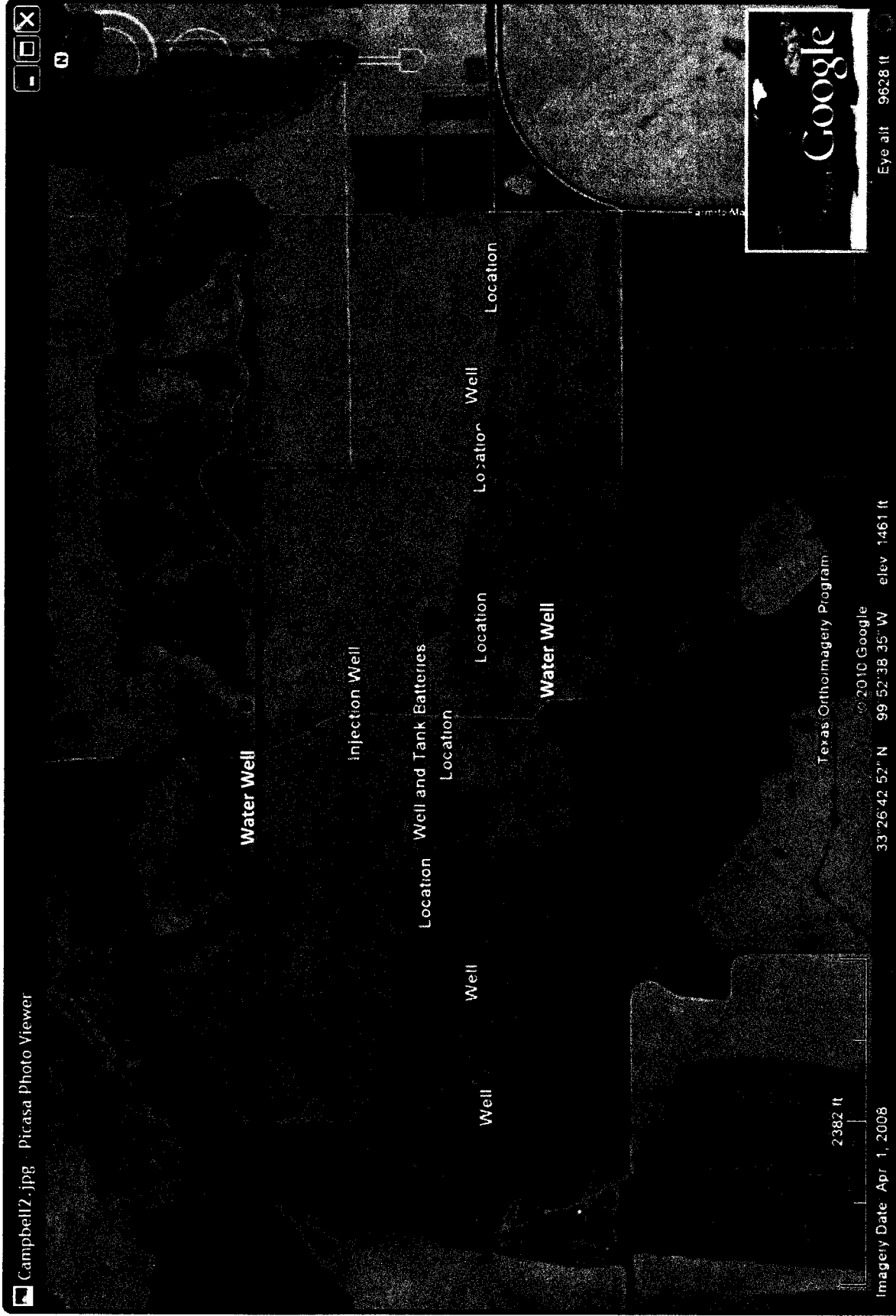
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS!



TOM AND HAZEL CAMPBELL  
FAMILY BYPASS TRUST —  
GAYLE NEW 'A'





Red-filled circles are Existing Wells and Tank Batteries  
Green-filled circles are planned wells.  
Black line is property boundary.  
Red line is preferred location of transmission line