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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
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JOINT APPLICATION
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION TEXAS
LLC AND SHARYLAND UTILITIES
L.P. TO AMEND THEIR
CERTIFICATES OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
FOR THE PROPOSED NORTH
EDINBURG TO LOMA ALTA
DOUBLE-CIRCUIT 345KV
TRANSMISSION LINE IN
HIDALGO AND CAMERON
COUNTIES, TEXAS

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

NOTICE TO INTERVENE BY STATEMENT OF POSITION

Re: Commission's rule, P.U.C. PROC. R. 25107, and law, Public Utility Regulatory Act 37.056

Objection to Link 62B by Garth Heitshusen

I object to the Sharyland Crossroads Project as it relates to Link 62 B because there are already two existing 138,000 volt transmission lines that run north to south for 1,425 feet to the west and east sides of Bentsen Palm Drive. Link 62 B of the proposed 345,000 volt transmission line would run parallel to the existing west transmission line across land I own and next to the City Hall of the City of Palmview. It will severely impact the property with two or three potential towers. It will impact 4 to 5 acres of the land that is located next door to the City of Palmview.

The towers will have a severe impact on the property value and curtail farming accessibility. Farming under the towers will be non-existent due to limited area and the size of farming equipment needed. Hunting, as an alternative use for this land, is not a viable option because the land is located next to the City Hall of Palmview, TX.

In addition the power line towers will impact the irrigation of the property as the stem pipes are located on the southeast corner of the property. A tower is proposed in this area in order to make a correctional moved across Veterans Drive (1 mile line).

The city of Palmview has a communications tower located within 500 feet of the proposed power lines. The proposed lines would have a direct impact on police and fire department communications to the service units.

Link 62 B of this project will certainly ruin any possibility of future economic development for the City of Palmview as it attempts to acquire additional land for economic development. This

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proposed project would serverely impact the Palmview's ability to grow and develop in the area and meet community needs.

Bentsen Palm Drive and Veterans Drive (1 mile line) are the main streets in the City of Palmview. The construction of two (2) circuit 345,000 volt transmission lines would run through the heart of the city. This would affect existing residential subdivisions, individual houses, and commercial buildings. The power line proposal would zig-zag through the city jumping over two existing 138,000 volt lines and resulting in a forest of 75 foot and 150 foot poles and towers. This would be an unsightly mess and kill any new residential and commercial development for the City of Palmview.

An alternate route should be studied, perhaps to the East (La Homa Road area) where existing lines are present and a connecting power unit is located.

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