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JOINT APPLICATION OF ELECTRIC
TRANSMISSION TEXAS LLC AND
SHARYLAND UTILITIES L.P. TO AMEND
THEIR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY FOR HE PROPOSED NORTH
EDINBURG TO LOMA ALTO DOUBLE-
CIRCUIT 345KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN
HILDALGO AND CAMERON COUNTIES,
TEXAS

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**MICHAEL OUDSHOORN
STATEMENT OF POSITION**

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Pursuant to the Public Utilities Commission Procedural 22.124, Intervener **MICHAEL OUDSHOORN** files this, his Statement of Position, and would show the Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") as follows:

I.

POSITION

MICHAEL OUDSHOORN owns ABST 16-CASA GARCIA LOTS 1, 2, 3 with property tax identification number 185247 Geo ID 87-1870-000-0010-00, and SAN BENITO LAND AND WATER CO SUBD 1.95 AC OUT OF 30.91 AC LOT E BLK 62 with property tax identification number 189522 Geo ID: 88-5270-0620-0052-00, located off FM 2520, Cameron County, Texas (the "Property"). Collectively this Property forms the residential property at 31918 FM 2520, San Benito, Cameron County, Texas. The Property is developed with several improvements including a single family residence. The Property is directly affected by one or more routes proposed by Joint Applicants Electric Transmission Texas LLC and Sharyland Utilities L.P. Specifically, link 264 impacts the Property.

II.

QUESTIONS OF FACT, LAW OR POLICY

The question of fact, law or policy presented is whether the proposed routes would unduly burden and/or impact the Property, including its commercial and residential value.

III.

STATEMENT OF POSITION

MICHAEL OUDSHOORN's position in this proceeding is that the proposed routes would directly and unduly burden and impact the Property, including its commercial and residential value.

Link 264 of the proposed routes directly impacts 3 sides of the property, effectively wrapping around the Property. There are other existing electric transmission lines in the area that are close to or adjacent to the proposed routes. The Applicants should be required to locate their links along existing transmission lines. Granting the Applicants the additional space for the links would unduly burden the Property and would cause unnecessary duplication of electric transmission lines.

The proposed routes would severely affect both commercial and residential development and property values. It would further severely impact the commercial, agricultural and residential value of the Property, as well as its improvements. Such actions would also cause significant diminished value for the remainder of Property with regard to such portions not directly along the proposed routes. There is also medical research that shows living in proximity to high voltage power lines generates exposure to high levels of electromagnetic fields (EMFs). Exposure to EMFs interferes with cell functioning, breaks DNA strands and erodes the immune system. Research has showed that the risk of developing cancer is significantly increased when living in close proximity to a power line.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Oudshoorn".

Michael Oudshoorn