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> Re: SOAH Docket No. 473-13-5207; PUC Docket No. 41606; Joint Application of Electric Transmission Texas, LLC and Sharyland Utilities to Amend Their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity for the North Edinburg to Loma Alta Double-Circuit 345- KV Transmission Line in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties, Texas

Dear Maddam;

Please find the following documents to filed:

1. Direct Testimony of Jose Guadalupe Villarreal.

Thank you for your prompt attention and assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely Éduardo Anaya

SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-13-5207 PUC DOCKET NO. 41606

JOINT APPLICATION OF ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION TEXAS, LLC AND	§	IN THE STATE OFFICE
SHARYLAND UTILITIES, L.P. TO		
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AND CAMERON COUNTIES, TEXAS	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JOSE GUADALUPE VILLARREAL

PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

My name is Jose Guadalupe Villarreal. My home address is 809 E. Anaya Rd. Pharr, Texas 78577

WHERE IS YOUR PROPERTY LOCATED IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE?

I own property located adjoining Link 121 which is part of the proposed transmission line.

WHAT IS YOUR INTEREST IN THIS PROCEEDING?

To object to Link 121 which is one of the transmission routes of Electric Transmission Texas, LLC and Sharyland Utilities, L.P., which runs parallel with Anaya Rd. and my homestead. In addition we would join our neighbors in objecting to Link 121 in that it continues east and runs behind Valley View North Elementary, through or near the school bus barn, and the elementary school baseball field. Furthermore, we also object to Link 121 joining with Link 131, which goes north, and runs next to and parallel to Hidalgo Park Elementary. Hidalgo Park Elementary is directly northeast of Los Ebanos Subdivision where my house is located. There are approximately 450 children that attend Hidalgo Park Elementary, this would be huge health hazard to our children.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE TESTIMONY?

The purpose of my testimony is to justify my objection and rationale against the construction, ultimate completion, maintenance of the transmission lines and easements directly adjoining our property and our elementary schools.

DESCRIBE YOUR PROPERTY AS IT PRETIANS TO THE THIS LINK(S). My property is located in Los Ebanos Subdivision, a colonia that runs parallel to Anaya Rd. One

of the proposed routes, which include Link 121, runs parallel to Anaya Rd and my home. If this Link is selected this would put our house within 75 to 100 feet from the transmission line. In all cases, the line will run parallel to my neighbors homes. For all practical purposes we would be living under the overhead line. (see attached Exhibit I, map of our property)

DESCRIBE THE OBJECTION YOU HAVE TO THE PLACEMENT OF THIS TRANSMISSION LINES WHICH WOULD DIRECTLY AFFECT OR ADJOIN YOUR PROPERTY.

I would object to the construction of these transmission lines because we feel it would result in Los Ebanos subdivision a terrible place to live and would create a health hazard to all of us.

Second, if constructed, these lines would run parallel to Los Ebanos Subdivision, a colonia, where my home is located. My home and neighbors would be within 75-100 feet of the easement and/or power lines.

Third, Link 121 runs east from Anaya Rd. and runs through Valley View ISD property. Specifically, this Link would pass behind and next to Valley View North Elementary, (approximately 400 children attend), affecting the school district bus barn, it would run through or next to property where children play baseball. More importantly there are health issues which would affect the youngest of our community. In addition Link 121 would also parallel, within 75 feet, several other colonias in the area. (see attached Exhibit II & III, map of Valley View North Elementary)

Fourth, Hidalgo Park Elementary is situated very near my home and would also have these transmission lines built within the same parameters as mentioned above. My child attended this elementary and having these power lines placed across the street from the school would affect all of the children who attend this school. Approximately 450 children attend Hidalgo Park Elementary and most live in the Los Ebanos Subdivision. Imagine, having your children and grandchildren attend a school where power lines are literally running over an elementary school. *(see attached Exhibit IV, map of Hidalgo Park Elementary)*

Finally, another concern is that of health issues, which we believe that no one should be exposed to any electromagnetic radiation as this can result in electrical hazard, fire hazard and environmental hazard. Thus my position is that these transmission line not be constructed on Link 121 or 131.

PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR TESTIMONY.

I object to any electric transmission lines placed anywhere near the vicinity of my home, my neighbors and especially our elementary schools. The hazards that can result from these transmissions lines will be long lasting especially to children.

DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESIMONY?

Yes

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STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

BEFOREME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared JOSE GUADALUPE VILLARREAL who stated upon oath, that the statements made in the foregoing direct testimony are within her personal knowledge and are true an correct.

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JOSE GUDALUPE VILLARREAL

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on this the 4th day of November

2013.



Notary Public, State of Texas

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