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1 My name is Archie Miles, I am a member of the board of directors for Progreso Co-op Gin, Inc.  
2 (“PCG”). PCG is the record title owner of the property shown in Exhibit A, that is crossed by  
3 link 196b.

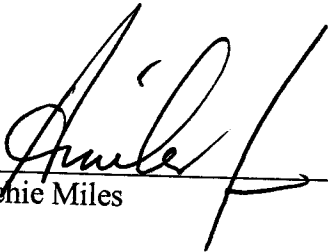
4 The property owned by PCG that is crossed by link 196b is the location of the Progreso  
5 Co-op Gin. The gin has multiple structures, works areas and performs all of its cotton gin  
6 functions on this property. The local cotton farmer community depends on the uninterrupted  
7 existence and function of the PCG. The local cotton farming community relies on the  
8 availability and access to the gin facilities as part of their cotton processing and distribution.  
9 Any disruption to PCG would have a severe adverse effect on the local farming cotton farming  
10 community.

11 The proposed link 196b cuts across gin property, structures and work areas. The  
12 transmission lines and easement would interfere with the gin operations and cause undue  
13 hardship on the local cotton farmers. Interfering with the cotton gin’s operations does not  
14 comply with prudent avoidance. Prudent avoidance mandates that the transmission lines be  
15 routed to avoid the cotton gin. Furthermore, the routing of transmission lines that would affect

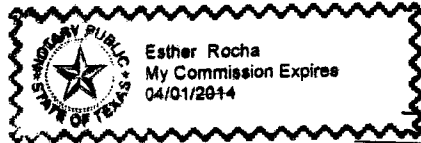
1 PCG's operation and the local cotton farming community clearly violates community values.  
2 Our community is heavily dependent on the local cotton farming industry and any negative effect  
3 on the local cotton farmers will have corresponding negative effect on the entire local  
4 community. For these reasons, PCG petitions for the use of alternative routes 361, 351, 193c,  
5 194, 201, 207, 208, and 209. These alternative routes will avoid the PCG property and resolve  
6 the issue related to PCG.

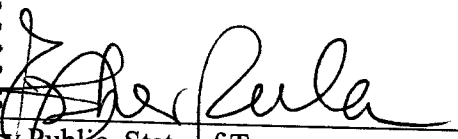
The written testimony is a true and accurate representation of what the testimony would be if the testimony were to be given orally at the time the written testimony is offered into evidence.

DATE: October 21, 2013

  
Archie Miles

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2013.



  
Notary Public, State of Texas

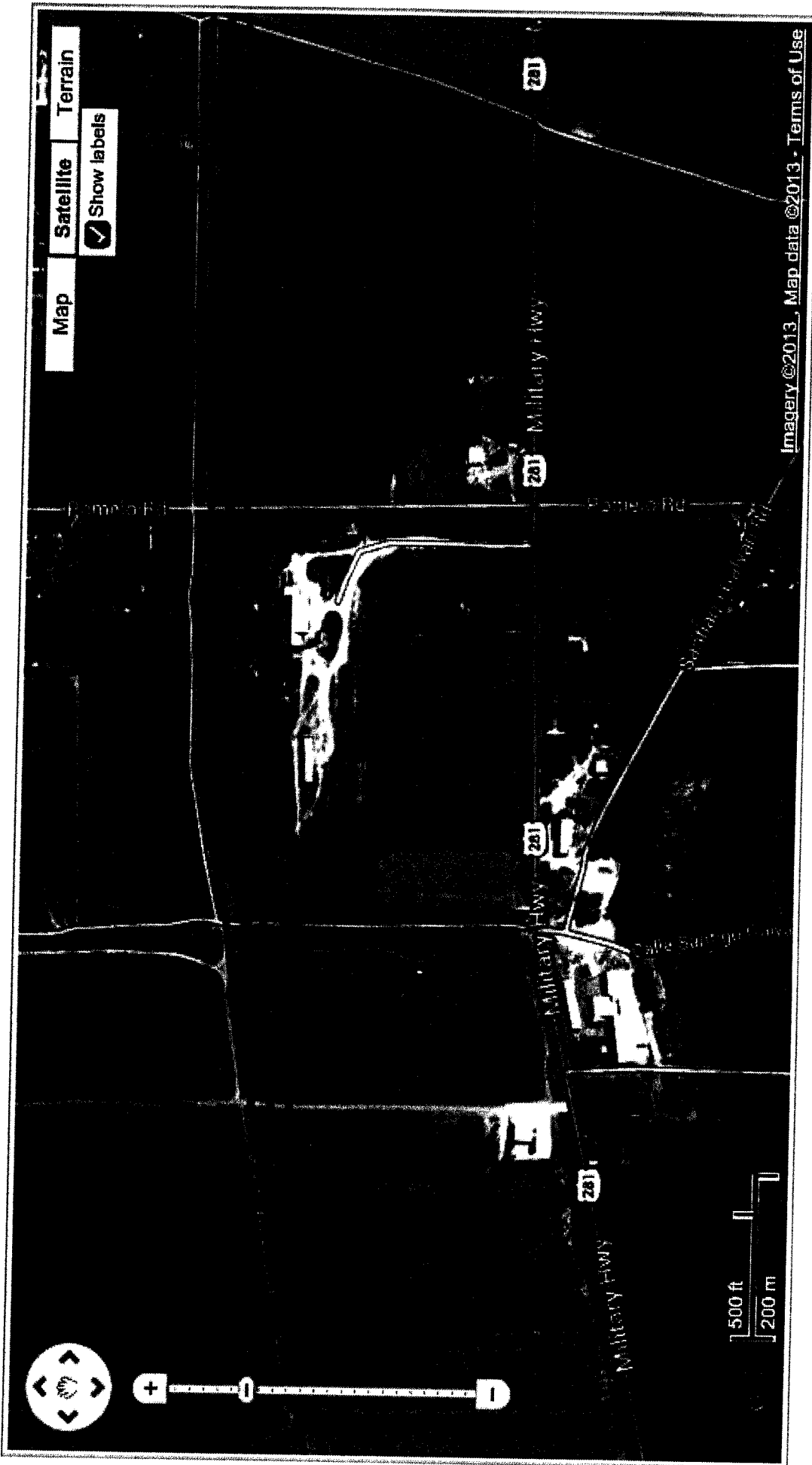


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