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JOINT APPLICATION OF 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 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN HIDALGO AND CAMERON COUNTIES, TEXAS

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

MR. ANGEL HERRERA, SR.'S STATEMENT OF POSITION

Pursuant to section 22.141 and 22.144 of the Commission's Procedural Rules, Intervenor Mr. Angel Herrera, Sr. ("Mr. Herrera") files this Statement of Position, and would show the Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") as follows.

Mr. Herrera owns property (Property ID No. 157637), located in Hidalgo County, Texas (the "Property"). The Property is directly affected by one or more routes that have been proposed by Joint Applicants Electric Transmission Texas LLC and Sharyland Utilities LP. Specifically, all proposed routes that include link 62b would directly impact the Property.

Mr. Herrera's position is that all proposed routes that include link 62b would directly and unduly burden and impact the Property, including its current and future aesthetic, agricultural, commercial, mineral, and residential value.

As presently proposed, Link 62b would effectively cut the Property in half, which would greatly diminish its value for all current and future purposes. The construction of the proposed link would cause at least temporary to permanent detrimental environmental impact on the property due to the disruption and removal of trees and other existing vegetation, including grazing pasture, due to the expected use of herbicides. Additionally, the threat of detrimental exposure to high levels of electromagnetic fields (EMF's) diminishes the Property value for all current and future agricultural, residential, and commercial use or development. Mr. Herrera understands that the proposed transmission line is necessary to the needs and future development of the Rio Grande Valley and supports the selection of any route that does not include Link 62b, such as proposed route 32 and any of the 10 newly proposed routes that do not pass through the Routing Circle.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been served in accordance with all existing Orders on this 8th day of November, 2013.

Angel Herrera, Jr.