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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

DANIEL A. OLVERA AND LUCILA H. OLVERA STATEMENT OF POSITION

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

JOINT APPLICATION OF ELECTRIC

TRANSMISSION TEXAS LLC AND SHARYLAND UTILITIES L.P. TO AMEND THEIR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE

PROPOSED NORTH EDINBURG TO LOMA ALTO DOUBLE –CIRCUIT 345KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN HIDALAGO AND CAMERON COUNTIES, TEXAS

Pursuant to the Public Utilities Commission Procedural 22.124, Interveners **DANIEL A. OLVERA AND LUCILA H. OLVERA** file this their Statement of Position, and would show the Public Utilities Commission, (the "Commission") as follows:

I. Position

DANIEL A. OLVERA AND LUCILA H. OLVERA own SAN BENITO – RESACA FRONT BLK 32, 4.000 ACRES with property identification number 60-8140-0320-0010-10, and RESACA FRONT SUBDIVISION 1.94 ACRES OUT OF 5.00 ACRES OF BLK 41 (VOL 2 PG21 CCMR) with property identification number 60-8140-0410-0020-00, and LOT 41 RESACA FRONT SUBDIVISION 1.093 AC OUT OF 3.06 AC OF 5.00 AC (VOL 2 PG 21 CCMR) with property identification number 60-8140-0410-00, and RESACA FRONT SUBDIVISION 0.996 ACRES OUT OF BLK 41 (VOL 3 PG 21 CCMR) with property tax identification number 60-8140-0410-0050-00, located off of Lovett Road, San Benito, Cameron County Texas ("the Property"). 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 266 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 or residential value.

III. STATEMENT OF POSITION

DANIEL A. OLVERA AND LUCILA H. OLVERA'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 266 of the proposed routes directly impacts the Property, running across it and then along one side of the Property. There are other existing electric transmission lines in the area that are close to the proposed route. The Applicants should be required to locate their links along existing transmission lines. Granting the Applicants the additional space for the link 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. Such actions would also cause significant diminished value for the remainder of the Property with regard to such portions not directly located along the proposed routes. The placement of the transmission lines near the Property is an impediment to our plans of developing the Property, which we have acquired with the intention of development.

There is also medical research that shows that 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 shown that the risk of developing cancer is significantly increased when living in close proximity to a power line.

Respectfully Submitted

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