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PUBLIC HEARING

JOINT APPLICATION OF § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE  
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION TEXAS, §  
LLC AND SHARYLAND UTILITIES, §  
L.P. TO AMEND THEIR §  
CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE § OF  
AND NECESSITY FOR THE §  
PROPOSED NORTH EDINBURG TO §  
LOMA ALTA DOUBLE-CIRCUIT 345 § ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN §  
HIDALGO AND CAMERON §  
COUNTIES, TEXAS §

**MICHAEL RHODES, ML RHODES, LTD., AND RHODES ENTERPRISES,  
INC.'S REQUEST FOR HEARING ON THE MERITS**

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

NOW COMES, Michael Rhodes, ML Rhodes, Ltd. and Rhodes Enterprises, Inc.'s ("Rhodes, et al"), files this, their Request for a Hearing on the Merits in PUC Docket No. 41606. In support of this Request, Rhodes, et al would show the following:

On July 3, 2013, Electric Transmission Texas, LLC ("ETT") and Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland") filed their application to amend a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) for a proposed 345-kV transmission line in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties, Texas.

Rhodes, et al owns properties located in Hidalgo County, Texas, that would be affected by the proposed transmission line; as a result, Rhodes, et al filed a Motion to Intervene in the above-referenced docket on July 8, 2013. That Motion was granted on July 23, 2013, pursuant to SOAH Order No.2 issued in this matter.

To date, including Rhodes, et al, over 54 parties have filed motions or requests to intervene in this proceeding. With this large number of stakeholders, and thirty-two (32) alternative routes proposed by ETT/Sharyland, a Hearing on the Merits and the associated preparation for that Hearing on the Merits including conducting discovery and submission of written testimony or statements of position, will be necessary to fairly adjudicate this matter, and determine which route best complies with PURA § 37.056.

NOW THEREFORE, for the above-mentioned reasons, Rhodes, et al respectfully requests that the above-captioned case be set for a Hearing on the Merits, a revised procedural schedule be drafted for consideration by the parties and ordered, and requests any other relief to which it may show itself entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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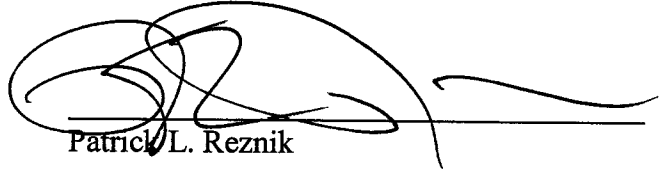


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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

~~30<sup>th</sup>~~ I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on this the ~~29<sup>th</sup>~~ day of July, 2013, in accordance with Public Utility Commission Procedural Rule 22.74.

  
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