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I am NOT requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As a PROTESTOR, I understand the following:

- I am NOT a party to this case;
- My comments are not considered evidence in this case; and
- I have no further obligation to participate in the proceeding.

Please check one of the following:

- ☒ I own property with a habitable structure located near one or more of the utility's proposed routes for a transmission line.
- ☒ One or more of the utility's proposed routes would cross my property.
- ☒ Other. Please describe and provide comments. You may attach a separate page, if necessary. _____

I HAVE SPENT OVER \$80,000.00 DLS, TO CONSTRUCT
& DEVELOP A SUBDIVISION IN MY 21.082
ACRES, AFFECT. BY THE PROPOSED
TRANSMISSION LINE

Signature of person submitting comments:

Rolando A. Gonzalez Raul A. Gonzalez Date: 08/16/2013

August 16, 2013

To: Public Utility Commission & Electric Transmission Texas

From: Rolando & Raul A. Gonzalez, owners.

Subject: Protest Re: proposed 345 kV Transmission Line (Docket #41606) to be constructed on my property consisting of 21.082 acres in San Benito, TX.

Re: property description: 21.082 acre tract, described as 21.08 acre tract in Cameron County official records volume 13192, page 269, compromised of lot 8, (10 acres), 9.853 acres of lot 9 and 1.229 acres of lot 10, block 85, San Benito land and water company, subdivision of Cameron County.

I am filing this letter to protest the proposed construction of a 345k V Transmission Line adversely and severely affecting the value and marketability of my 21.082 acres property which I have designed as a residential subdivision of Resaca frontage and non-Resaca frontage lots. I have already spent over \$80,000 in engineering design, and acquisition of easements and right of ways for utilities. Note: The proposed Transmission line will directly encroach and encumber over 3 acres, destroying the opportunity to build eight non-Resaca lots @\$35,000 each and two Resaca frontage lots @\$70,000 avg. price, for a projected total real estate loss of \$420,000. Note: this projected loss of the above described lots that are already platted does not take into consideration the negative residual or indirect impact and marketability of the adjacent remaining subdivision lots. This loss does not take into consideration, the price that I originally paid for the property.

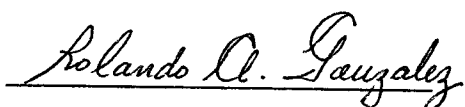
The property is highly valuable since it is divided by Resaca (water front) property on two sides. It is located in between two major, well established subdivisions, Southern Comfort Subdivision and Resaca Shores Subd. Both of these subdivisions have very nice Resaca frontage, expensive homes. Additionally, there is an adjacent third subdivision, called la Sombra del Mesquite Subdivision, across the same Resaca that surrounds my property, where water front properties have sold for \$125,000 per lot.

I am totally opposed to the construction of this 345 kV Transmission line, since it will have a detrimental effect on the marketability and property value of my proposed subdivision and of my property values.

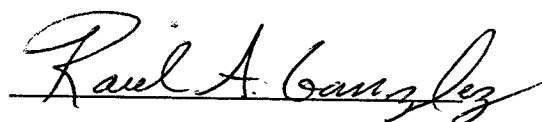
There has been a significant amount of public opposition to high powered transmission lines situated in populated areas such as this one, due to noise created by the power lines, aesthetic concerns, and fears of health cancer and other related ailments and safety threats, and hazards caused by the radiation emitted by these power lines. Additionally these massive power lines have a negative visual impact that decreases surrounding property values.

In the event that this line is approved for construction, all affected parties should be equitably compensated, taking into consideration, property values economic loss of potential revenue, and marketability of the surrounding real estate.

I suggest that this transmission line should be constructed, elsewhere, in another area that is not populated.



Rolando A. Gonzalez



Raul A. Gonzalez