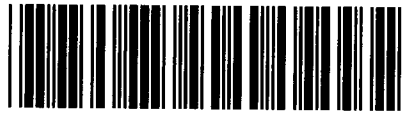




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## Request to Intervene in PUC Docket No. 41606

The following information must be submitted by the person requesting to intervene in this proceeding. This completed form will be provided to all parties in this docket. **If you DO NOT want to be an intervenor, but still want to file comments, please complete the "Comments" page.**

Mail this completed form and 10 copies to:

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**I am requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As an INTERVENOR, I understand the following:**

- ☐ I am a party to the case;
- ☐ I am required to respond to all discovery requests from other parties in the case;
- ☐ If I file testimony, I may be cross-examined in the hearing;
- ☐ If I file any documents in the case, I will have to provide a copy of that document to every other party in the case; and
- ☐ I acknowledge that I am bound by the Procedural Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) and the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

**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. \_\_\_\_\_

see attached page

**Signature of person requesting intervention:**

Elizabeth Grace Perez

Date: Aug 12, 2013

August 12, 2013

Re: PUC Docket No.41606, Request for Intervenor Status, Estate of M. D. Cavazos

Link 52 directly affects Rancho Santa Eduvijas, which was purchased around 1925 by M.D. and Eduvijas Cavazos of Mission, passed down through their daughter, Maria Antonia Cavazos Perez, to its current owners, their three granddaughters and three great grandchildren. The transmission line would run through it for more than a mile, largely through the native upland thorn scrub that was on the land when it was bought. The line would no doubt devalue our land.

The old ranch is currently used for cattle grazing and leased for farming and hunting. It is also a seed source for the Perez Ranch Nursery. The Nursery specializes in native plants, which are mostly contracted out to the Fish and Wildlife Service for revegetation of our local National Wildlife Refuges, and also sold to local nurseries, landscapers, the general public, and for revegetation projects. To promote diversity, our plants are almost entirely grown from seed collected on the ranch. Santa Eduvijas is a favorite picking area because the brush on this ranch is the oldest and most diverse we have.

The area under consideration for the transmission line covers roughly 20 acres of this brush and contains hundreds of native plant species. Three species, Vasey's Adelia, Chihuahua balloon vine and Runyon's huaco, have been found on our property two miles to the north of Santa Eduvijas. They are considered rare by Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Nature Conservancy. The Perez Ranch has a conservation agreement with these two groups to protect these species.

Santa Eduvijas is also home to three threatened Texas animals, the Texas Tortoise, the Texas Indigo Snake, and the Texas Horned Lizard. In the event the ranch is chosen for the line, we request an environmental survey be taken to see what other threatened and endangered plants and animals may be living there.

With very little native brush left in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, estimated to be 1% of what was here historically, uncleared land has become the most valued land, and we believe that native vegetation should be saved whenever possible. We know first hand that old growth brush is not replaceable, and that native plants sources are few. The Texas Forestry Service and Texas A & M use a formula for putting a dollar value on plants on land to be cleared. We have used this formula before when dealing with oil and gas well damage. If link 52 is part of the chosen route, we will want the land to be revegetated with native plants.

There is an existing transmission line running through Santa Eduvijas, constructed by Central Power and Light Company in 1954 when M.D. Cavazos managed the land. In our case, another line close to the existing one will cut a wider swath through old-growth brush. After four generations of good stewardship on Santa Eduvijas, we respectfully request you find another route for the line.

Thank you for your consideration.



Elizabeth Grace (Betty) Perez, Perez Ranch owner and manager