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PUBLIC HEARING

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

DR. AND MRS. HOMERO RIVAS' STATEMENT OF POSITION

NOW COME Dr. and Mrs. Rivas and state their position to the Court in this matter as follows:

A. SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF POSITION

Dr. and Mrs. Homero Rivas believe that Link 160 should be abandoned in favor of Link 163 which is South of Link 160 or Link 153 which is North of Link 160. Link 163 or Link 153 would be less intrusive and provide a better linear path for the line.

B. STATEMENT OF POSITION

Dr. and Mrs. Rivas have actively bred polo ponies and quarter horses on this property for over 20 years. They have one of the first and ONLY polo playing arenas in South Texas on their property. They use the property to hold polo matches, train polo ponies and breed polo ponies. The placement of this line will become so disruptive to the breeding operations of these specialized polo ponies and quarter horses that his property will become unusable. Recently, Dr. and Mrs. Rivas' property was compromised with a small electrical line placed by Magic Valley Electrical Cooperative and placement of this proposed line (a second line) on his property would render it unusable and devastating to his breeding operation. It took several months of time and negotiation to develop a solution for the Magic Valley line on their property which including creating an extra long span of wires with only one monopole on their property.

Furthermore, Dr. and Mrs. Rivas have a polo playing arena and polo practice fields on their property which are used to hold polo playing matches and training, respectively. The placing of the high powered line on his property would rendered their property unusable for the purposes for which they purchased the property. Therefore, Dr. and Mrs. Rivas hereby protest the placement of Link 160 and ask that the PUC reroute the line in question to Link 163, Link


153, or to a totally new Link on the opposite side of the drainage ditch directly south and abutting their property.

C. PRAYER

Therefore, Dr. and Mrs. Rivas pray that the court that Link 160 be abandoned altogether or rerouted as outlined above.

Respectfully Submitted,


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on September 10, 2013, a copy of this was sent via the US Postal Service, First Class, for filing at the PUC and served as ordered by the SOAH Order NO. 4, Section IV., signed by the Administrative Law Judges on September 6, 2013.



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