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FILING CLERK **SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-14-2252** 1 **PUC DOCKET NO. 42087** 2 3 APPLICATION OF ONCOR § § ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY, BEFORE THE STATE OFFIC § LLC TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY ω ω ω ω ω ω **OF** FOR THE PROPOSED WESTMINSTER 138-KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN DENTON, TARRANT AND WISE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS **COUNTIES (HICKS-ELIZABETH** CREEK CCN) 4 5 6 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF RICHARD E. LEBLANC ON BEHALF OF 7 WILLOW RIDGE RESIDENTIAL PARTNERS, LTD. 8 9 **Table of Contents** 10 Page 11 I. Witness qualifications......2 12 II. Subject of testimony3 13 III. The impact of the proposed transmission line......3 14 IV. Summary and conclusion4 15 V. Verification......5 16 17 Attachments 18 1. Development plat6 19

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1		I. Witness qualifications
2	Q.	Please introduce yourself and state your business address.
3	A.	My name is Richard E. LeBlanc. I am Manager of Willow Ridge Residential GP, LLC,
4		the General Partner of Willow Ridge Residential Partners, Ltd. (collectively "Willow
5		Ridge"), which owns parcels identified as Tracts 385, 387, and 388 (the "Subject
6		Property"). My business address is 3001 Knox Street, Suite 207, Dallas, Texas 75205.
7	Q.	What is the business of Willow Ridge?
8	A.	Willow Ridge specializes in the development of large scale master planned residential
9		communities.
10	Q.	Please describe your educational and professional background.
11	A.	I began my real estate career in 1974 as an agent with Dan Majors & Company, a
12		commercial real estate brokerage firm. In 1977, I formed Majors/LeBlanc to specialize in
13		the sale of sites to developers and users, an association that remained active until 1989.
14		In 1984, I formed Hanover Property Company, a land development entity specializing in
15		the development of large scale master planned residential communities. Some of the
16		properties I have developed include:
17		 MIRA LAGOS: a 900 acre residential community with 2500 homes in South
18		Grand Prairie between Joe Pool Lake and State Highway 360;
19		 HIDDEN LAKES: an 825-acre tract with 1,600 lots in four sizes ranging from
20		6,000 to 20,000 square feet, as well as associated hardscaping, landscaping, and
21		community amenities beyond the basic infrastructure;
22		 CRAWFORD FARMS: 234 acres developed into 822 lots in three phases
23		between I-35 West and Denton Highway west of Keller;
24		 LOWES FARM: 133 acres developed into 436 lots in two phases in southeast
25		Mansfield near Joe Poole Lake on State Highway 360 at Holland and Broad
26		Streets;
27		• STONE HILL FARMS: 208 acres developed into 563 lots in Flower Mound just
28		south of FM 407 and west of I-35; and

1		 OVERTON RIDGE: 130 acres developed into 207 lots in three phases in north
2		Keller on Mt. Gilead Rd east of Denton Highway.
3	Q.	On whose behalf are you testifying?
4	A.	I am testifying on behalf of Willow Ridge Residential Partners, Ltd., an intervenor in this
5		proceeding.
6		II. Subject of testimony
7	Q.	What is the subject of your testimony?
8	A.	I am providing testimony regarding the on the Subject Property if the proposed
9		transmission line if constructed on Link J.
10		III. The impact of the proposed transmission line
11	Q.	Please describe your involvement with the Subject Property?
12	A.	I have been the Manager of Willow Ridge since its inception. I have worked with local
13		governmental agencies during their review of the plans and the individual plats and
14		zoning issues for its development, and worked with several builders and other real estate
15		professionals on the build out and marketing of the different phases of development.
16	Q.	What are the development plans for the Subject Property?
17	A.	The Subject Property is to be a single-family residential development comprising
18		approximately 750 lots at full build-out, with a total value of \$200 million. The
19		development is adjacent to a city park and existing elementary school, and is also
20		adjacent to the future high school and middle school sites planned by Northwest ISD.
21	Q.	Please identify Attachment 1 to your testimony.
22	A.	Attachment 1 is the current plan for the development.
23 24	Q.	Based on your familiarity with the development, does Attachment 1 fairly and accurately depict the development?
25	A.	Yes, it does.

1 2	Q.	Please describe how the Subject Property would be affected by the proposed transmission line.
3	A.	We estimate Oncor's proposed alignment of Link J would result in the loss of a
4	. 2.	significant number of platted lots with house prices of \$200,000 to \$400,000. In addition,
5		several of the lots that will remain after those lost due to the line will back up to the
6		transmission line and will have to be severely discounted in price in order to sell them.
7		Moreover, since all portions of this property will be subject to a view that includes the
8		transmission line, the value of every lot will be negatively impacted.
9	Q.	Are there other consideration unique to the Willow Ridge Residential Partners, Ltd.
10		property which exacerbate the impact of the proposed transmission line on that
11		property?
12	A.	Yes.
13	Q.	What are those?
14	A.	The entry points to the subdivision and the east/west roads that move traffic throughout
15		the subdivision orient traffic such that the transmission lines will be in the field of vision
16		for nearly all current and future residents causing long term negative impacts to property
17		values.
18		IV. Summary and conclusion
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19 20	Q.	Will you summarize your testimony on constructing the transmission line on Link J as proposed by Oncor?
21	A.	Constructing the transmission line along Oncor's proposed Link J would drastically affect
22		the Subject Property and the development plan already in place for it, and prevent Willow
23		Ridge from completing the community as it already has expended considerable time and

money to do.

Yes, it does

Does this conclude your testimony?

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF DALLAS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Richard E. LeBlanc who, having been placed under oath by me, did depose as follows:

My name is Richard E. LeBlanc. I am of legal age and a resident of the State of Texas.

The foregoing testimony and exhibit offered by me are true and correct, and the opinions stated therein are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate, true, and correct.

Richard E. LeBlanc

Before me the undersigned, a notary public in and for said County and State personally appeared Richard E. LeBlanc, known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for purposes therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the Way of June, 2014.

Sandi R. Puslejovsky
Notary Public,
State of Texas
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