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TRANSMISSION SERVICES §
CORPORATION TO AMEND ITS §
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE §
AND NECESSITY FOR THE PROPOSED §
BLUMENTHAL SUBSTATION AND 138- §
KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT IN §
BLANCO, GILLESPIE, AND KENDALL §
COUNTIES, TEXAS §

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

DIRECT TESTIMONY

of

WALTER SCHUPP

on Behalf of

THE WILKE CEMETERY OF ALBERT, TEXAS ASSOCIATION

and the

SCENIC 1623 ALLIANCE

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I. INTRODUCTION

2 **Q. Please state your name, title and address.**

3 A. My name is Walter Schupp. I am an authorized representative of the Wilke Cemetery of
4 Albert, Texas Association ("Cemetery Association"). My address is 608 Blake Street,
5 Killeen, TX 76541. The Wilke Cemetery is located at 6141 S. Ranch Road, Albert,
6 Texas.

7 **Q. On whose behalf are you testifying?**

8 A. I am testifying on behalf of The Wilke Cemetery of Albert, Texas Association and that of
9 the Scenic 1623 Alliance.

10 **Q. Please describe your interest in SOAH Docket No. 473-15-1589 and PUC Docket**
11 **No. 43599.**

12 A. The Cemetery Association intervened in this proceeding as the Wilke Cemetery (the
13 "Property") might be impacted by the transmission line proposed to be built by LCRA
14 Transmission Services Corporation in this docket.

15 **Q. Are you familiar with the Property and this area of Gillespie County, Texas?**

16 A. Yes.
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II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

19 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

20 A. The purpose of my testimony is to: (i) describe the cemetery property; (ii) describe the
21 expected impact of the proposed transmission line on the property; (iii) voice the
22 Cemetery Association's and Scenic 1623 Alliance's opposition against certain links and
23 routes; and (iv) provide information on the route that the Cemetery Association and
24 Scenic 1623 Alliance prefer.

25 **Q. Is the information contained in your testimony true and correct to the best of your**
26 **knowledge and belief?**

27 A. Yes, it is.
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1 **IV. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

2 **Q. Please summarize your position in this proceeding regarding LCRA's proposed**
3 **alternative routes.**

4 A. Along with the Scenic 1623 Alliance, the Cemetery Association is very opposed to
5 Segments Z3, C1, C2, E2, and any of LCRA Transmission Services Corporation's
6 alternative routes that utilize any of the same, including Routes 2, 4, 8, 10, 14, and 18. I
7 support Route 17 alternate (as defined in the direct testimony of T. Brian Almon and
8 which route utilizes Segment Y rather than Segment X) or any route that does not utilize
9 Segments Z3, C1, C2, or E2.

10 **Q. In particular, why do you and the Scenic 1623 Alliance support Route 17 alternate?**

11 A. I disapprove of Routes 2, 4, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18 as they would encompass the area
12 along RR 1623, which would be detrimental to this area's aesthetic, historical, and
13 community values. I approve of Route 17 alternate as it would preserve such values
14 because it would not run along RR 1623, would avoid the conservation easement on
15 Segment X, and would therefore preserve this area's scenic and historical integrity.

16 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

17 A. Yes, that concludes my testimony, subject to subsequent correction or rebuttal.

Wilke Cemetery at Albert, Texas[Report Error](#)

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Number: 16335

Marker Title: Wilke Cemetery at Albert, Texas

Index Entry: Wilke Cemetery at Albert, Texas

Address: 6141 South Ranch Road

City: Albert

County: Gillespie

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Marker
Location: 6141 South Ranch Road

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Marker Text: This burial ground served the rural community of Albert (originally Martinsburg), which was named for Albert Luckenbach, who opened a new post office in the town in 1892. Blacksmith and rancher Friedrich August Wilke, Sr., a native of Germany, conveyed this property for cemetery use in 1907. The first burial was of Constantine A. Kleinert (1892 - 1894), who was reinterred from a ranch that year. Cemetery features include interior fencing, Masonic gravestones and extensive curbing. In 1980, the Wilke Cemetery of Albert, Texas Association formed. Today, the cemetery association continues to maintain the burial ground, which as a vestige of the Albert Community, serves as a reminder of the area's early pioneers.

EXHIBIT "A"

Historical Background - Wilke Cemetery of Albert, Texas

On 4 April 1907 Mr. Friedrich August Wilke Sr. deeded and convey about one acre of land out of 53 acre survey No.555 in Gillespie County State of Texas patented to F. Wilke Sr. by Patent No.639 Vol.23 dated May 24th 1902 said parcel of land to be in a square and fronting on the north side of the Blanco and Fredericksburg road as now located on said survey No.555 unto the F. Wilke Sr., Fritz Wilke Jr., Albert Wilke, Ernest Wilke, Louis Schupp, Ernest Siegel, John Kilbourne and Heinrich Leonard their heirs and assigns for a burial ground for them and their families, heirs and such others who may hereafter by consent of all of said grantees acquire an interest therein or be buried and for no other use or purpose.

Mr. Friedrich August Wilke Sr. born 12 Jan 1829 in Burg, Germany Immigrated to the United States in 1868 and died 22 Jun 1913. He was married 15 August 1858 in Berlin, Sophien Kirche, Germany to Amalie Henriette Dorothea IISchner, born 18 Jun 1833 died 9 Feb 1913. Both died in the Albert area and are buried in the Wilke Cemetery of Albert, Texas. Mr. Wilke, a Blacksmith by trade, came to the Albert area from Fredericksburg about 1877 in search of new grazing land for his cattle. He purchased his land from a man named Elmeier, who was murdered in a robbery several years later.

Albert, Texas on Williams Creek sixteen miles southeast of Fredericksburg and one mile west of the Blanco county line in southeastern Gillespie County on South Ranch Road 1623. The town dates from 1877, was originally called Martinsburg after an early settler and was a stop on the Fredericksburg-Blanco stage route. In 1892, Martinsburg got a new post office and a new name, thanks to Albert Luckenbach, who had sold his store in Luckenbach, moved to Martinsburg, and opened a new post office, which he registered as Albert.

The first burial in the cemetery was that of Constantine A. Kleinert 9 July 1892 to 1 June 1894. Constantine had traveled with his family from Bastrop, Texas to the Albert area to visit with relatives when he became ill and expired. He was first buried on the Albert Wilke Ranch. Shortly after Mr. F. Wilke Sr. deeded the cemetery in 1907, Mr. And Mrs. Kleinert in company with a Gillespie County Sheriff exhumed Constantine and buried him in the Wilke Cemetery.

The Cemetery has been known over the years as "Wilke Cemetery" and "Albert Cemetery". An association to regulate and maintain the cemetery was formed in the early 40's and existed through the 50s when it faded from lack of participation. In 1980, a new Cemetery association was formed and named "The Wilke Cemetery of Albert, Texas Association". Shortly afterwards the Cemetery was given the official name of "The Wilke Cemetery of Albert Texas" in honor of Mr. F. A. Wilke, Sr. who donated the land and the Albert community.

The Wilke Cemetery of Albert, Texas remains an active Cemetery under the guardianship of The Wilke Cemetery of Albert, Texas Association. Annual meetings the Saturday one week prior to Easter each year with four scheduled Cleanups.

Enclosure # 1

EXHIBIT "B"

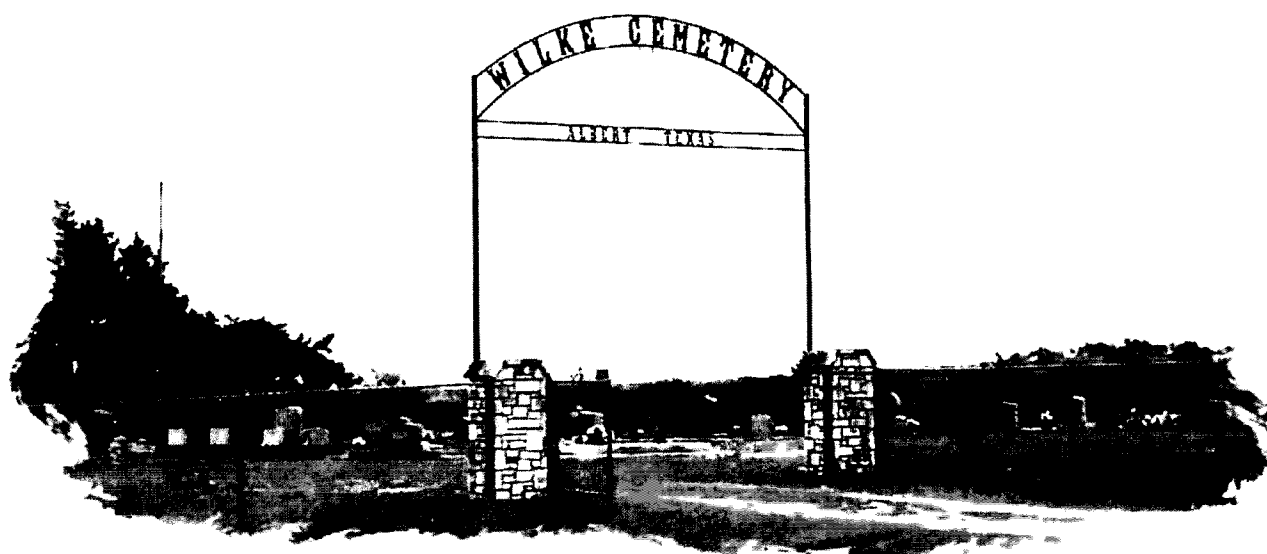


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