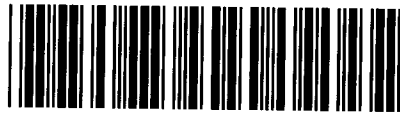




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1 1. Please state your full name and address.

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3 My name is Paul W. Prihoda and I live at 625 Wiesepape Road, Brenham Texas 77833.

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5 2. Are you an intervenor for PUC DOCKET NO. 44649?

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7 Yes.

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9 3. What route do you oppose?

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11 I oppose any route which includes Link SS. This route crosses family property.

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13 4. Please describe the property.

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15 On the CTT Route Link map, the property number is 3011. It is approximately 229 acres.

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17 5. Please describe the current and future use of the property

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19 The property was purchased for family recreational use. Currently we use the property for
20 various outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, horseback riding, hiking and camping. We
21 presently have numerous deer stands and deer feeders. We also have a travel trailer onsite
22 near the barn. We presently lease out the property for cattle.

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24 We have a development plan to further the recreational use and have already initiated parts of
25 that plan. We have already built a barn as well as constructed a 3 acre pond and stocked it with
26 fish. Future plans include building cabins for each family member around the barn and pond.
27 We have plans to construct a central pavilion for family gatherings. We are a family of six
28 siblings and my Mom....so at least 7 cabins will be built, plus the central pavilion.

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30 6. Why are you opposed Link SS as part of the transmission line from Limestone Substation
31 to the Gibbons Creek Substation?

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33 The proposed transmission line across our family property (Link SS) comes within approximately
34 200 feet of our pond and 500 feet of our barn. If the transmission line is built across our
35 property, it will disrupt our future plans of the family cabins and pavilion. This will render our
36 property useless for our plans. In addition, it will destroy the value of the property as a whole
37 and not just the portion of where the transmission line is built.
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39 With a transmission line such as the one proposed, no one in our family will want to use the
40 property any further due to health concerns for our young nieces and nephews, as well as for
41 our older niece's and nephew's children, and ourselves.

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43 The value of the property will be destroyed as very few people will want to purchase land with
44 this type of transmission line crossing it. Those that might want to purchase it will not want to
45 pay very much for it because of the transmission line. So this transmission line will destroy the
46 value of the property as a whole.

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48 In addition, as this link follows OSR, which is known as Old San Antonio Road, President Bush
49 signed a Bill designating the El Camino Real de Los Tejas, of which the Old San Antonio Road is a
50 part, a National Historic Trail. Building this transmission line along OSR will devastate the
51 picturesque and valuable corridor which will impact land values and future development.


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53 7. Do you have anything else to say?

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55 My Dad died in 2012 of brain cancer. My Dad comes from a family of 7. My Dad has one sister
56 that is still here with us, but all of the others in the family have died of a cancer. A high voltage
57 electric power transmission line ran across the family farm he grew up on, immediately
58 adjacent to the family house. The potential of a similar line across our property, which is a
59 family recreational property for myself and my siblings and my Mom and my 15 nieces and
60 nephews and their families and their future families, concerns me greatly.

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62 8. Does this conclude your testimony?

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64 Yes.

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69 Paul W. Prihoda

07 July 2015
Date:

