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Barbara Gail Burke Helt

San Antonio, TX 78232

To: The Honorable Travis Vickery, Administrative Law Judge

The Honorable Sarah Starnes, Administrative Law Judge

I am opposed to proposed 138kv transmission line, specifically, link CC, as it would adversely affect my property. The justifying reasons for not routing the transmission line through my property can be found below.

My small inherited property in Goliad County provides a link to my heritage. There already is one power line right-of-way, and this small property does not need a second ugly structure on it.

My property is currently under a Wildlife Management Plan which was set up through the Texas Parks and Wildlife. We work hard to maintain the proper balance of grassland and native brush to attract birds, deer, and other wildlife. A second transmission line would disrupt this delicate balance.

In the proposed CC link there are 2 species of plants which are identified as major sources of food for deer. The Texas Kidneywood is a 1st choice plant, and the Hogplum is a 2nd choice plant. Clearing for a utility right-of-way will destroy these plants.

Additionally, there is a gas line beneath the proposed CC link.

A second larger transmission line would decrease the property and aesthetic value of my Goliad County land.

A portion of the CC link is proposed to go through a currently designated historic district. The San Antonio River Valley Historic District should not be impacted by a transmission line.

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The CC link will also cross the San Antonio River and the Cabeza Creek which would cause an adverse environmental impact to these waterways.

I appreciate your considerations of my concerns, and ask that you not approve link CC for the proposed 138kv transmission line.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Gail Burke Helt". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.

Barbara Gail Burke Helt