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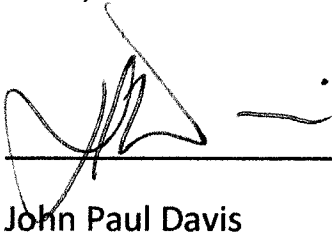
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## **INTRODUCTION**

**QUESTION: Please state your name and current address for the record.**

ANSWER: John Paul Davis

6725 Speedway Court

Tyler, Texas 75703

**QUESTION: Are you an intervenor in SOAH Docket No. 473-16-2751 and PUC Docket No. 45624 and on whose behalf are you testifying?**

ANSWER: Yes, Daniel Heritage Farms LP

**QUESTION: Have you ever testified in a Public Utility Commission of Texas Proceeding?**

ANSWER: No, I have not.

**QUESTION: Briefly describe your occupation, educational and work histories.**

ANSWER: I am a real estate developer in Tyler, Texas. I graduated from Baylor University.

**QUESTION: Where property located?**

ANSWER: The properties are located in southern Panola County. It appears from map I was provided it could affect 3 or 4 properties I own. It is hard to tell exactly where transmission lines and my property are on map I was provided.

**QUESTION: How long have you owned the property?**

ANSWER: The properties have been in my family back to my great grandfather.

**QUESTION: Are you familiar with this area of Panola County?**

ANSWER: I am very familiar with Panola County. I was born and raised in Panola County. My parents were both born and reared in Panola County and have lived there a good portion of my life.

## **II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF TESTIMONY**

**QUESTION: What is the purpose and scope of their testimony?**

**ANSWER:** The purpose of this testimony is to (a) describe the property, (b) describe the expected impact of the proposed transmission line on the properties and (c) voice opposition **against Route Segment 16,8,9 and 10.**

## **III. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY AND THE LINE'S IMPACT**

**QUESTION: Are there any habitable structures on the properties?**

**ANSWER:** Yes on one of them.

**QUESTION: Please describe their property's physical, ecological or biological features?**

**ANSWER:** The property consists of mixed timber with both pine and hardwood. There are also several creeks. There is also a cemetery very near segment 8.

**QUESTION: Please describe their property's current uses.**

**ANSWER:** The property is currently used for timber and recreation use.

**QUESTION: Have you or family undertaken any efforts to restore the land or the environmental quality of the property?**

**ANSWER:** Yes. Managing timber plantations and wildlife management.

**QUESTION: Are there any water well sites on the property? If so, describe the general location.**

**ANSWER:** Yes, at the home and at most every oil and gas pad site.

**QUESTION: Are there any gas wells on the property? If so, describe the general location.**

**ANSWER:** Yes, too many to describe.

**QUESTION: Are there any pipeline easements on the property? If so, describe the general location.**

**ANSWER:** Yes, too many to describe.

**QUESTION: Please describe any planned future uses of their property if those uses are different from the current uses previously described.**

**ANSWER:** Future home sites.

**QUESTION: Please describe the current and planned future uses of their property and how those uses contribute to the community values of Panola County?**

**ANSWER:** Taxes for county and schools. Managing forest and wildlife for a healthy environment.

**QUESTION: Do any existing transmission or distribution lines cross the property? If so, please describe how and where they cross the property.**

**ANSWER:** Yes, there are transmission lines near segment 8.

**QUESTION: Are there current plans for other utility features on their property? If so, please describe how and where they cross the property.**

**ANSWER:** Sabine River Authority can still add another proposed 90" line to the 10 acre tract. That easement is 75 ft. with a 24" and 12" line that is currently in service.

**QUESTION: Would the Power line that might impact the properties run along any boundary lines of your property?**

ANSWER: possibly

**QUESTION: How would a 345KV electric transmission line impact their property and its operations?**

ANSWER: It would a continued nuances of our land being taken out of timber production and our control. It would also further limit future possible home sites.

**QUESTION: Will you regularly drive under the transmission line if installed on your property?**

ANSWER: Yes.

**QUESTION: Describe the aesthetic impact to their property if Garland Light builds a 345KV transmission line on their property?**

ANSWER: The transmission line will decrease the current value of the property and make it hard to sell in the future.

**QUESTION: Describe historical, archeological or cultural significance of land that might be crossed if the transmission line is placed on their property.**

ANSWER: There is a cemetery close to segment 8. There are manmade Indian knolls located on the Brushy Creek area. There is also history that 9 Civil War Skirmish occurred in this area I've been told near segment 16.

**QUESTION: Describe the environmental impact, specific to this area that would be caused by this transmission line.**

ANSWER: Increase erosion to the property and decrease beauty of property.

**QUESTION: If the transmission line is built on the property, do you have any concerns about Garland Light having access to your property?**

ANSWER: Yes. This will continue to add to an already existing problem with erosion and nuances of increased traffic and not knowing who is on your property.

**QUESTION: If the transmission line is built on the property, do they have any other concerns?**

**ANSWER:** Yes. This will interfere with the quality of life as we know it now.

**QUESTION: Is there anything else they would like the administrative law judge and the public utilities commission to consider in this proceeding?**

**ANSWER:** Yes.

- What will this electric line pose as a health issues to humans?
- How will this electric voltage affect the cathodic protection of pipelines?
- What will be the proposed environmental erosion plan to help with an already existing problem due to past and present construction pipelines run off?
- What assurances have the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama given concerning the eastern leg of this Transmission line?
- In a reference of Item #20, SOAH Docket No. 473-16-2751 document stated that the City of Garland has already refused to finance any of the eastern leg. Will this be like a Keystone XL? The Keystone XL pipeline was built across Texas from Port Arthur to Cushing, Oklahoma, destroying hundreds of acres and leaving hundreds of landowners with this easement. As it stands now, it isn't going to be finished.
- Because of the above question, Garland stands to get a lot of money on this line. What will the landowners and residents and 2 counties and 1 parish receive? Will there be any jobs, other than construction? Unlike the oil field that provides work even if you own no minerals, will this power line have economic What assurance do they have that Southern Cross/Pattern Energy is going to be able to get the financing to finish the eastern leg?



- Senate Bill 933 in last year's 2015 Texas Legislation was supposed to benefit landowners according to our District 9 House of Representative Chris Paddie. The Bill stated that the "Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to review transmission interconnections that enable imports or exports from the ERCOT power grid". This should be understood that, it is to carve out for the proposed Southern Cross transmission project, requiring the Commission to approve the project but allowing it to specify conditions designed to safeguard the public interest. **Will public interest based on the testimony, be safeguarded?**

#### **IV. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**QUESTION: How would they summarize your position in this proceeding regarding Garland Light recommended route?**

ANSWER: If the transmission line has to go through one of my properties based on your preferred routes I would prefer RP53 or RP82. I would also like Southern Cross to give landowners 100% assure that they will extend this line passed the Louisiana line.

**QUESTION: Does this conclude their testimony?**

ANSWER: Yes.