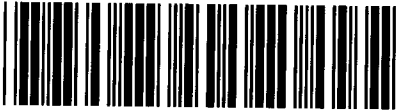


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INTRODUCTION

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

ANSWER: William Mark Wood
2703 Oak Glade Drive
Kingwood, TX 77339

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, myself.

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

ANSWER: No.

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

ANSWER: I am a Service Director for an automobile dealership. I have a B.B.A. with a Major in Management and Minor in Marketing, from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. I have been employed in this industry since 1986. I have been in my current position for the past 16 years.

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76 **QUESTION: Where is their property located?**

77 **ANSWER:** 733 CR 127, Gary, TX 75643. We own 48.464 acres, which is listed in 2
78 separate tracks one of 8.033 acres and the other if 40.431 acres.

79 **QUESTION: How long have they owned the property?**

80 **ANSWER:** We have owned the property for 24 years. It was purchased by my father
81 and mother for a retirement residence and retreat in 1992.

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

83 **ANSWER:** I am very familiar with Panola County. I visit often and plan to retire here. I
84 have an aunt who resides in Panola County.

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

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

88 **ANSWER:** The purpose of this testimony is to (a) describe their property, (b) describe
89 the expected impact of the proposed transmission line on their property and (c) voice
90 their opposition against any GARLAND POWER's Routes including segments 16, 18, or
91 19.

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

100 **QUESTION: Are there any habitable structures on the property?**

ANSWER: Yes, there are 2.

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

ANSWER: The property consists of pasture land, and wooded forest. The pasture land has both pine and hardwood timber. In many cases the trees are in excess of 100 years old. The forest land also includes both pine and hardwood timber. The pine timber potentially houses the Endangered species, Red-cockaded woodpecker. The soil is of a fine sandy loam and potentially houses the Texas Horned Lizard. The property has 2 ponds to support wildlife and other animals. The property is home to white-tailed deer, bobcats, raccoons, squirrels, beavers and many other wildlife. Birds of prey, and various species of ducks not limited to but including wood ducks, mallards and other birds use our ponds. The first pond was existing when we purchased the land. The second pond was created by my father and mother to provide water for wildlife, and fishing for our family and friends. We have a very sizeable investment in that pond due to the cost incurred to create it. It has a quality dam, fishing pier, feeder, and windmill to properly oxygenate the water for the fish and prevent stagnation.

QUESTION: Please describe their property's current uses.

ANSWER: The property is currently used for living, gardening, hay production for cattle, hunting, fishing, and camping.

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

ANSWER: Yes. The second pond was added for additional water supply for wildlife and fishing. Since adding the pond which is stocked with fish, we have an abundance of wildlife. The fish provide food for the native birds of which feed in the pond. We have also added fruit trees, Live Oak trees, shrubs and grasses. We regularly plant cover crops in winter for the wildlife.

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

132 **ANSWER:** My father and mother added a water well to the property after we
133 purchased it. It provides water for the homes, gardening, and supplies water to both
134 ponds in times of draught. It is centrally located on the property in close proximity to
135 the homes.

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

138 **ANSWER:** Yes. There is one well on the property. It is located in the northeast corner
139 of the property.

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

142 Unsure.

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147 **ANSWER:**

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

150 **ANSWER:** In addition, planned retirement for myself and family, and my brother and
151 his family and the generations to come. Additional trees and native plants will continue
152 to be added to enhance the property.

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

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159 ANSWER: My brother and I will continue to improve the property and provide safe
160 haven for any all endangered species of wildlife and plant life.

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

163 ANSWER: Local power transmission lines runs parallel to railroad tracks on
164 north/northeast boundary.

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

167 ANSWER: NO

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

170 ANSWER: No, it would unfortunately cross our property diagonally running the entire
171 length of our property. We oppose any southern route involving 16,18,19. Route 16 to
172 18 would cross our property diagonally and ruin the improvements we have made to
173 the property including the pond mentioned earlier. The route would basically split the
174 property in half ruining the beautiful views and force removal of pine and hardwood
175 trees, many in excess of 100 years old also potentially impact the endangered species
176 listed in previous statements.

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

179 ANSWER: The route 16 to 18 would cross our property diagonally and require tree
180 removal of trees in excess of 100 years old. It would also cross the large pond we have
181 created and ruin it. Based on the size of our property it would also negatively affect
182 gardening in the most prime area.

183 **QUESTION: Would they have to regularly drive under the transmission line if installed**
184 **on your property?**

185 ANSWER: Yes. Because there is no other way to access the property.

186 **QUESTION: Describe the aesthetic impact to your property if Garland Light builds a**
187 **345KV transmission line on your property?**

188 ANSWER: As stated before, the line would run diagonally the entire length of our
189 property, thereby devaluing the property with this ugly eyesore. There would be no
190 area of the property from which you could not see the line. The property was
191 purchased for the beautiful trees, small rolling hills, and contour changes. The
192 TRANSMISSION LINE would ruin that and split the property in half and ruin the views and
193 landscape.

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

201 ANSWER: There is history of Civil War skirmishes in this immediate area. Arrowheads
202 and other Indian artifacts have also been found in this area. The Hasinai Indians which
203 comprise a large group of Indians including but not limited to the Caddo Indians where
204 known to occupy this area.

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

207 ANSWER: Erosion of soil, removal of 100 plus year old trees, endangerment to wildlife
208 and endangered species of wildlife. Potential for flooding in already low lying areas of
209 property. Disturbance of existing wetlands. Disturbance and impact to endangered
210 species of wildlife.

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

ANSWER: Yes. Unnecessary erosion of property. Safety and security, Garland can't guarantee the safety and security of our property while they are occupying it.

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

ANSWER: Yes. Should line segment 16 be used, this will determine the next segment, either 18 or 19. If segment 19 is used, it will parallel County Road 127 and this will clear the entire Brushy Creek and increase further erosion in the area. **If segment 18 is used, this route will diagonally cross our property and devalue it, ruin it, basically dividing it in half with no respect to property boundary lines.**

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

ANSWER: Yes.

I oppose Route RP 41 and any route which would include segments 16, 18(would cross our property and does not follow any property line, it bisects our land diagonally) or 19 as these would directly affect my property.

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IV. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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

ANSWER: In the recent meeting held in Carthage at the Civic Center this month, a route was proposed by an attorney during that meeting. The proposed route was

242 1,7,9,13,23,24,28,31,34,41 and 43. I would support this route. **I oppose RP41(which**
243 **directly crosses our property), RP 46 and RP 50 which directly affect our property.**

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

245 **ANSWER: Yes.**

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