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APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF §
GARLAND TO AMEND A §
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE §
AND NECESSITY FOR THE §
PROPOSED RUSK TO PANOLA §
DOUBLE CIRCUIT 345-KV §
TRANSMISSION LINE IN RUSK AND §
PANOLA COUNTIES, TEXAS §

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
OF
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

SANDRA M. STEIN

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is Sandra M. Stein.

3 My address is:

4 13007 Bramford Pt. Lane

5 Houston, Texas 77070

6 **Q. DO YOU OPPOSE THE ROUTING OF THE RUSK TO PANOLA 345 KV**
7 **TRANSMISSION LINE BEING ON YOUR PROPERTY?**

8 A. Yes, I do oppose the transmission line crossing my property on Segment 6
9 for the following reasons.

- 10 • My property is located on Segment 6 (in both Southern and Central
11 proposed routes) and was inherited from my mother. Their property
12 has been in my family for over 100 plus years. My deceased mother
13 told me during the 1800's; her grandfather donated the land to build a
14 church and cemetery (my great-grandfather also preached at the
15 church) so the community would have a place to worship. The

1 historical church and cemetery is still a landmark in the community and
2 borders my maternal aunt's property. Many of my family members are
3 buried in that historical cemetery. There are also houses that border
4 the back side of my property.

5 • Currently, there are natural gas and oil lines on my property that have
6 been in place for years. I have been retired since 2011 and the royalty
7 income generated from the natural gas lines on the property have been
8 an immense help in augmenting my monthly income and living
9 expenses. The suggested routing 6 Segment would destroy the timber
10 that I would sell to generate income, thereby creating an adverse
11 impact on my retirement. In essence, construction of the transmission
12 line on Segment 6 could hinder oil and gas production as well as
13 financially interfere with me selling timber, potentially placing me in a
14 financial hardship during my retirement.

15 • Segment 6 crosses FM 1971 and appears to be closely routed to my
16 property that back up to Lake Murvaul; thus theoretically interfering
17 with wildlife relative to the wetland.

18 • The routing of Segment 6 across my land is an unfathomable
19 suggestion as it would divide my property and does not parallel my
20 property boundaries.

21 • Segment 6 could pose an undue hardship to the community by
22 exacerbating pre-existing conditions of the elderly and other members
23 that could be adversely affected.

1 • Segment 6 transmission line will also negatively impact any future
2 capital improvements (vacation home by the lake) to the land.

3 **Q. IS THERE A ROUTE YOU SUPPORT AS BEING IN ACCORDANCE**
4 **WITH COMMUNITY VALUES?**

5 A. Yes, there was discussion of a route at a meeting held in Carthage that
6 that I support. It includes Segments 1, 7, 9, 13, 23, 24, 28, 31, 34, 41, and
7 43. There were very few Intervenor's that would be affected and the line
8 would be over only three habitable structures. It was also a route where
9 one of the Intervenor's preferred that the line to be routed rather than two
10 other Segments where the line would cross her property. I believe most if
11 not all, the other affected Intervenor's could have concerns addressed if
12 Garland attempted to do so. For instance, most people prefer the line
13 follow their property line, rather than bisect their land.

14 **Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THE ROUTE YOU DESCRIBE WOULD BE IN**
15 **KEEPING WITH COMMUNITY VALUES?**


16 A. Yes, as based on my discussion above.

17 **Q. DOES THIS COMPLETE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

18 A. Yes, it does.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties in compliance with the Judge's Order No. 3 on the 27th day of April, 2016.


Jo Campbell