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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
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§ ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

CHARLES N. SPEARS

1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

2 A. My name is Charles N. Spears.

3 My address is:

4 P.O. Box 630600

5 Nacogdoches, Texas 75963

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
9 45. The proposal goes against PUC criteria of prudent avoidance and
10 paralleling property lines. The proposal does not consider paralleling
11 property boundaries. The route would go across a wetland area affecting
12 our wildlife habitat. It also crosses a pine plantation that we are farming.
13 We currently have a barn approximately 1,000 ft. from the proposal and
14 have plans to build a cabin and recreational area that would be very close

1 to the proposed line. This land is a hunting club as well and could present
2 a hazard to those using the land. Not acceptable at all.

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 Intervenorors 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 Intervenorors 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 Intervenorors 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?**

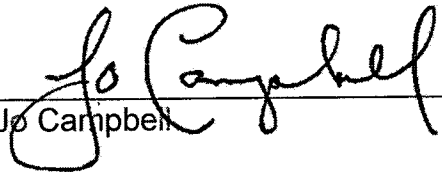
16 A. Yes, as based on my discussion above.

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