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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

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

CRAIG GIBBS

1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

2 A. My name is Craig Gibbs.

3 My address is:

4 4515 US Hwy 59 South

5 Tenaha, Texas 75974

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 29. The proposal goes against PUC criteria of prudent avoidance and  
10 paralleling property lines. The proposal splits my property in half and  
11 greatly devalues it as well. My home would be approximately 200' from  
12 the edge of the proposed ROW. We already have a line about 200' from  
13 our home. Combining these lines would pose EMF potential health  
14 hazards. The proposed route on Segment 45 goes approximately over  
15 the top of her existing home. Not acceptable at all.

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1 Q. IS THERE A ROUTE YOU SUPPORT AS BEING IN ACCORDANCE  
2 WITH COMMUNITY VALUES?

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

12 Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THE ROUTE YOU DESCRIBE WOULD BE IN  
13 KEEPING WITH COMMUNITY VALUES?

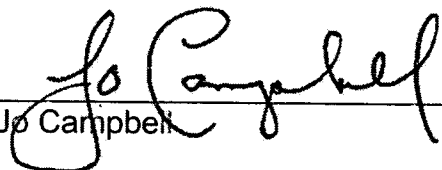
14 A. Yes, as based on my discussion above.

15 Q. DOES THIS COMPLETE YOUR TESTIMONY?

16 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

  
Jo Campbell