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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

FANNIE WATSON

1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

2 A. My name is Fannie Watson.

3 My address is:

4 3295 Us Hwy 84 E

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 17. It is my belief that this will devalue the property. This land is very dear
10 to me and my family because it is inherited land. My grandmother died in
11 childbirth and my grandfather raised eight children by himself on this
12 property so in our hearts it is precious. I feel that I should protect it.
13 Growth of timber will be affected and I know that lines of this sort are an
14 environmental issue.

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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 Intervenors 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 Intervenors 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 Intervenors 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?**

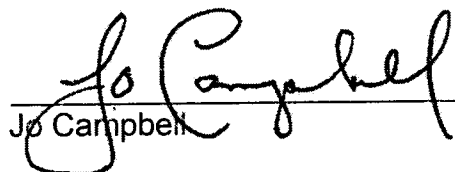
14 A. Yes, as based on my discussion above.

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 27th day of April, 2016.


Jo Campbell