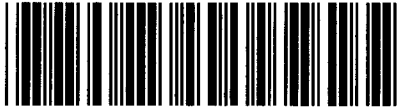




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APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF
GARLAND TO AMEND A
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY FOR THE
PROPOSED RUSK TO PANOLA
DOUBLE CIRCUIT 345-KV
TRANSMISSION LINE IN RUSK AND
PANOLA COUNTIES, TEXAS

§ BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
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§ OF
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§ ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

THOMAS PATTEN

1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

2 A. My name is Thomas Patten.

3 My address is:

4 449 County Road 449

5 Carthage, 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 44. The proposal goes against PUC criteria of prudent avoidance and
10 paralleling property lines. The proposal does not consider paralleling
11 property boundaries. I already have two three-phase lines in front of my
12 house, a local distribution line, and a larger main transmission line. My
13 mother-in-law, Catherine Dickerson, is 89 and not able to intervene for
14 herself, but her property is adjacent to mine. This proposed line would cut
15 her land in half making it worth nothing. It also would go beside her pond

1 where our children and grandchildren frequently fish and utilize posing
2 potential hazards with EMF's and if a line was to fall could produce
3 electrification. Not acceptable at all

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

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

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

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

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

19 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