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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

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
4003 GREGG STREET
DALLAS, TEXAS 75219

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

RUTH STEPHENS

1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

2 A. My name is Ruth Stephens.

3 My address is:

4 873 CR 430

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. According to the map, the transmission line will run directly through
10 the center of my property. This will devalue my land, and if I opt to sell it
11 at a later date, this would be a deterrent to buyers. This is property
12 belonged to my grandparents and we bought the land from aunts and
13 uncles, so it is special to me. Transmission lines of this type are
14 considered an environmental issue. I am requesting that this line not
15 cross my property.

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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?**

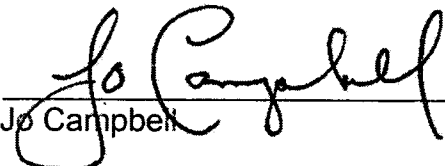
14 A. Yes, as based on my discussion above.

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