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November 4, 2015

Dusty Werth Burns & McDonnell Senior Environmental Scientist 9400 Ward Parkway Kansas City, MO 64114

Re: Project review under the Antiquities Code of Texas: Garland Power & Light, Rusk Interconnection, LLC (Public Utility Commission of Texas)

Dear Mr. Werth:

Thank you for your correspondence describing the above referenced project. This letter serves as comment on the proposed project from the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission.

The review staff, led by Kerry Nichols, has reviewed your letter and examined our maps. Our records indicate that much of the land area between the Rusk and Panola switching stations on your map has never been formally surveyed by a professional archeologist and could be situated in topographic locations with moderate to high potential for the presence of previously unrecorded cultural resources. Previous archeological surveys between the switching station locations have identified multiple archeological sites that could be affected by this project. Although we do not know the exact project route at this time, it is possible that an archeological survey could be required for all or portions of the project area. We look forward to receiving more detailed project plans for review.

Be advised that any survey performed on public land or within a public easement will require that the project archeologist apply for and receive an Antiquities Permit from our office before any investigations are undertaken. You may obtain lists of most professional archeologists in Texas on-line at: <u>www.c-tx-arch.org</u> or <u>www.rpanet.org</u>. Please note that other potentially qualified archeologists not included on these lists may be used.

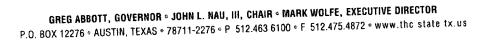
Thank you for your cooperation in this state review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. If we may be of further assistance, please call Kerry Nichols of our staff at 512/463-6508.

Sincerely, - h. Much

Mark Wolfe, State Historic Preservation Officer

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October 27, 2015

Ms. Sarah Forbes History Division Texas Historical Commission 1511 Colorado St Austin, TX 78701

Re: Rusk - Panola Transmission Project

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December 30, 2015

Dusty Werth Rusk-Panola Transmission Project

Subject - Requirements for a Right Of Way and Surface Use Agreement

Sabine River Authority of Texas property within the Toledo Bend Project falls under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The granting of easements or surface use agreements by SRA on land within the FERC Project Boundary requires various regulatory agency approvals and then finally FERC approval. Please understand this process can be lengthy and time consuming depending on the details of the project, details found on the affected location and various agencies requirements. The map on the Rusk-Panola website seems to show a powerline potentially crossing the Toledo Bend Project Boundary.

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Items needed from potential lessee for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approval:

- Letter of intent that includes company, contacts, and name of principals that appears on lease documents.
- Plat and metes & bounds description that is tied to the SRA property line ("take-line"), done by a registered land surveyor
- Damages Total Price per acre for surface uses & total, price per rod of pipeline easements & total, certified timber assessment in detail & total
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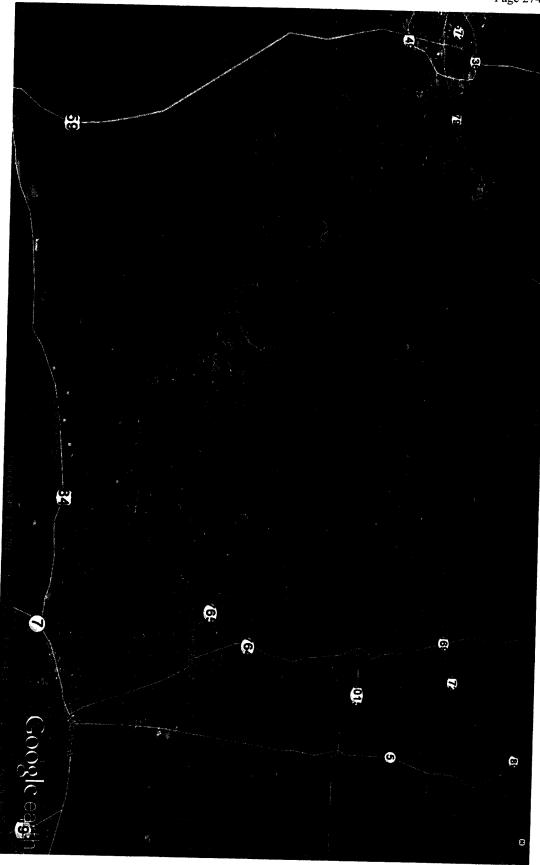
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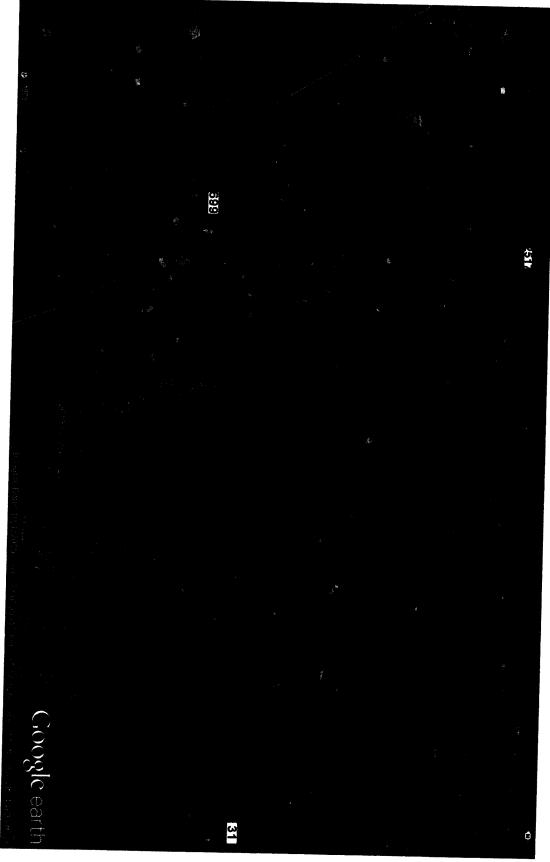
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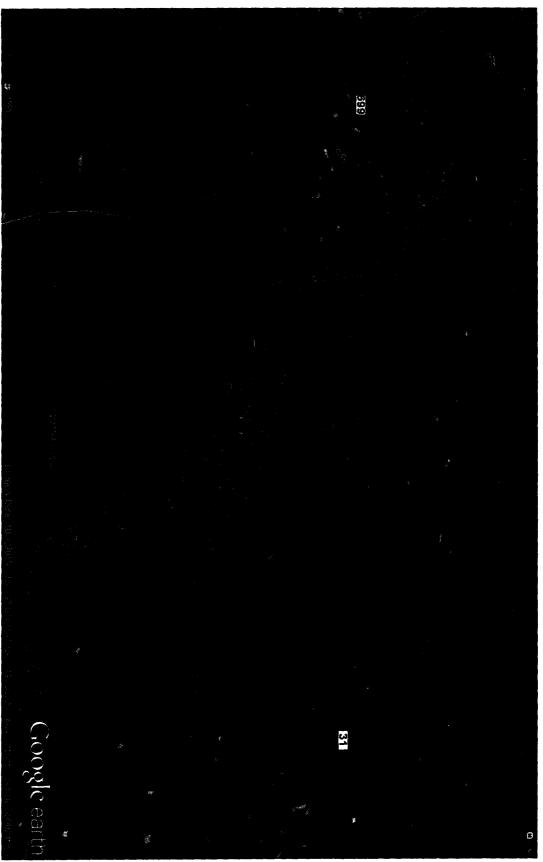
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October 27, 2015

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Re: Rusk - Panola Transmission Project

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Dear Mr. Hambrick:

Garland Power and Light and Rusk Interconnection LLC (Rusk) are developing the Rusk to Panola Transmission Project (Project) in order to interconnect the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) transmission grid to the Southern Cross electric transmission line that is planned to connect ERCOT and the southeastern United States. We are requesting your input on the Project, which will be submitted to the Public Utility Commission of Texas for approval of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN). The Project will begin at a new switching station in Rusk County and extend eastward for approximately 40 miles to a new switchyard adjacent to a new converter station, both to be located at the border of Texas and Louisiana (see enclosed map of the Project study area). Rusk and Garland have retained Burns & McDonnell to assist in the alternative route development and route selection for the Project.

Enclosed with this letter is a map depicting the study area for the Project. Burns & McDonnell is requesting your assistance inventorying the human and natural resources in the Project area to identify any routing constraints or opportunities within the area that should be considered as part of the Project. The new transmission line in the Project, and the subject of the CCN application, will be double circuit, 345-kV AC. Routing constraints include those areas or resources which may not be compatible with transmission line construction, such as airports, protected species habitat, or dense residential areas. Route opportunities include such things as previously disturbed areas, industrial corridors, and existing utility rights-of-way. Your input will assist the project team in developing preliminary alternative routes that take advantage of opportunities while minimizing potential environmental and land use impacts, including the following:

- Land use (current or proposed land development projects, park/recreation areas, etc.)
- Aesthetics
- Water quality and wetlands
- Soils and geology
- Wildlife, vegetation, and fisheries (including threatened and endangered species)
- Socioeconomics (population, employment, growth, current/future development)
- Cultural resources (historic and archaeological)
- Transportation and roads (airport and roadway expansions, construction, operations, and maintenance)

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