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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

Johnny Holmes

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
FILING CLERK

1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

2 A. My name is Johnny Holmes.

3 My address is:

4 P.O. Box 1525

5 Carthage, TX. 75633

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 26. We already have multiple easements and devaluation of property due
10 to them. The proposed route crosses right in the middle of our property
11 cutting it in to two useless pieces. The routing company did not follow
12 PUC recommendations to at least parallel property boundaries to minimize
13 landowners' impact.

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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 VI. CONCLUSION

16 Q. DOES THIS COMPLETE YOUR TESTIMONY?

17 A. Yes, it does.