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Regarding the Application of Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Corporation to amend a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Round Rock-Leander 138-KV Transmission Line in Williamson County.

This represents my testimony in opposition to the locating of the 138KV lines anywhere on County Road 175, Leander, Williamson County, Texas.

I, Reverend Bradley Kerkow, am Senior Pastor of and represent Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, the owners of six acres of land located at 2950 County Road 175. This land is located almost directly opposite the entrance to the Williamson County Regional Park.

Hope Lutheran Church is a new church plant started by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, a national church body located at 6 Browns Court, Mankato, MN 56001. In 2012, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod purchased the acreage on County Road 175 as an ideal location to start a new church. It is an attractive looking property in a growing, beautiful residential community and the fact that it is opposite of the county park was a reason it was bought. Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church incorporated in 2013.

Seeing a need in our community, the congregation immediately began a building project on the County Road 175 property. A site plan was developed by Architexas architects. Phase one includes a sanctuary to be built with construction starting in November 2016.

While this is future construction, it is not speculative. We have a timeline from our contractor Navcon.

Phase two of our construction would include a campus development with buildings, parking, driveways and the like extending right up to County Road 175.

The preferred Option #31 as selected by the Lower Colorado River Authority runs directly across the eastern portion of our land, which affronts County Road 175. The transmission lines will ruin the look and overall feel of our project. The

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transmission lines would essentially render our site plan unworkable and we would have to start again with reduced acreage and buildings. This not only means lost time and money, but it also reduces our ability to serve the community.

I believe this proposal for this location of the transmission lines creates an extreme and unwarranted burden for our neighborhood, County Road 175 and our congregation specifically.

