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Direct Testimony or Statement of Position for PUC Docket No. 45866

Please find my enclosed Direct Testimony and/or Statement of Position for PUC Docket No. 45866.

Please note that I am representing myself. I am not lawyer by profession. If I had not followed any procedure, it is just due to lack of knowledge. Please kindly accept my apologies if there are any mistakes filing this direct testimony. I believe all my statements made in direct testimony are true to my knowledge.

If there are any further questions or concerns regarding the enclosed information please let me know.

Bhaskara Palle

Sincerely,

Bhaskara Palle

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INTRODUCTION

I am Bhaskara Palle, resident of Round Rock, TX. This testimony is in regards to the proposed LCRA route 31. All below facts are true to my knowledge.

ISSUES WITH CURRENT ROUTING

My house is in Sendero Spring community directly facing highway 1431. When I purchased my home in 2013, the location map provided to us by the builder (Streetman homes) did not show any future high voltage power line on highway 1431. We paid a premium price the builder because of the location. If LCRA has been working on this project for years, why didn't they inform the new builders in the affected areas? We may not have purchased these houses at premium prices if we had been made aware of this. We only came to know about this project in 2014 when we received notices from LCRA.

I fail to understand why power lines need to be run through existing neighborhoods for providing power to new neighborhoods. Why can't LCRA bring power from west of these substations, where there is not much development. I don't have facts to prove but simple logic says this is all about money. Developers have developed current neighborhoods and sold them to homeowners like us and now the money is in the area where these substations are coming up, so developers don't want power lines in these areas where there is future growth, so current homeowners are being made the scapegoat for future potential growth. LCRA says Route 31 is selected because it's 4th cheapest and 7th least affected number of people. If cost and least affected is the criteria, shouldn't LCRA select the cheapest route or least affected route. Also if LCRA/PUC is concerned about cost of the project, what about individual homeowners like us?. Our entire life savings have been put into the current house. I hope honorable judge for this case will understand how middleclass homeowner's lives are getting impacted due to this. And if LCRA chooses this route, will they compensate homeowners like me, who are taking the financial hit because of this decision?

I personally would like to propose Route 3, which runs mostly parallel to I-35 and other under developed areas and also affects the least number of people.