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APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE  
ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC §  
TO AMEND A CERTIFICATE OF §  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY §  
FOR A 345-KV TRANSMISSION LINE § OF  
IN BRAZORIA, MATAGORDA, AND §  
WHARTON COUNTIES §  
§ ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
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DIRECT TESTIMONY

*of*

STEPHEN SLIVA ON BEHALF OF STEPHEN T. SLIVA, INC.,  
DBA SLIVA TURF FARMS

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## I. INTRODUCTION

2 **Q. Please state your name and address.**

3 A. My full name is Stephen T. Sliva and the Property is listed under Stephen T. Sliva, Inc. My  
4 mailing address is P.O. Box 1688 Bay City, Texas 77404.

5 **Q. Have you ever participated or testified in another proceeding before the Public Utility  
6 Commission of Texas ("PUC")?**

7 A. No.

8 **Q. On whose behalf are you testifying?**

9 A. I am testifying on behalf of Stephen T. Sliva, Inc., dba Sliva Turf Farms.

10 **Q. Can you describe your interest in SOAH Docket No. 473-19-1857 and PUC Docket  
11 No. 48629.**

12 A. I own property in Matagorda County that could be impacted by the transmission line  
13 proposed to be built by Centerpoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC.

14 **Q. Are you familiar with the Property and this area of Matagorda County, Texas?**

15 A. Yes.

16 **Q. Briefly describe your ownership history in the affected property.**

17 A. I purchased the property 20 years ago to develop into farmland for sod production.  
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## II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

20 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

21 A. The purpose of my testimony is to: (i) describe my property; (ii) describe the expected  
22 impact of the proposed transmission line on my property; and (iii) voice my opposition  
23 against certain segments and routes.

24 **Q. Is the information contained in your testimony true and correct to the best of your  
25 knowledge and belief?**

26 A. Yes, it is.  
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## III. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY AND IMPACT OF THE TRANSMISSION LINE ON THE PROPERTY

1   **Q.     Please describe your property.**

2   A.     I own an approximate 235-acre tract of land in Matagorda County (the "Property") that  
3           will be impacted by the proposed transmission line, if any route utilizing Segment HG is  
4           approved by the PUC. The Property has been identified by CenterPoint as Tract No. 21952,  
5           and is depicted on Exhibit "A". My family also owns the property identified as Tract No.  
6           21969 on Exhibit "A" that will be impacted if Segment HG is approved.

7   **Q.     Are there any habitable structures or other improvements on your property?**

8   A.     Habitable structures on the Property include a house, a mobile home, a barn, and a shop,  
9           all of which are in close proximity to Segment HG. Irrigation improvements have been  
10          made to the Property, along with multiple wells and road improvements.

11   **Q.     Please describe your Property's terrain and any ecological features.**

12   A.     The terrain features ponds, creeks, and trees. There are deer, bald eagles, and various kinds  
13          of other birds living on the Property.

14   **Q.     Are there any existing transmission lines that cross the Property?**

15   A.     No.

16   **Q.     Are there any existing pipelines that cross the Property?**

17   A.     Yes, there are existing pipelines on the Property from west to east.

18   **Q.     Please describe the Property's current uses and operations.**

19   A.     The Property is used for turf grass production and sales, and for recreational use (e.g.,  
20          fishing in the ponds, etc.). The property is also used as a residence.

21   **Q.     Are there planned future uses of the Property that are different from the current  
22          use(s)? If so, please explain.**

23   A.     No.

24   **Q.     If the transmission line is built on the Property, do you have any concerns about  
25          CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC having access to the Property?**

26   A.     Yes, I have the general concerns about the utility company having access to the roads on  
27          the Property that I use every day. I believe we will be negatively impacted by construction  
28          on our property and the daily use of the land by the utility company.

1   **Q.    If the transmission line is built on or near the Property, do you have any other**  
2   **concerns?**

3   A.    I believe that transmission line will be visually degrading to the Property and will  
4         cause it to decrease in value. I also have general health and environmental concerns.  
5         Finally, my turf farming operation requires aerial spraying in some instances, and a  
6         large transmission line on or near my property could impact the ability to properly  
7         apply aerial applications and cause significant crop damage.

8                                 **IV. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

9   **Q.    Please summarize your position in this proceeding regarding CenterPoint Energy**  
10   **Houston Electric's proposed alternative routes.**

11   A.    I am very opposed to the use of Segment HG, and any route utilizing the same.

12   **Q.    Does this conclude your testimony?**

13   A.    Yes, that concludes my testimony, subject to subsequent correction.

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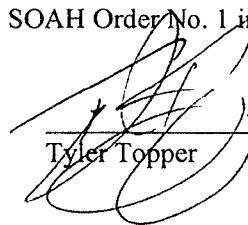
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