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If you want to be a PROTESTOR only, please complete this form. Although public comments are not treated as evidence, they help inform the PUC and its staff of the public ~~concerns~~ and identify issues to be explored. The PUC welcomes such participation in its proceedings.

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Public Utility Commission of Texas
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Attn: Filing Clerk
1701 N. Congress Ave.
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, TX 78711-3326

First Name: Gary & Deniece Last Name: Schaffner

Phone Number: 806-777-6510 Fax Number: _____

Address, City, State: 4905 E Woodrow Rd Slaton, Tx 79364

I am NOT requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As a PROTESTOR, I understand the following:

- I am NOT a party to this case;
- My comments are not considered evidence in this case; and
- I have no further obligation to participate in the proceeding.

Please check one of the following:

- ☒ I own property with a habitable structure located near one or more of the utility's proposed routes for a transmission line.
- ☒ One or more of the utility's proposed routes would cross my property.
- ☒ Other. Please describe and provide comments. You may attach a separate page, if necessary. _____

Please see attached documents.

Signature of person submitting comments:

Gary Schaffner Deniece Schaffner Date: 1-25-19

Gary & Deniece Schaffner
4905 East Woodrow Road
Slaton, Texas 79364

January 25, 2019

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Dear Public Utility Commission of Texas:

We are writing this letter as a formal protest, as we own property that one of the proposed utility high voltage line routes would cross, as well as owning a habitable structure located very near one of the proposed utility routes.

The proposed route of the high voltage line that runs north close to CR7700, turns west next to CR7640, and then turns north and runs next to CR2800 is the route we strongly oppose. This route runs through our family-owned farm, and as it turns west along CR7640, it would negatively affect the current irrigation infrastructure and practices used on this farm. This route would directly divide the current center pivot sprinkler and its coverage area. We feel as though this would cause substantial land devaluation to our property, as well as decreasing our ability to sell the property in the future.

This same route, when it turns north and runs close to CR2800, would run dangerously close to our homestead as it crosses Woodrow Road. This homestead was built in 1982, and has served as the primary residence for our family since that time. This particular section of the route concerns us the most. First, this would cause, what we would consider, significant property devaluation to our homestead. Secondly, and more important, we feel it would be dangerously close to the grandchildren that spend large amounts of time at our home. Lastly, we also feel as though it would be dangerous to the livestock that we keep housed on the north west corner of our property, and next to where the line would run.

In conclusion, we support the efforts of the Public Utility Commission and the possibility of improvements being made to our electric utility services. However, we feel as though it is the moral responsibility of the Public Utility Commission to choose a route for this high voltage line that does not negatively effect residents that have been established in their homes for many years. With an abundance of rural land, alternate routes are surely available. We feel that these routes should be strongly considered.

Sincerely,

Gary & Deniece Schaffner

