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JOINT APPLICATION OF SHARYLAND §
UTILITIES, L.P. AND CITY OF §
LUBBOCK, ACTING BY AND THROUGH §
LUBBOCK POWER & LIGHT, FOR A §
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND §
NECESSITY FOR THE PROPOSED §
WADSWORTH TO NEW OLIVER TO § OF
FARMLAND 345-KV TRANSMISSION §
LINE IN LUBBOCK AND LYNN §
COUNTIES AND THE PROPOSED §
SOUTHEAST TO NEW OLIVER TO §
OLIVER 115-KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN §
LUBBOCK COUNTY § ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF INTERVENORS
WILLIAM TYE AND AMANDA WILLIAMSON

Intervenors, William Tye and Amanda Williamson file this Direct Testimony, which is attached. William Tye and Amanda Williamson stipulate that this Direct Testimony can be treated by all parties as if the answers were filed under oath.

Respectfully submitted,

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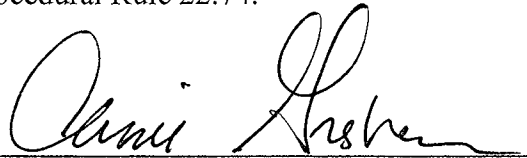
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on May 7, 2019 in accordance with Public Utility Commission Procedural Rule 22.74.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cassie Gresham", written over a horizontal line.

Cassie Gresham

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

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4 QUESTION: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND CURRENT ADDRESS FOR THE
5 RECORD.

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7 ANSWER: Tye and Amanda Williamson
8 12309 FM 3431
9 Slaton, Texas 79564
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12 QUESTION: ARE YOU AN INTERVENOR IN SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-19-2405
13 AND PUC DOCKET NO. 48909 AND ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU TESTIFYING?
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15 ANSWER: Yes, and we are testifying on behalf of ourselves.
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18 QUESTION: HAVE YOU EVER TESTIFIED IN A PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
19 OF TEXAS ("PUC" OR "COMMISSION") PROCEEDING? IF SO, WHEN?
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21 ANSWER: No, we have not.
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24 QUESTION: WHERE IS YOUR PROPERTY LOCATED?
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26 ANSWER: Our property is located on the east side of FM 3431, west of FM 2800 and
27 north of FM 1585. Our property is identified by Sharyland Utilities, LP and Lubbock Power
28 & Light ("Sharyland & LP&L") as R323512. **See Exhibit A.**
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31 QUESTION: HOW LONG HAVE YOU OWNED THE PROPERTY?
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33 ANSWER: We have owned the property for five years.
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36 QUESTION: ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THIS AREA OF LUBBOCK COUNTY,
37 TEXAS?
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39 ANSWER: Yes, we are very familiar with Lubbock County and the surrounding area.

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2 **II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF TESTIMONY**
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5 QUESTION: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?
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7 ANSWER: The purpose of our testimony is to (a) describe our property, (b) describe
8 the expected impact of the proposed transmission line on our property, (c) voice our
9 opposition against Sharyland & LP&L's SNO Segments B19A, B19B, B22A, B22B,
10 B24A, B24B, B26A, B26B, B59A and B59B any Routes utilizing these Segments. In
11 addition, We oppose WNF Segments A14, A15, A19, A22, A23, A24, A26, A27 A28,
12 A29, A30, A31, A38, A41, A47, A48, A51, A52, A53, A60, A61, A64, A66 and A68 and
13 any Routes which utilize these Segments and d) voice our support for Sharyland & LP&L's
14 recommended Route SNO 9 and Route SNO 2. While we are not opposed to Sharyland &
15 LP&L's recommended Route WNF 20 using Segment 53, we prefer WNF Route 6,
16 WNF Route 7 and WNF Route 13.
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19 QUESTION: WHAT ARE YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED SNO
20 TRANSMISSION LINE USING SHARYLAND AND LP&L'S SEGMENTS B19A,
21 B19B, B22A, B22B, B24A, B24B, B26A, B26B, B59A, B59B AND WNF SEGMENTS
22 A14, A15, A19, A22, A23, A24, A26, A27 A28, A29, A30, A31, A38, A41, A47, A51,
23 A52, A53, A60, A61, A64, A66 AND A68?
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25 ANSWER: In general, we are opposed to the construction of Sharyland & LP&L's
26 transmission line through my community because of the following: (1) a 115/345-kV
27 transmission line will severely depreciate the value of our property; (2) a 115/345-kV
28 transmission line will severely detract from the scenic beauty and aesthetic values of our
29 property and the area; (3) a 115/345-kV transmission line would negatively impact
30 community, economic and historical values and character of our property and the area;
31 (4) and visitors will have to drive under or near a 115/345-kV transmission line on a
32 regular basis; (5) for transmission lines crossing our property, we would be required to give

1 third parties access to our property, which limits the privacy and control over our property;
2 and (6) we have general concerns about any buzzing of the 115/345-kV transmission line
3 and general health and safety concerns and concerns living and being close to a 115/345-
4 kV transmission line.

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7 **III. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY AND THE LINE'S IMPACT**
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10 QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY HABITABLE STRUCTURES ON THE PROPERTY?
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12 ANSWER: Yes, our home is on this property.
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15 QUESTION: WOULD THE SEGMENTS THAT MIGHT IMPACT YOUR PROPERTY
16 RUN ALONG ANY BOUNDARY LINES OF YOUR PROPERTY?
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18 ANSWER: Yes, Segments B19A and B19B would cross the western boundary of our
19 property in front of our home. **See Exhibit A.**
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22 QUESTION: WOULD YOU HAVE TO REGULARLY DRIVE UNDER THE
23 TRANSMISSION LINE IF INSTALLED ON YOUR PROPERTY.
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25 ANSWER: Yes. Every time we drove to or from our property we would have to drive
26 under the transmission line.
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29 QUESTION: DESCRIBE THE AESTHETIC IMPACT TO YOUR PROPERTY IF
30 SHARYLAND & LP&L BUILDS A 115/345-kV TRANSMISSION LINE ON YOUR
31 PROPERTY.
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33 ANSWER: The transmission line would literally be in our front yard, it's all we would
34 see from our home. It would destroy the scenic view we currently have from our property
35 and also decrease our property value.

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3 QUESTION: IF THE TRANSMISSION LINE IS BUILT ON YOUR PROPERTY, DO
4 YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT SHARYLAND & LP&L HAVING ACCESS
5 TO YOUR PROPERTY?
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7 ANSWER: Yes, we have the general concerns of landowners who are required to give
8 third parties access to their property. Also, this would materially affect the use of our
9 property. We hope that Sharyland & LP&L will respect our property.
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12 QUESTION: IF THE TRANSMISSION LINE IS BUILT ON YOUR PROPERTY, DO
13 YOU HAVE ANY OTHER CONCERNS?
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15 ANSWER: We have general safety and health concerns for living around transmission
16 lines and EMF issues. Because potential buyers may be aware of medical studies available
17 on the Internet arguing, correctly or not, a connection between high-powered transmission
18 lines causing health problems and possible cancer, we are concerned about a negative
19 stigma being attached to my property and the possible devaluation of our property value.
20 In addition, the buzzing sounds emanating from high-voltage transmission lines would be
21 bothersome for people living near them.
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24 QUESTION: IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE THE
25 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE AND THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION TO
26 CONSIDER IN THIS PROCEEDING?
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29 ANSWER: We have two small children and we are extremely concerned about their
30 health. We have invested a significant amount of money into this home and would lose it
31 all if this line is placed in our front yard.
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2 **IV. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
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5 QUESTION: HOW WOULD YOU SUMMARIZE YOUR POSITION IN THIS
6 PROCEEDING REGARDING SHARYLAND & LP&L'S RECOMMENDED ROUTE
7 SNO 9 AND ANY ROUTES USING SEGMENTS B19A, B19B, B22A, B22B, B24A,
8 B24B, B26A, B26B, B59A, B59B AND WFN RECOMMENDED ROUTE WNF 20 AND
9 SEGMENTS A14, A15, A19, A22, A23, A24, A26, A27 A28, A29, A30, A31, A38, A41,
10 A47, A48, A51, A52, A53, A60, A61, A64, A66 AND A68?
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12 ANSWER: I oppose Sharyland & LP&L's use of SNO B19A, B19B, B22A, B22B,
13 B24A, B24B, B26A, B26B, B59A and B59B any Routes utilizing these Segments. In
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16 A66 and A68 and any Routes which utilize these Segments. While I am not opposed to
17 Sharyland & LP&L's recommended Route WNF 20 using Segment 53, I prefer WNF
18 Route 6, WNF Route 7 and WNF Route 13 as the routes that best meet the overall
19 community values and PURA § 37.056(c)(4) and P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.101(b)(3)(B).
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22 QUESTION: DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?
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24 ANSWER: Yes.

