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Request to Intervene in PUC Docket No. 51023

The following information must be submitted by the person requesting to intervene in this proceeding. This completed form will be provided to all parties in this docket. **If you DO NOT want to be an intervenor, but still want to file comments, please complete the "Comments" page.**

Mail this completed form and 10 copies to:

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I am requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As an INTERVENOR, I understand the following:

- I am a party to the case;
- I am required to respond to all discovery requests from other parties in the case;
- If I file testimony, I may be cross-examined in the hearing;
- If I file any documents in the case, I will have to provide a copy of that document to every other party in the case; and
- I acknowledge that I am bound by the Procedural Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) and the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

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.

See Attached

Signature of person requesting intervention:

Robert Bernsen Leslie Bernsen

Date: 9-3-2020

Effective: April 8, 2020

It is understood that due to the ever continuing growth in the Scenic Loop Substation and Transmission Line Project area, more electrical power is needed to support the **newer subdivisions** to this long standing historic area. It is also my understanding that a final decision has not been made in regard to the location of the proposed substation and transmission segment lines. As a long time homeowner and resident we appreciate the opportunity to have a voice.

According to the forty-eight criteria items listed on the Environmental Analysis Evaluation Criteria Table, "Length of alternative route (miles) and "Number of habitable structures within 300 feet of the route centerline" are the first two items listed on the criteria table and must be weighed heavily in making a final decision both of which are of extreme importance.

On the Environmental and Land Use Data for Segment Evaluation table, routes A, B, E, G, H and X include some of the highest number (69), (62), (60), (52),(61), and (41) of existing habitable dwellings/structures that fall within the **300 ft.** threshold. My home and water well along with approximately 20 other homes, many with water wells, are all within **300 feet** of the proposed transmission towers and electrical lines on Segment 17. With the segment 17 route so close (**within at least 300 feet**) to 20 homes just on this one segment, there is definitely a perceived and/or real medical concern in regard to higher rates of children who live in close proximity to these high powered electrical lines developing leukemia and or other central nervous system medical concerns. It is prudent and publically responsible to place lines where the **least amount** of existing habitable dwellings and wells exist. As per the Environmental and Land Use Data for Segment Evaluation Table there are 18 other proposed routes that would affect far less existing structures and water wells.

Another major consideration and of financial consideration is the total route length. Of the routes listed above (A, B, E, G, H, X), all but one are **over 6 miles in length**. It is prudent to choose one of the shortest routes possible to **further reduce** the number of homeowners directly impacted and involve the least amount of land usage. Again, there many routes that would impact a great deal fewer existing habitable structures (within 300 feet) and are well under 6 miles in length. According to the 29 proposed transmission line routes, 6 routes impact 10 or fewer existing habitable structures with 3 of those routes less than 5 miles in length, again requiring fewer transmission towers and power lines to be erected.

Undeniably, loss of home and land valuation is of upmost importance for all stakeholders as we too will be financially impacted. However, there is a significant difference between homeowners that are directly affected by the location of Segment 17 compared to those who may be affected due to an aesthetic factor. We implore the decision makers to give much weight and consideration to the first two items on your Evaluation Criteria Table, "Length of alternative route (miles) and "Number of habitable structures within 300 feet of the route centerline".

Thank you,
Robert and Leslie Bernsen