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**BEFORE THE** 

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**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS** 

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APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF SAN§ANTONIO ACTING BY AND THROUGH§THE CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD§(CPS ENERGY) TO AMEND ITS§CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE§AND NECESSITY FOR THE PROPOSED§SCENIC LOOP 138-KV TRANSMISSION§LINE§

## STATEMENT OF POSITION OF Kristina Stroud

My name is Kristina Stroud. I am an intervenor in this case. I live at 24927 Caliza Terrace, San Antonio, Texas 78006, which is within the Anaqua Springs Ranch subdivision. I am impacted by the transmission line that runs along Toutant Beauregard and that runs along the southern border of Anaqua Springs Ranch property. My children will also attend McAndrew elementary school which is adjacent to Anaqua Springs Ranch. The elementary school will also be impacted by the proposed transmission line.

I am opposed to the routes that use, run along, are parallel to, follow, or utilize Toutant Beauregard for the following reasons:

1. The proposed routes run along the property of McAndrews Elementary school which is located at 26615 Toutant Beauregard Rd, Boerne, Texas 78006. The route would essentially be behind the school and within running distance of children playing in the playground area. There are many scientific studies that suggest long term exposure to electromagnetic fields emitted by high voltage transmission (HVT) lines may adversely impact a child's development and health. Some of the scientific studies published in renowned scientific journals suggest HVT lines have detrimental impacts on neurobehavioral function. Although the studies have their limitations on scope, protocol, and conclusions, one thing is very clear: there are zero studies that one-hundred percent conclude that HVT lines are safe for a child's development and health. Knowing this, would you want to gamble your child's health and development? If you would not gamble your child's health and development, then why would you force this gamble upon myself and the hundreds of other parents who have children that attend McAndrew Elementary School?

- 2. In addition, the construction of these HVT lines behind and/or along the side of McAndrew Elementary School may present a very real and likely danger. Children are inquisitive and excited by the unknown. If you tell a child, "do not touch the hot burner", what do they do? They instinctively reach for the hot burner because they must know, "why can't I touch this"? It is because of this very instinct that a child would make their way towards one of these extremely tall and "curious" looking poles. They would be attracted to the idea of learning or trying to figure out the unknown. A child would not read signs that say "Danger" as stay away this will cause harm, but as I must explore this fascinating and new thing.
- 3. The majority of parents who have children at McAndrew Elementary School have not been notified about this CPS project. CPS took the time to send out notices to affected landowners, but parents with children at McAndrew Elementary School received nothing. Why did CPS decide to not inform parents? It would not have been unreasonable for CPS to send out these notices. Parents are unaware and lacking information regarding this project. Many parents have only received information that has been given to them from other intervenors who live along Toutant Beauregard. It is very disconcerting and abhorrent that the parents of

children who attend McAndrew Elementary School were not personally notified of this project by CPS. It shows a lack of honesty to this community and the public has a right to know what CPS is trying to do. It is illogical that CPS did not contact parents who have children that attend McAndrew Elementary School.

I wish to remain an intervenor and participate in this case for the sake of my child's wellbeing.

Respectfully,

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Kristina Stroud 24927 Caliza Terrace

**INTERVENOR**