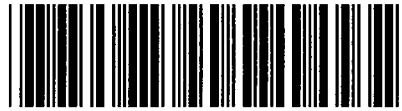




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APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD (CPS ENERGY) TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE PROPOSED SCENIC LOOP 138-KV TRANSMISSION LINE

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BEFORE THE  
STATE OFFICE OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

STATEMENT OF POSITION OF Margaret Couch

My name is Margaret Couch. I am an intervenor in this case. I own a lot at 11203 Anaqua Springs, which is within the Anaqua Springs Ranch subdivision, and I am impacted by the proposed transmission line that runs along Toutant Beauregard Road and that runs parallel to the southern border of Anaqua Springs Ranch property.

I am opposed to the routes that follow Toutant Beauregard Road because it will impact the property values of a significant number of residents along the path compared to other options available. The proposed route runs across the entrance to Anaqua Springs Ranch. It will negatively impact the desirability and aesthetic appeal of the development to potential buyers.

The path along Toutant Beauregard Road also runs dangerously close to McAndrews Elementary School. While studies on the impact of high voltage lines on children have produced conflicting results, a number of studies report a correlation between incidents of serious health issues (including cancer) and those children spending significant time in close proximity to high voltage lines. Even though the research is inclusive at this point, why take the risk with our children when other routes are available that impact very few habitable structures?

I also object to the process CPS used in communicating with residents the routes under consideration. This route along Toutant Beauregard Road and the school was not presented at the

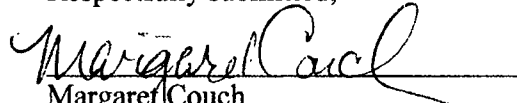
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information meeting presented to residents in the fall of 2019 by CPS. At the time, I served on the HOA Board and we made regular inquiries with CPS regarding the routes under consideration. We were told repeatedly that no new routes were under consideration. It was not until notices were sent in the late spring of 2020 to residents potentially affected by the proposed routes that we learned of this new route. Because we trusted the integrity of the information we received from CPS for months, we were delayed in hiring legal representation.

I am also opposed to the routes that use segments 38, 39, and 43 because those segments will also impact the property values of Anaqua Springs properties on the southern border. Other routes are available which impact significantly fewer properties.

I wish to remain an intervenor and participate in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Couch". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Margaret Couch

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