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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 §**

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
FILING CLERK

STATE OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**STATEMENT AND POSITION OF
ALAN E. HIBBERD**

1. My name is Alan E. Hibberd. I own several lots that are directly affected by the routes currently under consideration.

I have several lots located on Karsch Road and Willoughby Way. These are all on High Country Ranch. My properties will be severely impacted if Route 46, in particular, or if Route 49 is selected.

High Country Ranch was developed over forty years ago as a unique entity which has 15 individual lots and a common area of an additional 300 acres for the enjoyment of the owners.

I purchased my properties to enjoy the area and, in particular, to partake of the long views and expansive vistas of the Texas Hill Country. My properties include the second highest elevation in Bexar county and the site of my proposed retirement home.

Route 46, 46a, and 46b, if selected, will place one of the utility towers directly in the center on my property and the site of the highest elevation. Needless to say, no home could be built there and the value of the property would be reduced to zero.

The Route 49 proposed line will be directly in the line of sight of the most expansive views the High Country Ranch and my property have to offer. Who would want a property where you would have to look through a sea of power lines to see the vista?

2. The High Country Ranch is a unique ecosystem that has been carefully managed and protected since its inception. It is a hunting preserve and supports cattle. It is

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the home of both game and non-game animals; including being the home and breeding area for the Golden Cheek Warbler. Red harvester ants, which uniquely support the horned toad (the Texas state reptile), are seen on the property. Both, as you know, have been driven to near extinction in this area.

If power lines using Route 46, 46a, 46, and/or 49 are selected this will alter this otherwise very sensitive ecosystem permanently.

3. The actions of developers and moneyed interests by donating right of way and selective home construction, done to influence the determination of route selection, is extremely concerning. It undermines ethical norms and the belief the project is proceeding in an honest and fair way.

4. The effects on electromagnetic fields are not fully understood. Some studies suggest they may have a carcinogenic effect on those in close proximity. They may prove to be very harmful over time. Whether real or perceived, these concerns will certainly produce anxiety and diminish the quality of life on my properties and certainly preclude the sale of these properties in the future.

5. Placing high power transmission lines in close proximity to an elementary school seems ill-advised as the long term effects of electromagnetic fields are not fully understood.

6. In summary, as outlined above, I object to the use of Routes 46, 46a, 46b, or 49a.

Respectfully submitted,

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