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APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF SAN § ANTONIO ACTING BY AND THROUGH Ş THE CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD Ş (CPS ENERGY) TO AMEND § ITS **CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND** § THE NECESSITY FOR PROPOSED § **SCENIC LOOP 138-KV TRANSMISSION** § LINE § FEB 1 6 2021 BY RECEIVED FEB 1 6 2021 BY RE THE

**BEFORE THE** 

STATE OFFICE OF

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS** 

## STATEMENT OF POSITION OF

## SUNIL K. DWIVEDI, MD

My name is Sunil Dwivedi and I am an intervenor in this case. I am a practicing Gastroenterologist in San Antonio medical center. I live at 11218 Caliza Bluff, which is within the Anaqua Springs Ranch subdivision and I am impacted by the proposed transmission line that runs along the southern border of Anaqua Springs Ranch property. The proposed segment 38 tower would be right alongside my property line and I find this unacceptable.

I purchased the property in 2013. We were drawn to the natural beauty of the neighborhood and surrounding area. We worked hard over the following years to save money to design and construct our dream home which was recently completed in December of 2018.

I am opposed to the placement of a high voltage transmission line and tower in such proximity to my home for a number of reasons, the first being the safety of my family. It is my responsibility to protect my children and I feel this route is indeed a serious health hazard. There is the danger that is associated with construction of such enormous metal towers adjacent to my home. I also have concerns that my young children may become curious to explore these towers and try to climb them as they would be so close to my yard. As a physician I am concerned about the possible detrimental effects that long-term exposure to electromagnetic fields could have on my children's health living adjacent to these structures 24 hours a day. There are studies that suggest negative impact on neurobehavioral function as well as increased risk for leukemia. One of my children is already under medical treatment and I cannot support the thought of increased risks to my children's health. We built our family dream home to be our safe haven, not a place to be constantly worried about immediate and long-term dangers.

I am also concerned about the decreased property value that would be associated with running the power lines so close to our house. Estimates suggest 20-40% decrease in value.

I also object to the route that runs along Toutant Beauregard. This would have negative economic impacts on multiple families living in multiple neighborhoods including my own. This would also significantly negatively impact the aesthetics of this region. It would likely involve removal of large beautiful oak trees in the front of the neighborhood and require moving of the guard house.

I have worked very hard for a very long time to make our dreams a reality. I am opposed to the routes that use segments 38, 39, 43 and Toutant Beauregard when alternate options exist with much less impact on individuals.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sunil K. Dwivedi, MD 11218 Caliza Bluff