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

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF GUME GARZA
ON BEHALF OF CLEARWATER RANCH POA

Intervenor, Gume Garza, on behalf of Clearwater Ranch POA (“Clearwater Ranch”) files this Direct Testimony, which is attached. Gume Garza is an Intervenor through the purchase of the property from Intervenor Russell and Brook Harris. Clearwater Ranch stipulates that this Direct Testimony can be treated by all parties as if the answers were filed under oath.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on February 19, 2021, in accordance with Public Utility Commission Procedural Rule 22.74.

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4 **I. INTRODUCTION**

5 QUESTION: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND CURRENT ADDRESS FOR THE
6 RECORD.

7 ANSWER: Gume Garza, 6 Regent Arms, San Antonio, TX 78257.
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10 QUESTION: ARE YOU AN INTERVENOR IN SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-21-0247 AND PUC
11 DOCKET NO. 51023 AND ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU TESTIFYING?
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13 ANSWER: Yes. I am testifying on behalf of myself, Gume Garza and Clearwater Ranch POA,
14 which I fully support.
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16 QUESTION: HAVE YOU EVER TESTIFIED IN A PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
17 TEXAS ("PUC" OR "COMMISSION") PROCEEDING?
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19 ANSWER: No.
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22 QUESTION: BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR OCCUPATION, EDUCATIONAL AND WORK
23 HISTORIES.
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25 ANSWER: I am the CEO of my own transportation company, mu education is in Business
26 Finance, and I have worked 22 years at same company, Royal Express, Inc.
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29 QUESTION: WHERE IS YOUR PROPERTY LOCATED?
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31 ANSWER: 24623 Clearwater Run, San Antonio, TX 780255. Lot 8. I purchased the property from
32 Intervenors Russell & Brook Harris. **See Exhibit A.**
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35 QUESTION: HOW LONG HAVE YOU OWNED THE PROPERTY?
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37 ANSWER: 5 months.
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40 QUESTION: ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THIS AREA OF BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS?
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42 ANSWER: No.

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4 **II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF TESTIMONY**

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6 QUESTION: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

7 ANSWER: The purpose of our testimony is to (a) describe our property; (b) describe the expected
8 impact of the proposed transmission line on our property; (c) voice our opposition against The City
9 of San Antonio, acting by and through the City Public Service Board (“CPS Energy”), using
10 Segments 25, 26a, 32, 37, 38, 39, and 43 and Routes F1, K, L, N1, P, Q1, R1, T1, U1, BB, and CC
11 which utilize these Segments; and (d) voice our support for Routes Z1 and AA1.

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13 QUESTION: WHAT IS CLEARWATER RANCH POA’S CONCERNS ABOUT THE
14 PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE USING CPS ENERGY’S SEGMENTS 25, 26a, 37, 38, 39
15 AND 43 AND ROUTES F1, K, L, N1, P, Q1, R1, T1, U1, BB, AND CC?
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17 ANSWER: In general, Clearwater Ranch is opposed to the construction of CPS Energy’s
18 transmission line through their community because of the following: (1) a 138-kV transmission
19 line will severely depreciate the value of the Clearwater Ranch properties; (2) a 138-kV
20 transmission line will severely detract from the scenic beauty and aesthetic values of the
21 Clearwater Ranch properties and area; (3) a 138-kV transmission line would negatively impact
22 community, economic, and historical values and the character, ecology, and biology of Clearwater
23 Ranch’s properties and area; (4) the Clearwater Ranch residents and visitors will have to drive
24 under or near a 138-kV transmission line on a regular basis; (5) for transmission lines crossing a
25 Clearwater Ranch property, they would be required to give third parties access to their properties,
26 which limits the privacy and control over our properties; (6) Clearwater Ranch has general
27 concerns about any buzzing of the 138 kV transmission line and general health and safety concerns
28 and concerns about living and being close to a 138 kV transmission line; and, (7) we have gone to
29 great lengths to preserve native Texas Hill Country and have established guarantees to preserve
30 the natural native flora and fauna of the Texas Hill Country. A 138 kV transmission line would
31 utterly destroy the protections that we have established and destroy this portion of undeveloped
32 Hill Country.
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2 **III. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY AND THE LINE'S IMPACT**
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5 QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY HABITABLE STRUCTURES ON THE PROPERTY?

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7 ANSWER: No.
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10 QUESTION: PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR PROPERTY'S TERRAIN AND ITS
11 ECOLOGICAL OR BIOLOGICAL FEATURES.

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13 ANSWER: Soft terrain with many full grown trees.
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16 QUESTION: PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR PROPERTY'S CURRENT USES.

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18 ANSWER: I'm planning on building my residential home there.
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21 QUESTION: HAVE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY UNDERTAKEN ANY EFFORTS TO
22 RESTORE THE LAND OR THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF THE PROPERTY?

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24 ANSWER: Not at this time, but I am planning to.
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27 QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY WATER WELL SITES ON THE PROPERTY? IF SO,
28 DESCRIBE THE GENERAL LOCATION.

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30 ANSWER: Yes, it is located 150 feet from Clearwater Run Street and 200 Feet from Clearwater
31 Creek Street.
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34 QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY GAS WELLS ON THE PROPERTY? IF SO, DESCRIBE
35 THE GENERAL LOCATION.

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37 ANSWER: No.
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40 QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY PIPELINE EASEMENTS ON THE PROPERTY? IF SO,
41 DESCRIBE THE GENERAL LOCATION.

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43 ANSWER: No.
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2 QUESTION: PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY PLANNED FUTURE USES OF YOUR PROPERTY
3 IF THOSE USES ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE CURRENT USES PREVIOUSLY
4 DESCRIBED.

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6 ANSWER: I plan to use the property as my residence with a guest house, storage, barns and horse
7 arena.

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10 QUESTION: DO ANY EXISTING TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION LINES CROSS
11 YOUR PROPERTY? IF SO, PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW AND WHERE THEY CROSS THE
12 PROPERTY.

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14 ANSWER: Yes, there is a CPS electric distribution line, which our neighborhood went at great
15 expense to bury underground to preserve the natural beauty of the area. I am planning to have any
16 electricity distribution line to my structures buried as well.

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18 QUESTION: ARE THERE CURRENT PLANS FOR OTHER UTILITY FEATURES ON
19 YOUR PROPERTY? IF SO, PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW AND WHERE THEY CROSS THE
20 PROPERTY.

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22 ANSWER: No.

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25 QUESTION: WOULD THE LINKS THAT MIGHT IMPACT YOUR PROPERTY RUN
26 ALONG ANY BOUNDARY LINES OF YOUR PROPERTY?

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28 ANSWER: No.

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31 QUESTION: HOW WOULD A 138-KV ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE IMPACT YOUR
32 PROPERTY AND ITS OPERATIONS?

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34 ANSWER: It could affect my health.

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37 QUESTION: WOULD YOU HAVE TO REGULARLY DRIVE UNDER THE
38 TRANSMISSION LINE IF INSTALLED ON YOUR PROPERTY.

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40 ANSWER: No.

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2 QUESTION: DESCRIBE THE AESTHETIC IMPACT TO YOUR PROPERTY IF CPS
3 ENERGY BUILDS A 138-KV TRANSMISSION LINE ON YOUR PROPERTY.

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5 ANSWER: I bought the Property because of the mature trees and scenic beauty of this area. A
6 transmission line in the Clearwater Ranch community would be unsightly for all who live here.

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9 QUESTION: IF THE TRANSMISSION LINE IS BUILT ON YOUR PROPERTY, DO YOU
10 HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT CPS ENERGY HAVING ACCESS TO YOUR PROPERTY?

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12 ANSWER: Yes, we have the general concerns of landowners who are required to give third parties
13 access to their property. Also, this would materially affect the use of our property. I hope that
14 CPS will respect my property.

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17 QUESTION: IF THE TRANSMISSION LINE IS BUILT ON YOUR PROPERTY, DO YOU
18 HAVE ANY OTHER CONCERNS?

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20 ANSWER: We have general safety and health concerns for living around transmission lines and
21 EMF issues. Because potential buyers may be aware of medical studies available on the Internet
22 arguing, correctly or not, a connection between high-powered transmission lines causing health
23 problems and possible cancer, we are concerned about a negative stigma being attached to our
24 property and the possible devaluation of our property value. In addition, the buzzing sounds
25 emanating from high-voltage transmission lines would be bothersome for people living near them.

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28 QUESTION: IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE THE ADMINISTRATIVE
29 LAW JUDGE AND THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION TO CONSIDER IN THIS
30 PROCEEDING?

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32 ANSWER: Please do not destroy the beauty of nature which surrounds this community.
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1 **IV. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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4 QUESTION: HOW WOULD YOU SUMMARIZE YOUR POSITION IN THIS PROCEEDING
5 REGARDING CPS ENERGY'S PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE ROUTES F1, K, L, N1, P, Q1,
6 R1, T1, U1, BB, AND CC AND CPS ENERGY'S PREFERRED ROUTES Z1 AND AA1?
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8 ANSWER: We oppose CPS Energy's Alternative Routes F1, K, L, N1, P, Q1, R1, T1, U1, BB,
9 and CC and any Route using Segments 25, 26a, 32, 37, 38, 39, and 43. We support CPS Energy's
10 Routes Z1 and AA1 as the route(s) that best meet(s) the overall community values and PURA §
11 37.056(c)(4) and P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.101(b)(3)(B).

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13 QUESTION: DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?
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15 ANSWER: Yes.



GARZA GUME - Lot 8
 +/- 12.4700 Acres - Bexar County

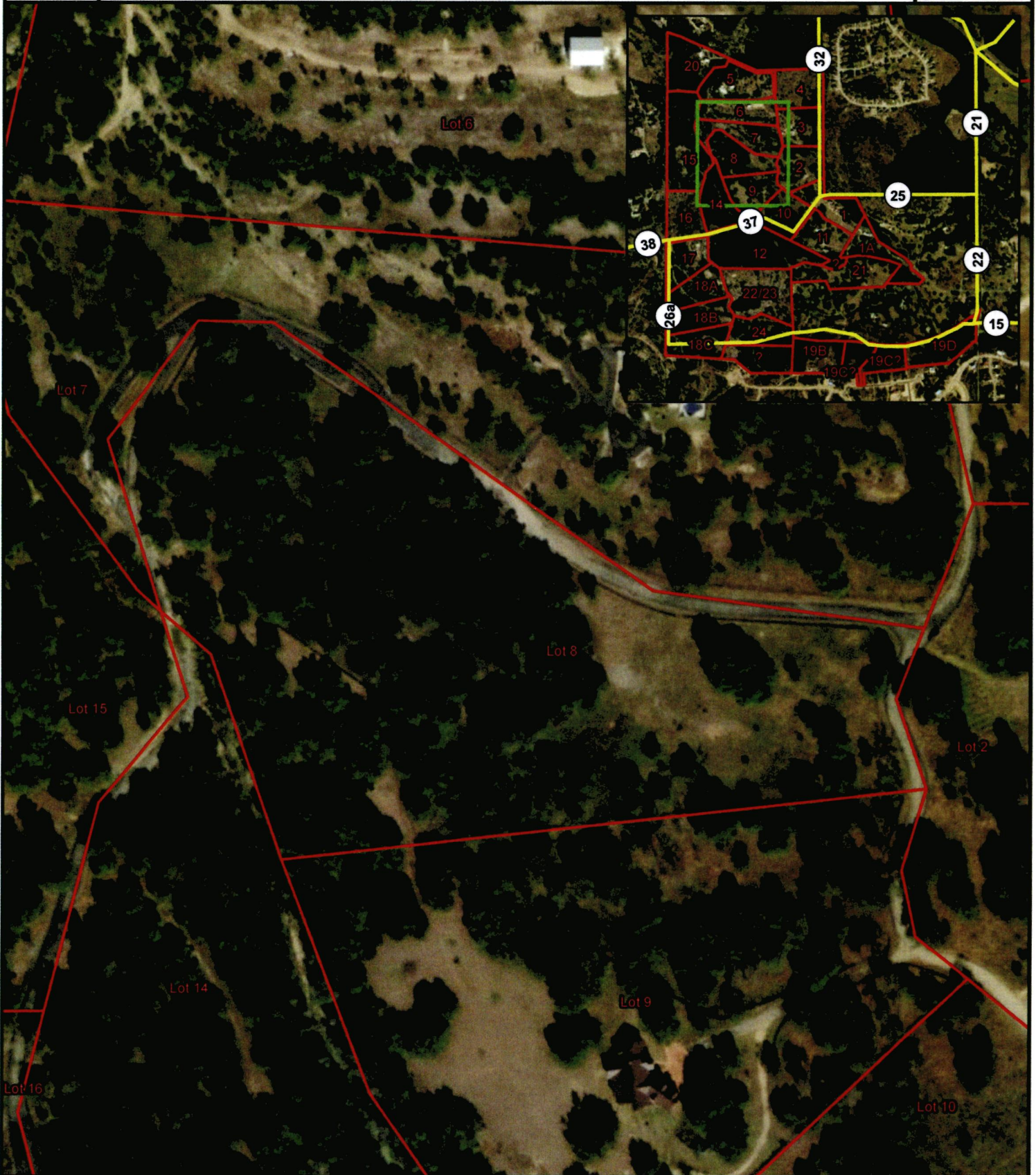




EXHIBIT A

 Lot
 Route

