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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 IN BEXAR COUNTY §

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF GREGORY HAMON ON BEHALF OF
CLEARWATER RANCH POA**

Intervenor, Gregory Hamon on Behalf of Clearwater Ranch POA (“Clearwater Ranch”) files this Direct Testimony, which is attached. Clearwater Ranch stipulates that this Direct Testimony can be treated by all parties as if the answers were filed under oath.

Respectfully submitted,

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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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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

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

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7 ANSWER: Gregory Hamon, 24723 Clearwater Run, San Antonio, TX 78255-3479.
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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 , Gregory Hamon, and Clearwater Ranch
14 POA, which I fully support.
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17 QUESTION: HAVE YOU EVER TESTIFIED IN A PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
18 TEXAS (“PUC” OR “COMMISSION”) PROCEEDING?
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20 ANSWER: No.
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23 QUESTION: BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR OCCUPATION, EDUCATIONAL AND WORK
24 HISTORIES.
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26 ANSWER: I am a General Surgeon, I do on call work for most of the hospital systems taking care
27 of severely ill patients that need emergent/Urgent surgery. I also am a private practitioner that is
28 board certified in general surgery and specializes in robotic procedure. I am recently retired from
29 the US Army Reserves and was mobilized many times to protect this country serving in places like
30 Kosovo, Iraq (3 times) and Syria.
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33 QUESTION: WHERE IS YOUR PROPERTY LOCATED?
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35 ANSWER: 24723 Clearwater Run, which is lot 20 in Clearwater Ranch. Lot 20. **See Exhibit A.**
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38 QUESTION: HOW LONG HAVE YOU OWNED THE PROPERTY?
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40 ANSWER: I purchased the property in 2013.
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1 QUESTION: ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THIS AREA OF BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS?

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3 ANSWER: Yes, I grew up in San Antonio

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

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

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

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18 QUESTION: WHAT IS CLEARWATER RANCH POA’S CONCERNS ABOUT THE
19 PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE USING CPS ENERGY’S SEGMENTS 25, 26a, 37, 38, 39
20 AND 43 AND ROUTES F1, K, L, N1, P, Q1, R1, T1, U1, BB, AND CC?

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22 ANSWER: In general, Clearwater Ranch is opposed to the construction of CPS Energy’s
23 transmission line through their community because of the following: (1) a 138-kV transmission
24 line will severely depreciate the value of the Clearwater Ranch properties; (2) a 138-kV
25 transmission line will severely detract from the scenic beauty and aesthetic values of the
26 Clearwater Ranch properties and area; (3) a 138-kV transmission line would negatively impact
27 community, economic, and historical values and the character, ecology, and biology of Clearwater
28 Ranch’s properties and area; (4) the Clearwater Ranch residents and visitors will have to drive
29 under or near a 138-kV transmission line on a regular basis; (5) for transmission lines crossing a
30 Clearwater Ranch property, they would be required to give third parties access to their properties,
31 which limits the privacy and control over our properties; (6) Clearwater Ranch has general
32 concerns about any buzzing of the 138 kV transmission line and general health and safety concerns
33 and concerns about living and being close to a 138 kV transmission line; and (7) we have gone to
34 great lengths to preserve native Texas Hill Country and have established guarantees to preserve
35 the natural native flora and fauna of the Texas Hill Country. A 138 kV transmission in would

1 utterly destroy the protections that we have established and destroy this portion of undeveloped
2 Hill Country

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5 **III. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY AND THE LINE'S IMPACT**
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8 QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY HABITABLE STRUCTURES ON THE PROPERTY?
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10 ANSWER: Yes, one single family home.
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13 QUESTION: PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR PROPERTY'S TERRAIN AND ITS
14 ECOLOGICAL OR BIOLOGICAL FEATURES.
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16 ANSWER: Lot 20 in Clearwater Ranch is a 16+ acre property. There is a single-family dwelling
17 on the property and the rest is undeveloped Texas Hill Country. We are on a hillside overlooking
18 the valley down Anaqua Springs. The property had one of the run offs that supply rainwater
19 catchment to Leon Springs which also runs through the property. There is a large variety of natural
20 flora (cacti, Condolia, Heritage Oaks, Cedar, wild flowers) and fauna (fox, deer, porcupine,
21 raccoon, turkey). We have set up a wildlife preserve to nurture the native flora and fauna of the
22 Texas Hill County.
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25 QUESTION: PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR PROPERTY'S CURRENT USES.
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27 ANSWER: One acre of the 16 is being used as a single family home. The rest is in its undeveloped,
28 natural state.
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31 QUESTION: HAVE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY UNDERTAKEN ANY EFFORTS TO
32 RESTORE THE LAND OR THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF THE PROPERTY?
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34 ANSWER: I have set up a wildlife preserve for the rest of the undeveloped property. This is done
35 legally through Braun and Gresham and filed with Bexar County. I also provide annual updates on
36 activities including surveys.
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1 QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY WATER WELL SITES ON THE PROPERTY? IF SO,
2 DESCRIBE THE GENERAL LOCATION.

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4 ANSWER: Yes, just north of the house.
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7 QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY GAS WELLS ON THE PROPERTY? IF SO, DESCRIBE
8 THE GENERAL LOCATION.

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10 ANSWER: No.
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13 QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY PIPELINE EASEMENTS ON THE PROPERTY? IF SO,
14 DESCRIBE THE GENERAL LOCATION.

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16 ANSWER: No.
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19 QUESTION: PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY PLANNED FUTURE USES OF YOUR PROPERTY
20 IF THOSE USES ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE CURRENT USES PREVIOUSLY
21 DESCRIBED.

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23 ANSWER: None. This is meant to be a single-family home and wildlife preserve. In addition, our
24 POAs restrictions prevent other uses.
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27 QUESTION: DO ANY EXISTING TRANSMISSION OR DISTRIBUTION LINES CROSS
28 YOUR PROPERTY? IF SO, PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW AND WHERE THEY CROSS THE
29 PROPERTY.

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31 ANSWER: No.
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34 QUESTION: ARE THERE CURRENT PLANS FOR OTHER UTILITY FEATURES ON
35 YOUR PROPERTY? IF SO, PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW AND WHERE THEY CROSS THE
36 PROPERTY.

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38 ANSWER: No.
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41 QUESTION: WOULD THE LINKS THAT MIGHT IMPACT YOUR PROPERTY RUN
42 ALONG ANY BOUNDARY LINES OF YOUR PROPERTY?
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1 ANSWER: No.

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

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7 ANSWER: A transmission line would require clear-cutting the preserve and destroy the intent of
8 the property. Not to mention having a visibly abhorrent transmission line with the associated buzz
9 would not only destroy the view, but would also destroy the value of the property, which is
10 currently valued over \$2,000,000.

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

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16 ANSWER: Yes.

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

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22 ANSWER: Destruction of the wildlife preserve. Visually abhorrent lines on or along my property.
23 Constant loud noise in an otherwise tranquil bucolic setting. And precipitous loss of property value
24 that would not be recoverable

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

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

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

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

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9 QUESTION: IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE THE ADMINISTRATIVE
10 LAW JUDGE AND THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION TO CONSIDER IN THIS
11 PROCEEDING?

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13 ANSWER: My home and property is my single largest investment. Placing this line in or along
14 my property would be devastating financially, and detrimental to the local environment would
15 essentially be a forced relocation of the indigenous animals in this area.

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18 **IV. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**
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21 QUESTION: HOW WOULD YOU SUMMARIZE YOUR POSITION IN THIS PROCEEDING
22 REGARDING CPS ENERGY'S PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE ROUTES F1, K, L, N1, P, Q1,
23 R1, T1, U1, BB, AND CC AND CPS ENERGY'S PREFERRED ROUTES Z1 AND AA1?
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25 ANSWER: We oppose CPS Energy's Alternative Routes F1, K, L, N1, P, Q1, R1, T1, U1, BB,
26 and CC and any Route using Segments 25, 26a, 32, 37, 38, 39, and 43. We support CPS Energy's
27 Routes Z1 and AA1 as the route(s) that best meet(s) the overall community values and PURA §
28 37.056(c)(4) and P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.101(b)(3)(B).

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30 QUESTION: DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

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32 ANSWER: Yes.



HAMON GREGORY A - Lot 20 +/- 16.1500 Acres - Bexar County

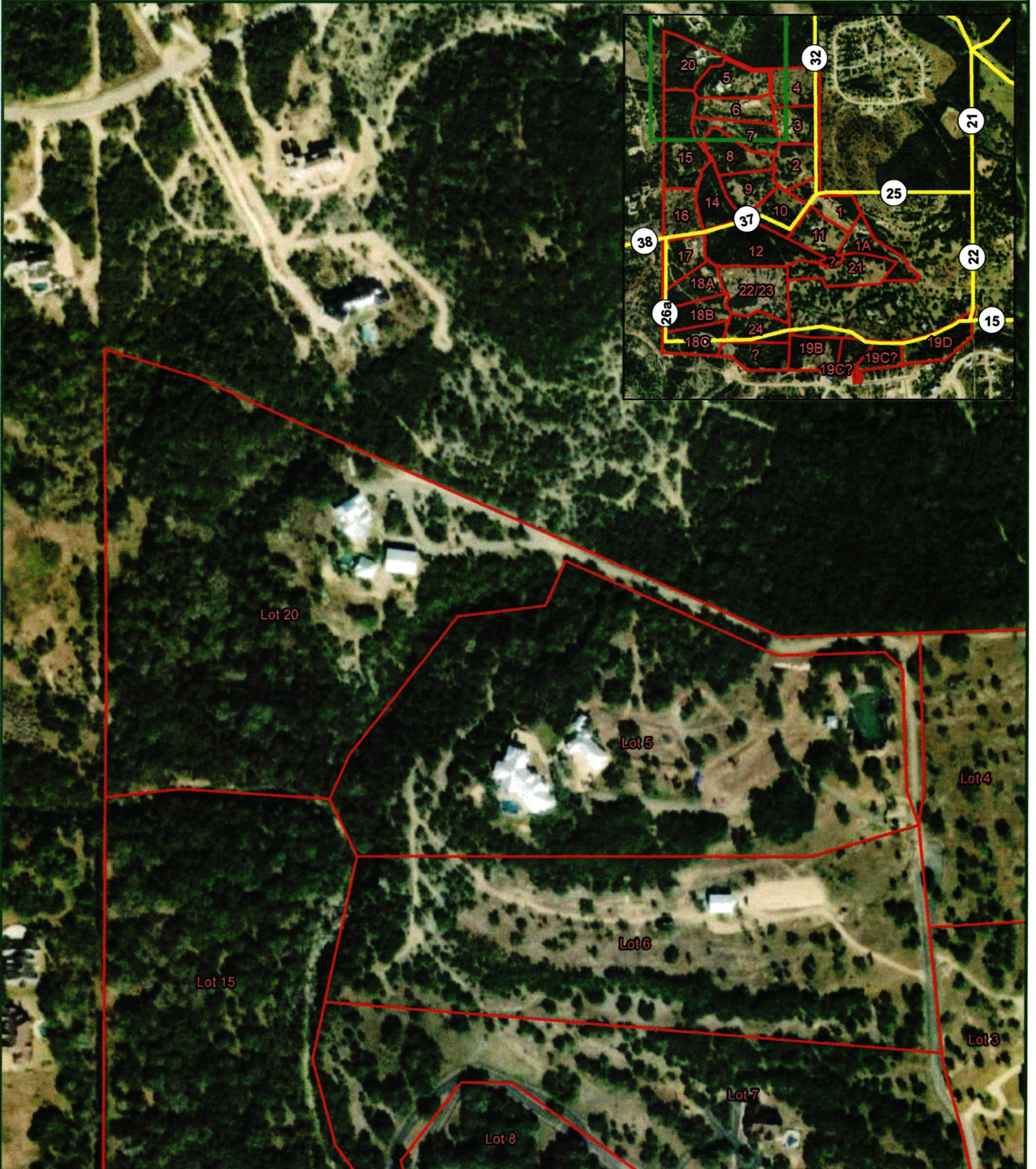


EXHIBIT A

