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I. INTRODUCTION

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

A. My name is Yvette Reyna. My address is 26065 Dull Knife Trail, San Antonio, Texas 78255.

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND.

A. I am a graduate of University of the Incarnate Word. I earned a bachelor's degree in 2003 and master's degree in 2012. I am the Executive Director of the Boerne Education Foundation and Boerne ISD Community Partnerships in Boerne, Texas.

Q. CAN YOU BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE YOUR PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND?

A. I raise funds to support student success in the Boerne Independent School District and I develop community partnerships between the Boerne Independent School District and individuals/companies in Boerne, Fair Oaks Ranch and neighboring communities.

Q. ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU TESTIFYING?

A. As the former HOA President of Serene and Scenic Hills Estates (2017-2020), I am testifying in support of my neighbors residing in Serene and Scenic Hills Estates and the endangered species residing at Primarily Primates, a non-profit animal refuge in Serene and Scenic Hills Estates.

II. DESCRIPTION OF AFFECTED AREAS & REASONS FOR OPPOSITION

Q. ARE YOU A DIRECTLY AFFECTED LANDOWNER?

A. No.

Q. CAN YOU DESCRIBE YOUR INTEREST IN SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-21-0247 AND PUC DOCKET NO. 51023?

A. I am testifying because of my concern about the effect of Route 17 on neighbors and the detrimental effect of Substation 1 close to endangered species residing at Primarily Primates 26099 Dull Knife Trail.

Q. HAVE YOU EVER PARTICIPATED OR TESTIFIED IN ANOTHER PROCEEDING BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS ("PUC")?

A. No.

Q. WHICH ROUTE OR SUBSTATIONS DO YOU OPPOSE?

A. I oppose Route 17 and Substation 1.

Q. HOW WOULD A TRANSMISSION LINE ON ROUTE 17 AFFECT RESIDENTS IN SERENE AND SCENIC HILLS ESTATES?

A. The historical value of the area, value of the homes, views and character of the neighborhood would be adversely affected by a transmission line on Route 17 along the backside of homes.

Q. HOW WOULD SUBSTATION NUMBER 1 AFFECT ENDANGERED SPECIES IN SERENE AND SCENIC HILLS ESTATES?

A. Based on the Sept. 10, 2020 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) 9-page review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Alternative Route Analysis (as presented by POWER Engineers, Incorporated which was retained by CPS Energy) of the proposed Scenic Loop transmission line project that was mailed to the Public Utility Commission, on Page 2, "The EA failed to provide sufficient information based on surveys (aerial or field), remote sensing, modeling, or other available analysis techniques to determine which route would best minimize impacts to important, rare, and protected species". In the 9-page report there was no mention of Primarily Primates a 78-acre animal refuge which is near the proposed location of Substation 1. Primarily Primates founded in 1978, is a nonprofit, it is the first primate sanctuary in North America. They rescue primates that were abused, abandoned or research animals. They provide lifetime care for over 300 animals, of that 200 are primates, they have nearly 100 endangered species that have been saved from death or continued exploitation. The federally protected endangered species include great apes, lesser-apes, lemurs, chimpanzees, and many more that would be negatively affected psychologically, physically, and behaviorally by the construction noise, debris in the air and view from their critical habitat, the only place they can call home.

III. ROUTES & SUBSTATIONS SUPPORTED

Q. WHAT ROUTES & SUBSTATIONS DO YOU SUPPORT?

A. I support all routes using Substation 6.

IV. SUMMARY & CONCLUSION

Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR POSITION IN THIS PROCEEDING REGARDING THE ROUTING OF THE PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE.

A. I support the proposed transmission line that does not include Route 17 or Substation 1. I support all routes using Substation 6. Lastly, I implore the Public Utility Commission to further review why CPS Energy did not include or acknowledge the location of the 78-acre animal refuge (a critical habitat with endangered species) on any map or brochure for the PUC, hired POWER Engineers Incorporated or for the public to consider during these proceedings.

Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

A. Yes, this concludes my testimony, subject to subsequent correction.

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