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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	§
PROJECT IN BEXAR COUNTY,	§
TEXAS	8

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

OF

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS** 

## THE SAN ANTONIO ROSE PALACE, INC. AND STRAIT PROMOTIONS, INC. (INTERVENORS) RESPONSE TO CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OBJECTIONS TO WITNESS TESTIMONY

The San Antonio Rose Palace, Inc. and Strait Promotions, Inc., ("Rose Palace") files this Response to the City Public Service Board's ("CPS Energy") Objections to testimony of Intervenor's witness Jason Buntz. Objections to the witnesses' testimony were filed on March 8, 2021, after 3:00 p.m. This Response is being filed on March 16, 2021. CPS Energy has agreed to waive any objections it may have to timeliness for this Response. Considering the Objections were filed after 3:00 p.m., this response may be considered timely even without CPS's waiver. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

Sponsoring	Witness	Basis for Objection	Response to Objection
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San Antonio	Jason Buntz	CPS Energy objects to, and	Mr. Buntz is not making a legal
Rose	Interchange	moves to strike, "CPS Energy	conclusion and is testifying as an
Palace/Strait	Filing No. 515	and Power Engineers	expert. Moreover, as an expert
Promotions	10-27-28	dismissed the importance of	pursuant to Tex. R. Evid. 703, Mr.
		the Scenic Loop - Boerne	Buntz may base his opinion on
		Stage - Toutant Beauregard	facts or data in the case that he has
		Historic Corridor" as it	been made aware of, reviews, or

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		mischaracterizes the record and is speculative. Thus, this testimony is not admissible pursuant to Tex. R. Evid. 602.	has personally observed. In this case, the objected-to sentence is based on Mr. Buntz' review of CPS Energy's application, the EA, and supporting documents. After the objected-to sentence, Mr. Buntz provides factual support for his conclusion that CPS Energy dismissed the importance off the
			historic corridor.
San Antonio Rose Palace/Strait Promotions	Jason Buntz Interchange Filing No. 515 17-5-7	CPS Energy objects to, and moves to strike, "CPS Energy and Power Engineers establish a methodology that they claim they will follow in their evaluation and then proceed to completely ignore that methodology." This testimony mischaracterizes the record and is speculative. Mr. Buntz cannot testify to the motives or actions of CPS Energy or POWER Engineers in conducting their analysis, and his testimony is not supported by the record. Thus, this testimony is not admissible pursuant to Tex. R. Evid. 602.	Here, Mr. Buntz does not testify as to the motives of CPS Energy or POWER Engineers. To the extent this objection relies on that conclusion, the objection is without a basis in Mr. Buntz's testimony. Further, Mr. Buntz's testimony discusses in detail the community values, and lack thereof, that Power Engineers included in the EA. Here, Mr. Buntz is testifying about specific resources in the study area that he, in his expert opinion, believe should have been included in the community values and historic resources section of the EA. Such testimony is permissible under Tex. R. Evid. 703.

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San Antonio	Jason Buntz	CPS Energy objects to, and	Similarly, here, Mr. Buntz's
Rose	Interchange	moves to strike, "The reader is	objected-to testimony is not
Palace/Strait	Filing No. 515	to apparently infer that because	regarding any motive that he seeks
Promotions	18-30-32	there are no National	to attribute to CPS Energy. Instead,
		Monuments in the study area,	Mr. Buntz, in his capacity as an
		and one would not be able to	expert witness, is evaluating the
		see the transmission line from	degree to which CPS Energy and
		Interstate 10, that there are no	POWER Engineers considered
		Community Values present in	Community Values. Mr. Buntz has
		the study area for the project to	identified specific Community
		impact." This testimony	Values that CPS Energy and
		mischaracterizes the record	POWER Engineers did not identify
		and is speculative. Mr. Buntz	or discuss in the EA, such as the
		cannot testify to the motives or	Community Values contributed to
		actions of CPS Energy or	the study area by the Rose Palace.
		POWER Engineers in	As an expert pursuant to Tex. R.
	i	conducting their analysis, and	Evid. 703, Mr. Buntz may base his
		his testimony is not supported	opinion on facts or data in the case
		by the record, which	that he has been made aware of,
		demonstrates that CPS Energy	reviews, or has personally
		and POWER Engineers	observed.
		documented a wide array of	
		community values. Thus, this	
		testimony is not admissible	
		pursuant to Tex. R. Evid. 602.	

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via the PUC Interchange in accordance with SOAH Order No. 3.

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