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APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD (CPS ENERGY) TO AMMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE SCENIC LOOP 138-KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN BEXAR COUNTY

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

POST HEARING BRIEF OF  
STEVEN GOMEZ HERRERA  
5/21/2021

My name is Steven Gomez Herrera and my address is 25130 Toutant Beauregard Road Boerne, Texas 78006. As an intervener in this proceeding and as an affected landowner and homeowner, I would like to submit this brief. My home is located in Bexar County which will be adversely impacted by the location of substation # 7, and transmission segment line 54 and related construction proposed to be built by the City of San Antonio, acting by and through the City Public Service Board (CPS Energy) ("CPS") in this docket.

I truly believe that the Scenic Loop-Boerne Stage-Toutant Beauregard Road Corridor is a Texas treasure that must be protected. Its association with the Old Spanish Trail dates back to the 1800's and is a vital part of our history. As a native San Antonian and a Texan, I hope that you will feel the same.

Everyone residing in our corridor has been privileged to enjoy the beautiful wildlife and natural habitat. We may not have a park associated with our Serene and Scenic Hills Estates HOA, but to be honest with you, We Are the Park! We all have been blessed to live around fox, roadrunners, axis, and whitetail deer that roam our yards. We even have a wildlife sanctuary called Primarily Primates. I love the golden cheek warbler and respect their habitat, because it is our habitat. We love our hummingbirds, bluebirds, mockingbirds and cardinals singing every morning. The views from most of our homes are spectacular.

However, of all of the wonderful things that my family gets to enjoy as homeowners on Toutant Beauregard and Serene and Scenic Hills Estates, our health and our children are what we value the most. It does not matter how beautiful and majestic your view may be from your front porch, if your too sick to enjoy it.

The intent of the City of San Antonio and CPS is to plan for the future development of San Antonio in exchange for the possible health risks to its children and our future. I am appalled that the City of San Antonio and CPS claim that they have built these substations next to schools before, as if it is a good and safe practice to do so.

I strongly oppose the locations of Substation 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 as these are the locations most detrimental to our children's safety and well-being. I also oppose the above-mentioned locations because of the proximity to 31 habitable structures which includes my home of 22 years. I believe that the above-mentioned locations will most affect our historic corridor.

I whole heartily agree with the P.U.C.'s recommendation of the location of Substation 6 to include the route that least affects our neighbors' habitable structures as well. As our last line of defense in protecting our most precious resources, I pray that you may agree with my recommendation and that of the P.U.C.