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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 REBUTTAL OF
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There are a few important facts Mr. Anson and members of SHLAA need to understand.

First of all, Mr. Anson fails to address the fact that CPS strategically did not mail out a notice to all residents that these transmission lines will affect. Yes, some of these neighbors would be farther away than 300 feet, but their habitable structures will be surrounded by these transmission lines. I say that this was strategic, because their only other option would be to warn the people that they are about to destroy their neighborhood.

Mr. Anson claims that I am the only intervenor located near substation 7 and its location will only inconvenience me directly. In actuality our most active interveners in this case include 2 former HOA Presidents, 3 former HOA Secretaries, current board members, and many protestors who feel passionately about how this will adversely affect our lives. Most of these protestors have avoided these proceedings, not because they don't care, it's because they do not want to be scrutinized by an attorney who is an expert in this field. There have been about 8 residents who felt as if this is just a losing battle against the very City of San Antonio that we love and support, and CPS which we directly fund every month. Their option was simple, sell and move on.

Secondly, it's important to understand that when I built our home, SHLAA was nowhere in sight. There was no HEB, Boerne Stage Run, Clearwater Ranch, The Canyons, Sundance Ranch, Altair, Pecan Springs and most definitely no Anaqua Springs. To give you a better perspective, the ranch directly across the street from my home was not even owned by Strait Enterprises yet. It was typical to see trailers pulling cattle and horses maybe once per hour, not Bentley's, Lamborghini's, Mercedes Benz, or BMW'S flying by at 90 miles per hour. The culvert to enter my property was ripped apart in order for GVTC to provide high speed fiber internet so many residents could participate in this case and zoom meetings from the comfort of your homes. There were no major distribution lines and there were no developing communities along Scenic Loop or Toutant Beauregard Road. The current sewer system used by these new communities was literally built for the benefit of these newer communities, not for our neighborhood. Most homes in our neighborhood have septic systems and a few own their own water wells. There were no telephone lines, as those have quietly been ungraded by CPS from 50-foot poles to 90-foot poles, and have increased in number over the past few years.

With regards to the properties that are literally being developed such as Clear Water Ranch. What exactly is so important about your tranquil reprieve, beautiful scenery, and natural beauty that seems so vital to your neighborhood and yet not important to ours? The company that sold these properties to you are really the ones that destroyed these beautiful aspects of our region. What's there to protect? Why would a 4–6-acre substation located next door to your area that is being developed as we speak, be more important to protect than a neighborhood that was established in 1972? This substation is literally being built for you to power the very things you enjoy, like your brand-new homes. Your neighborhood traverses the Golden Cheek warbler habitat that you are claiming to be protecting, yet you are still building homes while trying to protect the area? It just makes no sense to build this substation next to us because your neighborhood needs it. I say build this Substation 6 next to your area, because you need it!

With Regards to Guajalote Ranch and Bexar Ranch which believes that Toutant Beauregard is inevitably going expand as to be expected. Yes, we all agree the area is growing, but to ignore the fact that your area will be untouched is silly. These two ranches will be sold just like the rest of them. You are protecting your property so as to improve the value when its sold. The same beauty that you claim to be protecting will be the same reason that it will be sold. It has nothing to do with protecting its untouched natural habitat and more about how much money that will be made. If the Scenic Loop Boerne Stage-Toutant Beauregard is gone, then what exactly makes your properties so special besides the fact that it has tons of cedar trees and draws that make it uninhabitable? It may be the fact that you are trying to prevent Substation 6 from being constructed to strengthen your position while the Toutant Beauregard corridor takes another hit. There is technically nothing and no habitable structures where as there are actual living human beings along Toutant Beauregard. So yes, I agree, building substation # 7 will most definitely ruin the Toutant Beauregard Corridor just as you believe. However, this is about preserving our corridor, not destroying it to benefit Guajalote Ranch and Bexar Ranch.

I continue to oppose SUBSTATION 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7. I agree with John. E. Poole from the P.U.C., and The San Antonio Rose Palace and Strait Promotions, and pray that the location of Substation 6 will be the final decision in particular route R1, P, or W.