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Letter of Exception,
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Our names are Michael and Beatriz Odom and we reside in Anaqua Springs Ranch. We are an intervenor to the proposed Scenic Loop 138-KV transmission line project. We would like to state our exceptions to the proposal for decision from July 26, 2021.

We object to route Z2 that travels down Toutant Beauregard because, firstly this route affects more habitable structures than any other route considered in this proceeding. This point was raised by PUC staff in a recommendation to the ALJs early in the process, but apparently disregarded.

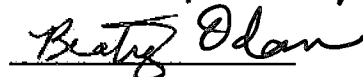
Additionally, this route along Toutant Beauregard is the only route that crosses an active floodplain twice and uses floodplain as a right of way. The substation chosen for this route is also located within a floodplain.

Moreover, the route recommended by the ALJs traverses within 300 feet of Sara B. McAndrew elementary school on Toutant Beauregard and in close proximity to a planned middle school nearby. As a pediatrician, I am greatly concerned about the adverse effects of electromagnetic fields generated by high voltage transmission lines on the young children who attend these two schools.

In coming to their decision to choose route Z2, the ALJs cited the pristine undeveloped nature of ranch properties to the south, and their desire to leave these properties undisturbed. However, this is not a statutory or regulatory factor to be considered in this type of a proceeding, although the number of residents impacted by a route should be a major consideration.

Respectfully submitted,





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