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Chairman Peter Lake
Commissioner Will McAdams
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Commissioner Jimmy Glotfelty
Public Utility Commission of Texas
PO Box 13326
Austin, TX 78701

Re: PUC Docket No. 51023; *Application of the City of San Antonio to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Scenic Loop 139-KV Transmission Line in Bexar County;*

Letter in Lieu of Oral Argument in CPS Scenic Loop CCN Proceeding

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

My name is Maricela Siegel and I am a homeowner and mother. I was intending to provide Oral Argument at the October 28, 2021 Open Meeting by telephone conference as outlined in the September announcement issued by the PUC. The 2-day notice that only in-person Oral Argument in Austin would be allowed did not provide sufficient time for me to make alternate arrangements to attend the Open Meeting. My absence should not be construed as lack of concern about the route recommended by the Administrative Law Judges.

I am opposed to Route Z2 and any other route that runs along Toutant Beauregard Road in close proximity to Dr. Sara B. McAndrew Elementary School and the planned adjacent middle school.

Dr. Lauren Pankratz, a practicing pediatric endocrinologist, provided testimony of the danger of HVT lines to children's health, noting, "Studies suggest long term exposure to electromagnetic fields emitted by high voltage transmission (HVT) lines may negatively impact a child's health. Studies suggest HVT lines may negatively impact neurobehavioral function and increase a child's risk of developing leukemia." Both Dr. Sanjay Kumar and Dr. Sunil Dwivedi concurred with the concerns of Dr. Pankratz, as filed in their Statements of Position with the PUC.

When a child is diagnosed with cancer, a parent's first thought is could I have done something to prevent this? Did we live too close to an airport? Is our home under a flight path? Is there something wrong with our water? I beg that you not add to that list of gut-wrenching concerns/regrets, "Is it because we sent our child to a school that exposed them to electromagnetic fields emitted by HVT lines running so close to their school and playground?" Texas, through the PUC, must take a stand for our children's health and stop erecting transmission lines next to our children's schools. As stated by the attorney for our school district, "Just because you can doesn't mean you should." Please send a loud message to CPS Energy that they shouldn't – especially when there are other route options available, which CPS has stated are equally viable.

Route P (which was recommended by your own PUC Staff) affects 17 habitable structures and Route R1 affects 13 habitable structures, both significantly less than Route Z2 affecting 33 habitable structures. And neither Route P or Route R1 go past our children's schools or follow a country road in a flood plain lined with flood gates. Route Z2 (and Y) is an obviously poor and dangerous choice.

Sincerely,

/s/ Maricela Siegel
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