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As I was unable to attend the 'in person' meeting in Austin on October 28, 2021, please accept my written argument **against Route Z2**. My wife and I are both senior citizens and with only two days' notice that the meeting would no longer be conducted by telephone conference not enough time was available to arrange transportation to Austin. My inability to appear in person should not be misconstrued as not being extremely concerned about the proposed routes along Toutant Beauregard Road.

I have listed a few reasons I strongly believe you should remove Route Z2 (and all others that run along Toutant Beauregard Road and/or pass near Dr. Sara B. McAndrew Elementary School) from consideration for the Scenic Loop Substation and Transmission Line Project:

1. Studies show that Transmission lines have a negative effect on residential property values and the closer the property is to the High Voltage Electric Transmission line the greater the negative effect to those property values. The number of residents impacted by Route Z2 sits at 33 and counting. That number is nearly double that of Route P (17), and nearly triple that of Route R1 (13). This was the number one concern voiced by 58% of participants when CPS conducted their questionnaire in October 2019 at the beginning of this process.
2. CPS manipulated of cost of Route Z2 by cutting a deal with a wealthy developer to provide free and discounted land in exchange for moving the route to Z2. If allowed to stand, multitudes of property owners will suffer significant financial harm while one wealthy developer is able to protect their property values. No single individual or group of residents has the financial resources to buy their way out of the transmission line like that developer.
3. Studies show that high voltage power lines create substantial electromagnetic fields (EMF) extending out to as far as 1000 feet (300 meters). Route Z2 runs the high-voltage transmission line within 200 feet (61 meters) of McAndrew Elementary School's playgrounds and future athletic fields which creates potential and probable health and safety risks to students, staff, and parents.
4. The new Scenic Crest Subdivision will significantly add to the number of residents impacted along Toutant Beauregard Road (54+ homesites with two homes already near completion).
5. Substation 7 is situated in a 100-year floodplain
6. Aesthetic issues should not be ignored. Toutant Beauregard Road is an historic, scenic, winding country road whose aesthetic qualities will be destroyed if Route Z2 is not removed from consideration.

While it's unknown if CPS intentionally misled residents, it has become obvious that CPS gives no weight to the concerns of property owners outside the City of San Antonio and/or the PUC's staff of engineers. In the only Town Hall meeting with residents, CPS presented routes (including a route CPS claimed to be most favorable) which were

mysteriously removed before being filed with the PUC. Further, the actual CPS filing included new routes (including Route Z2) and a modified location of Substation 7 that was not presented to the public.

I hope you take my concerns under consideration and reverse the decision by CPS Energy and the ALJ's recommendation of Route Z2, which directly conflicts with the PUC staff of engineers' recommendation of Route P. I believe that a better route exists, that affects less residents and does not come near any schools. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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