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Request to Intervene in PUC Docket No. 55067

The following information must be submitted by the person requesting to intervene in this proceeding. This completed form will be provided to all parties in this docket. If you DO NOT want to be an intervenor, but still want to file comments, please complete the "Comments" page.

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I am requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As an INTERVENOR, I understand the following:

- I am a party to the case;
- I am required to respond to all discovery requests from other parties in the case;
- If I file testimony, I may be cross-examined in the hearing;
- If I file any documents in the case, I will have to provide a copy of that document to every other party in the case; and
- I acknowledge that I am bound by the Procedural Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) and the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

Please check one of the following:

☐ I own property with a habitable structure located near one or more of the utility's proposed routes for a transmission line.

☒ One or more of the utility's proposed routes would cross my property.

☐ Other. Please describe and provide comments. You may attach a separate page, if necessary.

See Attached Comments

Signature of person requesting intervention:

[Signature] Date: 7/20/23

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We purchased our 13 acre property in Justin 2+ years ago with the idea of privacy, safety, and the idea of a small Ag and livestock business. Suffice it to say, we spent a good deal of money for the property, and have been continuously fixing, cleaning, and improving the property since we moved in.

To our surprise, we received a large packet of information from the PUC, with accompanying maps, notifying us that our property might be affected by various potential routes for new high voltage power lines. Looking closer at the particular route that affects us directly, not only does it pass by our property, but an actual tower would be installed right in the middle of my property approx. 200ft from my home. I live here with my wife and 2 children and this is totally unacceptable, for a number of reasons.

1. Health Concerns
2. Destruction of Property Value
3. PUC Violation of its own Prudent Avoidance Policy

Health Concerns:

Many studies have been done linking potential health issues with exposure to high voltage power lines. Utilities and defendants like to claim there is 'no conclusive link', but there has never been a study that shows there is no risk. Our military and government swore there was 'no conclusive link' between agent orange and a myriad of health problems and deaths. For 40 years, thousands of people who got sick at Camp Lejeune were told there was 'no conclusive link' that the contaminated water caused any of their health problems. This year, Congress agreed to pay the victims 6.1 Billion dollars. High voltage power lines cause health problems. This is a fact.

My attorneys will provide the studies as testimony, if needed, when the time comes.

Destruction of Property Value:

Common sense, and prior payoffs and settlements to landowners, show the devastating effect of high voltage power lines to property values. NOBODY wants these dangerous eyesores anywhere near their properties. Buyers of these properties expect a substantial discount to assume the burden. This is not in dispute. In addition to the direct decrease in property value, any future business plans would be destroyed. This entire 13 acre would become basically useless and I'd be forced to leave and take a huge loss.

PUC Prudent Avoidance Policy:

The definition of prudent avoidance requires limiting exposures to electric and magnetic fields that can be avoided with reasonable investments of money and effort. PUC Subst. R. 25.101(a)(4). In practice, this often means that a 230kV or less line should not be within 300 feet of a habitable structure and a line that is greater than 230kV should not be within 500 feet of a habitable structure.

These proposed lines are way beyond the 230kV mark.

Upon close examination of EVERY SINGLE line Segment in the 6 maps provided in the package we received, Segment J22 is WITHOUT A DOUBT, the worst violator of the PUC Prudent Avoidance Policy when considering the sheer number of habitable structures, combined with the extremely close proximity of the power lines to these homes. There are no less than 17 residences on the South side of the line within 200-250ft of the lines, and no less than 20 homes within 100-150ft of the lines when it jumps over the tracks to the North side. This is absurd. The obvious reason this line jumps the tracks mid-route is to avoid coming within 100-150ft of almost 30 homes on the South side of the tracks in the Harriet Creek Subdivision. Because of the PUC's own Prudent Avoidance Policy, there is no justifiable reason to even consider trying to thread these lines through the eye of this needle. This section of tracks is also not a normal section. This particular pass through was dug out by the railroad into a deep ravine approx. 200ft wide, 75 ft deep, with 60 degree sheer walls on both sides. For this reason the power lines route would have to be outside the ravine, which is exactly why it comes so close to so many residences. Also, no less than 10 outbuildings in the backyard of these properties would be in the direct path of the power lines. For the reasons stated above, and more, Segment J22 cannot even be considered for this project without endless additional litigation.

The understanding is Route 179 is the preferred route. It is preferred for a reason, and should stay that way. Unfortunately, nobody wants these lines in their backyards, but it is happening with or without our consent. Route 179 violates the PUC's Prudent Avoidance Policy the LEAST. On a final note, if the PUC somehow backtracks on it's preferred route, the next closest and most obvious route is to the North via Segment J4.

If it gets pushed South, the obvious, and only viable route would be I12, around the Texas Motor Speedway all the way down to Hwy 114, avoiding the most habitable structures, to most closely conform to PUC Policy.