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APPLICATION OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY LCC TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE RAMHORN HILL- DUNHAM 345-KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN DENTON AND WISE COUNTIES	§ § § § § § § §	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
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**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
of
ROSS ARTHUR BREWER**

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 **Q Please state your name and address.**

3 A. "My name is Ross Arthur Brewer. My mailing address is 12004 Forest Lawn Road,
4 Rhome, Texas 76078."

5 **Q. Please describe your history with the property potentially affected.**

6 A. "This property was purchased for the purpose of being my permanent residence. There is
7 about a section and a half of open acreage directly behind my lot."

8 **II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

9 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

10 A. "The purpose of my testimony is to: (i) describe my property; (ii) describe the expected
11 impact of the proposed transmission line on my property; (iii) voice my opposition
12 against certain links and routes; and (iv) provide information on the route that I prefer."

13 **III. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY AND IMPACT**
14 **OF THE TRANSMISSION LINE ON THE PROPERTY**

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16 **Q. Please describe your property.**

17 A. "I own Lot 4, Block 24 in Shale Creek Subdivision, Phase 1, which would be extremely
18 affected by the proposed transmission line if any route utilizing Links S1, P5, P4, P3, O6
19 or P1 were approved by the PUC. This property has been identified as Tract 2740 in this
20 matter."

21 **Q. Are there any habitable structures or other improvements on your property or near**
22 **your property?**

23 A. "My house is on this property, and it is a part of a subdivision known as Shale Creek
24 Subdivision. There are approximately 200 habitable structures within the subdivision and

1 another 800+ planned. These structures will be impacted significantly by the proposed
2 transmission line."

3 **Q. Please describe your Property's terrain and any ecological features.**

4 A. "The property is typical for a subdivision residential lot."

5 **Q. Please describe the Property's current uses and operations.**

6 A. "The Property is my home."

7 **Q. What will be the impact of the transmission line on your property.**

8 A. "If any route using S1 or P4 are used, the transmission line would be in my backyard. I
9 have concerns for the value of my property and the views from my property. I suffer
10 from multiple sclerosis along with demyelinating symptoms and am also concerned that a
11 transmission line that is close to my home could have further detrimental effects to my
12 health from electromagnetic radiation including headaches, fatigue, anxiety, insomnia and
13 other effects. An electrical wheelchair will more than likely be necessary in the future as
14 well as having a nerve stimulator implanted into my spine. The electromagnetic radiation
15 could have serious effects on those items. Construction of power lines through this
16 Property could also be detrimental to the future development of the subdivision. The use
17 of Links P1, P4, P5, S1, O6 or P3 by Oncor would front onto State Highway 114 and
18 wrap around the Shale Creek Subdivision. Use of any of these links would affect the
19 numerous habitable structures already located in the area, as well as the future
20 development. This would be detrimental to the public by affecting views and devaluation
21 to the properties located within the Subdivision."

22 **Q. If the transmission line is built on the Property, do you have any concerns about**
23 **ONCOR having access to the Property?**

1 A. "I have concerns, similar to residents in the Subdivision regarding third party access to
2 my property."

3 **IV. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

4 **Q. Please summarize your position in this proceeding regarding Oncor's proposed**
5 **alternative routes.**

6 A. "I'm strongly in favor of the placement of the transmission line along Route 179 as
7 proposed by Oncor's Brenda J. Perkins in the Office Memorandum dated May 30, 2023,
8 and attached as Attachment No. 7 to the Application. Route 179 is one of the cheaper
9 alternative routes and would only cost approximately \$175,208,000.00. Additionally, it
10 only has 97 habitable structures within 500 feet of the centerline of the route, which is
11 only 4 more than Route 164 which has the least amount of habitable structures."

12 **Q. Do you have any further statements regarding why you do not support placement of**
13 **the transmission line in the area of your Property?**

14 A. Yes, the effect the transmission line will have on my property as well as the Shale Creek
15 Subdivision is extremely detrimental in terms of the value of the property, use of the
16 property and health of myself and the other residents. I am strongly opposed to any route
17 including links P1, O6, P3, P5, S1 and P4. More specifically, I am opposed to Routes 10,
18 11, 19, 33, 54, 92, 117, 154, 175, 178, 186, 187, 191, 192, 216, 217, 218, 219 and 221.
19 All of these routes have significantly more habitable structures on the route than Route
20 179 with a range from 108-400."

21 **Q. Why are you specifically opposed to link P4?**

22 A. Link P4 will directly affect my Property because it will be placed directly on or along the
23 boundary of my property. The view from my backyard, and the backyard of my

1 neighbors will be affected. There is no doubt that this would cause the value of my
2 property to go down. Link P4 has 84 habitable structures on the link, with more planned
3 for the Shale Creek Subdivision. Routes using P4 are more costly and have 3 to 4 times
4 more habitable structures than using 179. Using this link in any route will greatly impact
5 those habitats and future residential development.

6 **Q. Why are you specifically opposed to link P1?**

7 A. Link P1 will affect the Property because it will be placed along the entrance of the Shale
8 Creek Subdivision. This will affect views and the attractiveness of the subdivision as it
9 will be the first thing they see and drive under upon entering the subdivision. This would
10 then affect the values of the Property including mine. Furthermore, P1 has 111 habitable
11 structures on the link, with more planned for the Shale Creek Subdivision. Routes using
12 P1 are more costly and have 3 to 4 times more habitable structures than using 179.
13 Placing a line on this link will greatly impact those habitats and future residential and
14 commercial development.

15 **Q. Are you aware there are four routes less costly than Route 179? What basis do you**
16 **have to oppose those four routes?**

17 A. While they are slightly less costly, they have more than double the amount of habitable
18 structures and include more corners in the route. The 4 less expensive routes have a
19 range of 320-400 habitable structures on them, cross wetlands on an average length of
20 492 - 621 feet and cross streams on average length of 3,000 feet. Route 179 crosses 0
21 streams and is only parallel to streams for approximately 1,351 feet.

22 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

23 A. Yes, this concludes my testimony, subject to subsequent correction.
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