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Application on Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC

for the Ramhorn Hill – Dunham Project

PUC Docket No 55067

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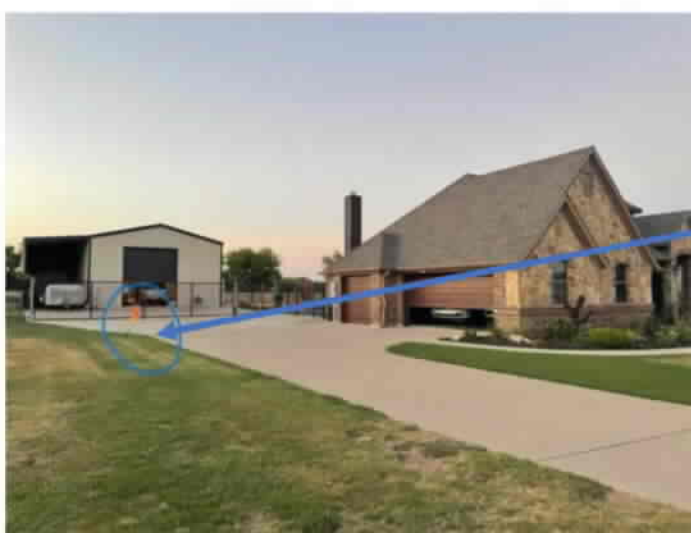
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RE: Harvey and Cynthia Reeves Statement of Position

To Whom It May Concern:

Statement of Position regarding the Ramhorn Hill-Dunham project and a proposed route, *titled M8*, which runs directly behind our property with a proposed tower immediately adjacent to our property line, the proposed line then runs diagonally through an adjoining property (Wilkerson Farm) and will have a significant impact for the use of our land as well as the Wilkerson family and many others along the route. We have a clear and justifiable interest that may be adversely affected by the outcome of the proceedings and decision by the PUC.

1. Our family and the local community's health and safety are the most critical concerns. The proposed M8 route places 80% of our home and 100% of our shop within the stated proximity of concern, 300-500 feet from the center, for the health and safety of being located within electromagnetic fields. Note: most outbuildings along the route also serve as places of business or personal workshops for residents; therefore, the proposed tower placement will also put non-residents at significant risk of health issues.



**Electromagnetic 325/500 feet
marker line from the
center line of the proposed M8
transmission line.
Shop, pool, and home sit within
the danger zone
Oncor and the PUC have outlined.**

2. Per your US Mail notification, dated 8 June 2023, page 2, it states:
- You are receiving the enclosed formal notice because one or more of the routes for a proposed transmission line may require an easement or other interests across your property, or the centerline of the proposed project may come within 300 feet of a house or other habitable structure on your property. The distance is expanded to 500 feet if the line is greater than 230 kilovolts (kV). For this reason, your property is considered directly affected land. Note: *Prudence avoidance requires the utility commission to: "Whether the route conforms with the policy of prudent avoidance (which defines as the limiting of exposures to electric and magnetic fields that can be avoided with reasonable investments of and effort);"***
- a. **Oncor fails to meet Texas law for the prudence avoidance requirement:**
From the centerline to the 300 feet marker, our full metal workshop and part of the pool are in the proposed easement; if at the 500 feet mark, it will include 80% of our home.
 - b. **Texas law requires the PUC to "consider a number of factors in deciding whether to approve a proposed new transmission line".** The notification mailing received on 8 June 23 clearly outlines the factors to be considered when approving the transmission line placement.
 - c. The PUC may approve an application to obtain or amend a CCN for a transmission line after considering the following factors.
 - Adequacy of existing service;
 - Need for additional service;
 - The effect of approving the application on the applicant and any utility serving the proximate area;
 - Whether the route utilizes existing compatible right-of-way, including the use of vacant positions on existing multiple circuit transmission lines;
 - Whether the route parallels existing compatible rights-of-way;
 - **Whether the route parallels property lines or other natural or cultural features;**
 - **Whether the route conforms with the policy of prudent avoidance (which defines as the limiting of exposures to electric and magnetic fields that can be avoided with reasonable investments of and effort); and other factors such as community values, recreational and park area, historical and aesthetic values, environmental integrity, and the probable improvement of service or lowering of cost to consumers in the area.**
3. With the proposed location of the high voltage overhead lines, the risk of significant health issues from the electromagnetic energy generated by the power lines has been well documented in multiple studies readily available online, EU, IN, and US research-based. Not only have these studies been peer-reviewed and authored by highly respected thought leaders, but the studies have also been duplicated many times with the same endpoint results – electromagnetic fields near humans do propose significant health concerns that impact children and adults. In all studies – the determination is that there should be

prudent avoidance of placing high-tension power lines near, homes, work environments, livestock buildings, and grazing fields.

Additionally, a gas pipeline runs through the proposed route, and multiple gas wells are located near the proposed tower route, raising concern for the health and safety of those near the project.

4. No mention of monetary compensation for including our property within the 300 – 500 feet stated easement for loss of use and electromagnetic field. The placement of the M8 towers will make our shop and home uninhabitable. Additionally, any use of our property for outside activity will be deemed unsafe. The M8 line will significantly decrease the use of, value (and salability) of our property, home, and shop causing significant financial loss.
5. The proposed M8 route runs dangerously near Propwash Airport (a designated public-use airport by the FAA). This airport is an active private and weekend pilot (experienced and novice) airport that also serves as a training location. No matter the towers' height, the proposed site raises significant concerns about safety for the pilots and residents. Unfortunately, there have been plane crashes in the recent past at this airport; as much as we hope there will never be another one, the liability risk is high for Oncore.
6. Wilkerson Farm, Tract 2192, where the proposed M8 route is designated to run, is adjacent to our property line. The project shows the towers running diagonally through their narrow property, eliminating about 20% of their land use. The impact is not only a loss in the value of their land but also a loss of income from growing and harvesting the hayfields. Not to minimize the financial loss, but of more significant concern is the impact that the electromagnetic field from this project will have on Wilkerson's health and those of us adjacent to their property.

In closing, the proposed M8 transmission line does not meet the PUC standard of prudent avoidance (*which defines as the limiting of exposures to electric and magnetic fields that can be avoided with reasonable investments of and effort*), nor is there any compensation offered for loss of use and habitability of our home and shop – as well as dozens of other residences located on Helen Road, Justin TX.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our *Position Statement*.

Sincerely,

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