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**SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-23-21216
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| APPLICATION OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY LLC TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE RAMHORN HILL – DUNAHM 345-KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN DENTON AND WISE COUNTIES | § § § § § § § | BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS |
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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF INTERVENOR MICHAEL HAMILTON

Intervenor Michael Hamilton files this Direct Testimony, which is attached.

Intervenor stipulates that this Direct Testimony can be treated by all parties as if the answers were filed under oath.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties and counsel of record on July 31, 2023, in accordance with PUC Procedural Rule 22.74 and Orders issued in Docket No. 50067 to date.

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I. INTRODUCTION

QUESTION: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND CURRENT ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD.

ANSWER: My name is Michael Hamilton, and my current address is 3659 Dove Hollow Lane, Justin TX 76247.

QUESTION: ARE YOU AN INTERVENOR IN SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-23-21216 AND PUC DOCKET NO. 55067?

ANSWER: Yes.

II. POSITION ON PROPOSED ROUTES

QUESTION: WHAT ROUTES DO YOU OPPOSE?

ANSWER: I oppose any route using Segments Q1, Q2, Q5, O8, and O3.

QUESTION: DO YOU SUPPORT ONCOR'S RECOMMENDED ROUTE 179?

ANSWER: Yes.

III. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

QUESTION: HOW WOULD YOU SUMMARIZE YOUR POSITION IN THIS PROCEEDING REGARDING ONCOR'S RECOMMENDED ROUTE 179 AND THE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE ROUTES?

ANSWER: I specifically oppose any route using Segments Q1, Q2, Q5, O8, O3 and Routes 67, 68, 69. I fully support Oncor's Recommended Route 179.

QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO ADD?

ANSWER: The construction of the Oncor Ramhorn Hill - Dunham Transmission Line across from our family homestead would be devastating! We have lived in our home for over 27 years. We built it with our own hands, raised our children, a grandchild, now have a great grandson that resides here and was even home to an elderly parent that recently passed. Five generations have lived, loved, celebrated, and worked in our precious home and beautiful piece of property. I can't imagine sitting on the porch in the morning with our coffee, watching the birds at the feeder with the monstrous monopoles humming right across the road. Towering steel structures and lines would plummet our property value that we work all these years to invest in and would most likely destroy our chance at retirement through selling for the equity we have built up. In the event we decided to stay and retire here, which is only a couple of years away, we would be forced to look at the ugliness of these power lines, the damaged property, destroyed trees and creeks, and the beautiful view of our Texas sunsets and stars would be marred by these structures. Additionally, the property across from our home is already planned to have hundreds of homes and even possibly schools built on it. I can't imagine the future families and children having to endure this transmission line without even getting a say in its construction. Constructing this line at the expense of locals that have built their lives, futures, and family legacy on soil they have bought and paid for is not the Texas way. Please don't make us collateral damage for the sake of growth.

QUESTION: DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

ANSWER: Yes.