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INTRODUCTION

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

ANSWER: My name is Sara Yarbrough and my current address is 344 Cedar Crest Drive, Justin, Texas 76247.

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

ANSWER: I am an intervenor and I am testifying on my own behalf.

QUESTION: HAVE YOU EVER TESTIFIED IN A PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS ("PUC" OR "COMMISSION") PROCEEDING?

ANSWER: No.

QUESTION: HOW LONG HAVE YOU OWNED THE PROPERTY?

ANSWER: Since 2018.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF TESTIMONY

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

ANSWER: The purpose of my testimony is to inform the PUC about environmental implications the J4 line would have on my property value, implications on how we are raising our children to love our earth and protect our earth, and also the implications this would have to the new town center that is under construction.

Description of Property and the Line's Impact

QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY HABITABLE STRUCTURES ON THE PROPERTY?

ANSWER: Yes

QUESTION: BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE LOCATION OF YOUR PROPERTY.

ANSWER: Our property is located in the Hardeman HOA in Cedar Crest Drive. We are north of Bishop Park and the new City of Justin Town Center. Our house has a wrought iron fence that gives us view into the green belt of trees and Trail creek that runs through Justin.

QUESTION: WOULD THE J4 ROUTE LINK LOWER YOUR PROPERTY VALUE OR DESIRABILITY OF YOUR PROPERTY FOR FUTURE SALES?

ANSWER: In my opinion this line would greatly decrease our property value and desirability. When looking for property in the area, the reason we chose this house in particular was because of the green belt and flood plain. We knew no one would likely build on the flood plain and that was enticing to us. I do not believe people would desire our house as much if there were large power lines in the background. I also believe that the value of our home would decrease as well.

QUESTION: WOULD THE J4 ROUTE LINK IMPACT THE WAY YOU RAISE YOUR FAMILY?

ANSWER: Absolutely yes it would. We have raised our children to love and respect the outdoors and environment. We have been able to teach many lessons about ecosystems due to living on Trail Creek. We have found more fossils than I can fit on my back porch, we have learned about lighting bugs in the summer evenings, we have witnessed and observed deer, rabbits, turkey vultures, orb spiders, snakes, baby dragonflies, toads, frogs, bass, catfish, perch and numerous other wildlife. These observations have led to many conversations about preserving our earth for future generations and how we have to be careful what we do to the earth. My hope is that I am raising a generation that will value our earth and therefore work to protect it. I know that many other families in the area have felt the same way as we have made many nature hikes together and had similar conversations. If giant power lines were in this area, we absolutely would not visit as much. The trees would likely be clear cut and the wildlife habitat disturbed. Much of what we witness and observe would be gone. I would have to travel to be able to give my children these hands-on experiences, which would lessen their frequency and therefore their impact. My children have grown to love the environment around us. They would not be allowed to explore as they currently do if the power lines were in the green belt.

QUESTION: WOULD THE J4 ROUTE POSE ANY ISSUES TO YOUR HOME?

ANSWER: Yes, as previous construction projects have gone in and wildlife is displaced many rodents find ways into homes. Our neighbors and our home have struggled to keep mice, rats, and snakes out of our homes due to habitats being destroyed.

QUESTION: WOULD THE REMOVAL OF TREES BRING ANY PERSONAL DISCOMFORT TO YOUR LIFE ON YOUR PROPERTY?

ANSWER: We would be concerned about the noise level that the new town center would cause. Between the train, which is already loud, and the police and fire sirens that would be close by we are already concerned about the noise level. The trees add a layer of protection against that noise already. I can personally testify to this as I was able to hear and sing along with construction music north of Hardeman Drive but cannot hear most of the construction noise that is happening in closer proximity across the creek for the new town center.

Conclusion and Recommendations

QUESTION: WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR THE NEW LINE?

ANSWER: My recommendation is that ONCOR avoid any green belts and instead use the right of ways already put in place by railroads and highways.