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I am NOT requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As a PROTESTOR, I understand the following:

- I am NOT a party to this case;
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- ☒ I own property with a habitable structure located near one or more of the utility's proposed routes for a transmission line.
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Signature of person submitting comments:

Linda Lange Date: 7-6-23

Public Utility Commission of Texas Records, I am submitting my comments to protest the installation of transmission lines for docket #55067 as it affects so many people, including myself. It will affect us all financially first and foremost! A 2018 study from Journal of Real Estate Research found that vacant lots sell for 44.9% less. I am aware that I do not live on a vacant lot and it may not affect me as drastically; but other information found online reported in March of 2023 stated that a home value could be lowered by 10 to 30% and in more extreme situations could be lowered by as much as 40% . The only one that would benefit from your power lines being installed are future buyers looking for a more affordable home which could bring down the appeal of the whole Canyon Falls Community Our builder wanted a \$15,000 premium for our home. It was in a beautiful part of Laurel Village in Canyon Falls which was on a cul-de-sac with a greenbelt at the end which we walk over to daily to admire the view, occasional wildlife, and beautiful sunsets. --all to be affected by the installation of the transmission lines. Before purchasing this lot, we looked at an existing spec home which was bigger, built with more amenities, and on the greenbelt; but it had no premium added because it was already along the greenbelt with transmission lines right outside the backyard fence. We did an about face on that property because of the transmission lines! It was not for me then and I certainly don't appreciate the idea that after making a conscientious decision to avoid transmission lines, that they are still a possibility. Along with the financial negative impact, to people, as I have read, there is a humming sound that can be heard if outside enjoying our backyards. And finally, even though it has not been proven yet; it is still possible that our health could be affected by the proximity of the transmission lines. I am aware that how it affects our health could take many more years of research since cancers take so long to be discovered then studies would have to be determined linking it back to the source. I am a heart patient, I have had asthma for over 40 years, and I am a senior citizen. I am always trying to stay away from anything that could possibly be detrimental to my health!

If this were to be passed, it would not only affect people living in the area; but it could also permanently affect the biodiversity of the greenbelt simply by clearing of vegetation! A variety of habitats in the ecosystem would be destroyed during construction and leaving room for further disturbance of the biotic and abiotic components of the environment. We are squeezing the natural wildlife in this area into a tight greenbelt and disturbing it for an undetermined period of time. During this time, we may lose some of the wildlife and we cannot be sure if they will return. We may lose some by pushing them to 1171 where more wildlife could be killed by traffic which could also result in more accidents. It will take time to re-establish the wildlife & topography! No one in the area wants the transmission lines! But, if there is absolutely no way around it, a lower impact route could be to install the transmission lines along an area which has already been disturbed such as 1171/ Main St. Wildlife tends to be seen more so around the homes because of the quiet, the shelter the homes provide from weather, closer to water because we water our lawns. Please don't force the wildlife to be sent away!

We moved here to enjoy nature, quiet, good health and knowing/hoping our home value would continue to increase and not lowered by up to 40%. So, I respectfully request that you use another route away from our homes, daycare center, trails, and greenbelt.

Thank you,

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