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APPLICATION OF ONCOR ELECTRIC	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
DELIVERY COMPANY LLC TO	§	
AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF	§	
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR	§	OF
THE RAMHORN HILL TO DUNHAM	§	
345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN	§	
DENTON AND WISE COUNTIES	Ş	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

CROSS-REBUTTAL TESTIMONY AND EXHIBIT OF

L. RUSSELL LAUGHLIN

ON BEHALF OF THE HILLWOOD PARTIES

CROSS-REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF L. RUSSELL LAUGHLIN ON BEHALF OF THE HILLWOOD PARTIES

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EXHIBITS

LRL-CR1 Speedway Town Center – Marketing Plan

CROSS-REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF L. RUSSELL LAUGHLIN

1		I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>
2	Q:	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND CURRENT
3		EMPLOYMENT POSITION?
4	A:	My name is L. Russell Laughlin. My business address is 9800 Hillwood Pkwy., Ste. 300,
5		Fort Worth, Texas 76177. I am currently the Executive Vice President for Strategic
6		Development and Innovation for Hillwood Development Company, LLC, which is an
7		affiliate of the Hillwood Parties identified in my direct testimony.
8	Q:	ARE YOU THE SAME L. RUSSELL LAUGHLIN WHO PREVIOUSLY
9		SUBMITTED DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING ON BEHALF OF
10		HILLWOOD PARTIES?
11	A:	Yes.
12	Q:	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR CROSS-REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?
13	A:	My Cross-Rebuttal Testimony primarily addresses issues raised by the testimony of
14		(i) Finley Ewing on behalf of intervenor La Estancia Investments, L.P. and (ii) James Clark
15		on behalf of intervenor The City of Justin.
16	Q:	DOES THE FACT THAT YOU ARE NOT ADDRESSING EVERY PROPOSAL
17		RAISED BY THESE AND OTHER PARTIES CONSTITUTE AN ENDORSEMENT
18		OF THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS?
19	A:	No.

1	Q:	ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY EXHIBITS WITH YOUR CROSS-REBUTTAL
2		TESTIMONY?
3	A:	Yes, I am attaching Exhibit LRL-CR1 which shows the current site plan from the approved
4		Planned Development zoning ordinance for our Northlake 1171 property, as discussed
5		below.
6		II. <u>RESPONSE TO LA ESTANCIA</u>
7	Q:	MR. EWING ARGUED IN HIS TESTIMONY THAT ONCOR SHOULD USE
8		SEGMENTS E7 AND F1 RATHER THAN E6. DO YOU AGREE WITH THAT
9		RECOMMENDATION?
10	A:	No, I do not. I continue to believe that the segments north of the "best meets" Route 179
11		are more disruptive and should be rejected.
12	Q:	WHY DO YOU CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT?
13	A:	There are several reasons. It is a common view in our industry that large transmission lines
14		built across prime commercial property with principal arterial and interstate access are not
15		desirable. We concur with Mayor Rettig's testimony. He correctly notes the location of the
16		Segment E6 transmission line relative to Farm-to-Market Road 1171 avoids placing large
17		transmission lines at the front door of prime commercial property and provides a unique
18		opportunity to develop commercial properties between FM 1171 and Segment E6 with the
19		transmission line behind them. I believe Mayor Rettig is also correct about the logically
20		beneficial impact use of Segment E6 would have as a buffer between the commercial

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frontage of the La Estancia development and the likely industrial development that would

take place south of Segment E61 considering the adjacency to the airport and the current
developments approved in Northlake recently in this area. I believe that fact further
supports Mayor Rettig's recommendation in support of this portion of Route 179.

The Hillwood Parties have a fully zoned and entitled site plan in place for the Northlake 1171 property. My Cross-Rebuttal Exhibit 1 reflects that plan and highlights the disruption that will result if Mr. Ewing's recommendation is accepted. There is nothing in Mr. Ewing's testimony that suggests La Estancia is currently zoned for the purposes of commercial development across the tract. Our entitled development will be a high-end commercial and multifamily mixed-use development. The adjacent areas to the north and east of this Northlake 1171 property are consistent with our commercial and multifamily mixed-use development.

III. RESPONSE TO CITY OF JUSTIN

- 13 Q: MAYOR CLARK (AND OTHER INTEVENORS FROM THE CITY OF JUSTIN)
- 14 ARGUED AGAINST THE USE OF SEGMENTS J3 AND J4. DO YOU AGREE
- 15 WITH THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS?
- 16 **A:** No, I do not. The Hillwood Parties continue to believe that the "best meets" Route 179 is
- a better solution than using Segments 16-J1-J21-J22-L1.
- 18 **Q: WHY NOT?**

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- 19 A: Again, there are several reasons. To avoid Segment J3, most routes supported by
- 20 intervenors utilized either J4 or I6-J1-J21-J22-L1. Some parties like Mayor Clark that
- 21 oppose Segment J3 also oppose J4, so if the Commissioners decided J4 is not a reasonable

¹ See Direct Testimony of David A. Rettig for Town of Northlake, p.12.

alternative to J3, that suggests that pushing the route further south down Segments I6-J1-J21-J22-L1 is the only realistic alternative. As I noted in my direct testimony, the Hillwood Parties cannot support Segments I6, J1 or J21 without alterations to those segments pushing them further west, closer to the railroad on the western edge of our Speedway North property. Use of those links without adjustment would, in all likelihood, completely disrupt a currently functioning flight test center. Adoption of Segments I6-J1-J21 as currently proposed will amount to a condemnation of the flight test center.

IV. CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY

- 9 Q: PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR CROSS-REBUTTAL TESTIMONY.
- I believe the Commission should reject the request by La Estancia to deviate from the "best meets" Route 179 by substituting Segments E7 and F1 in place of Segment E6. I also believe the Commission should reject requests to deviate from the "best meets" Route 179 by avoiding Segment J3.
- 14 Q: DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR CROSS-REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?
- 15 A: Yes, it does.

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AFFIDAVIT OF L. RUSSELL LAUGHLIN

State of Texas

County of Tarrant

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Russell Laughlin who, having been placed under oath by me, did depose as follows:

My name is Russell Laughlin. I am of legal age and a resident of the State of Texas. The foregoing cross-rebuttal testimony and exhibit offered by me are true and correct, and the opinions stated therein are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate, true and correct.

Russell Laughlin

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this

day of August, 2023.

Notary Public, State of Texas

My Commission Expires:

9-7-2025

Hillary Beth Simpson
My Commission Expires
9/2/2025
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