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

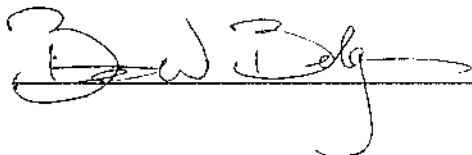
- I am NOT a party to this case;
- My comments are not considered evidence in this case; and
- I have no further obligation to participate in the proceeding.

Please check one of the following:

- ☒ I own property with a habitable structure located near one or more of the utility's proposed routes for a transmission line.
- ☐ One or more of the utility's proposed routes would cross my property.
- ☒ Other. Please describe and provide comments. You may attach a separate page, if necessary. _____

Please see attached letter for additional comments.

Signature of person submitting comments:



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July 13, 2023

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SUBJ: PROTEST OF ONCOR TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT (DOCKET NO. 555067)

My wife and I are the property owners located at 905 Coralberry Drive, Northlake, TX 76226, which will be directly affected by the proposed Oncor Transmission Line Project (Docket No. 55067). Greenbelt route segments E9 and C9 will intersect just behind our home (Canyon Falls - Laurel), which we vehemently oppose.

We purchased our home in December 2019 and chose the Laurel area of Canyon Falls over another area in Canyon Falls because it already has high-voltage power lines routed through the neighborhood. We are extremely concerned about the potential long-term effects of electromagnetic fields produced by transmission lines, such as the ones proposed.

We also chose Canyon Falls and the Laura area because of its parks, trails, creek, and nature preserve. The proposed transmission lines throughout Canyon Falls will undoubtedly impact the natural landscape of our community. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (www.fws.gov/node/266176), "Operation and maintenance of transmission line rights-of-way (ROWs) may also result in environmental impacts. ROW maintenance often involves the chemical or mechanical control of vegetation that can contribute to the loss of native plant species diversity. Cleared ROWs may be a continuous source of sedimentation into waterways."

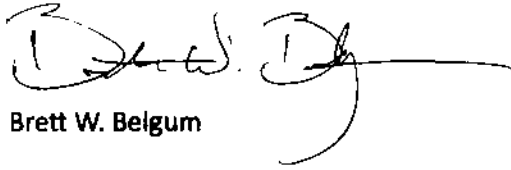
Our home currently has an unobstructed view of pasture / grazing area to the South where livestock and wildlife live and graze daily. We are deeply concerned with how the transmission lines will affect wildlife populating the nature preserves in our community. Again, per the U.S. FWS, "Transmission lines and other linear developments like pipelines, roads and trails, can increase human access into natural areas, displace wildlife from their habitat, act as barriers to wildlife movement and affect migration routes. In addition to these potential impacts, transmission lines can pose collision and electrocution risks to migratory birds."

This view is one of the largest contributing factors to us buying the property because it's a highly-desirable view for our family and my mental health. I am a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom and like many other veterans, I suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The home's view affords me the stress-relieving environment I desperately need. The view also contributes to the value of our home, if we ever choose to sell our home, this view would detract from the perceived value of the views and general enjoyment of the property.

In summation, please find a different route for the proposed transmission lines where it will not affect the natural landscape and wildlife, pose potential long-term health effects, and potentially reduce our

property value. Please feel free to reach out to me if you'd like to address this concerns in detail or if you require any additional, amplifying information regarding our opposition.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett W. Belgum", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Brett W. Belgum