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Request to Intervene in PUC Docket No. 55067

The following information must be submitted by the person requesting to intervene in this proceeding. This completed form will be provided to all parties in this docket. If you DO NOT want to be an intervenor, but still want to file comments, please complete the "Comments" page.

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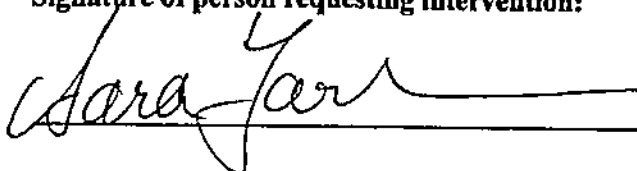
I am requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As an INTERVENOR, I understand the following:

- I am a party to the case;
- I am required to respond to all discovery requests from other parties in the case;
- If I file testimony, I may be cross-examined in the hearing;
- If I file any documents in the case, I will have to provide a copy of that document to every other party in the case; and
- I acknowledge that I am bound by the Procedural Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) and the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

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.
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Signature of person requesting intervention:



Date: 7/23/23

Effective: April 8, 2020

To Whom it may Concern,

I am a property owner at 344 Cedar Crest Drive, Justin, Texas 76247. Oncor is proposing a high voltage power line going down the length our creek area behind our house through Bishop Park in Justin. I am intervening on this proposal because of my children. We have three children ages 11, 9, and 6. We moved here for work about 5 years ago. We had a short time to find a house in a very competitive market. We put in an offer for our current house before it ever even went on the market.

What drew us to this house was the creek out back. Our children love to run and play, barefoot most of the time, outside. They enjoy all that Texas has to offer, mostly mild winters, an occasional storm, hot summers running in sprinklers, and a newly gifted trampoline. They love being outside. We knew our new backyard had to match our children's love of the outdoors. We were hoping to buy property but found ourselves about half a million too short in that housing market. When we saw what this backyard had to offer we were sold. The house lacked a bedroom for all three kids, the kitchen was small, there was only electric and no propane, and we ended up having to sell our camper because we didn't have a place to store it. None of that mattered because of the memories our children have made in this creek. We have seen deer, rabbits, turkey vultures, found more fossils than our back patio can hold, discovered orb spiders, avoided poison ivy, planted flowers, learned about all the different kinds of snakes and how to tell them apart, listened to coyotes at night, watched tadpoles grow into toads, learned what baby dragonflies look like and where to find them, watched lighting bugs in the dusk. This creek area has cultivated a love for the outdoors for our children. And it's taught our children countless lessons. We use this area to fish, to take hikes, we've done nature journals and we've been consistently grateful for this beautiful floodplain behind our house since the day we bought our home. Knowing it was a floodplain has never bothered us because we have been grateful that no one would build on it. This was truly a gift to us because we could not ever afford land like this on our own.

The lines Oncor wants to put in would destroy that area. We likely wouldn't have as many snakes but we also wouldn't have all that comes with the creek to learn about. They wouldn't fall in love with our planet. They would become part of the next generation that enjoys plastic plants and doesn't enjoy protecting the outside.

I'm not the only one. I'm a part of a group of local moms that enjoy this creek regularly to also teach their children to love nature and the outdoors. Teaching our children to love nature will help them to love to protect our environment later in the future. If we truly care about what the world is going to look like in 100 years we need to teach our children to love and cherish the outdoors now, not just enjoy a concrete jungle of convenience.

Please don't take our creek away.

Sincerely,
Sara Yarbrough