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Request to Intervene in PUC Docket No. 57648

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.

Segment 34 ROW occupies 5 acres of my 10 acre wooded Lot 4 in Rose Hill Subdivision
Centerline is 185 feet from my house-homestead of 30 years - see attached
Property ID 154027

Signature of person requesting intervention:

Ge H Webster

Date: 3-15-25

Effective: April 8, 2020

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March 15, 2025
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Harsh Effects and Data Errors in Segment 34 Docket 57628

This property has been our homestead for 30 years (my wife and I are in our 60's). It is a 10 acre wooded Lot in a Residential subdivision with deed restrictions. Segment 34 Right of Way (ROW) would occupy 5 acres of the property and the ROW would be 75 ft from our house (125 ft from a 500 KV wire and 185 ft from the centerline). My house is not even identified on the Entergy interactive map. I cannot imagine how anyone could be more adversely impacted than us. I am attaching a summary of my constructive comments to Entergy in June 2024.

My next door neighbor's homestead (Morrow) and two neighbors across Rose Road are also severely impacted by ROW too close to structures. Our house is 75 ft from ROW and goat barn is 150 ft from ROW. There is also a 1400 ft² rabbit barn inside the ROW as well as two hay storage sheds. The Morrow house appears to be 100 ft from ROW and the 5 car garage only 20 ft. The house across the street from the Morrow's house is 150 ft from ROW and the garage apartment is 75 ft. The Darnell property main residence is 120 ft and the guest house is 60 ft from the ROW and neither of these are identified on the interactive map.

Segment 34 is only 0.79 miles. Segment 34 crosses a residential subdivision, traverses diagonally through 2 properties and the center line is less than 300 ft from 6 habitable structures (3 are less than 200 ft). The Google maps Entergy used to construct the segment were over 6 years old with summer foliage hiding the structures. The proximity to so many habitable structures make Segment 34 a bad option.

I raised the question with Entergy on using their existing 138 KV ROW which crosses County Line Rd. I got a response from Bob Upchurch that the 500 KV needs its own route. I raised the question with the Entergy Power engineer at the Livingston Open house and he said the 2 lines could co-exist. I am not a power engineer, just a landowner whose life is threatened by a line on a map. It doesn't seem unreasonable to at least consider an alternative.

The Willis area is a rapidly growing one and some local input is wise in the placement of this 500 KV transmission line in regard to impact on development. It was obvious that the designers of these Willis segments did not have that knowledge. Anyone who attended the Willis open house can attest to this. Most of us went to the new community center where nothing was going on, only to find out the open house was at the old tiny community center on Mink Street. The inadequate space was the talk of the town. Someone familiar with the Willis area would have known where to schedule the event. Entergy has a power plant in Willis and the right hand did not know what the left hand was doing. I have noticed this to be a big contracted project.

Placement of these monster 500 KV transmission lines through Kendall Homes Rose Hill Estate Development is a bad idea and will obviously hinder development. This is a new 250 home/250 acre development. I can imagine the delight of the new \$500,000 home buyers as they drive beneath these 140 ft towers coming home to enjoy their home in the country. Maybe they will enjoy the glow of these high voltage wonders at night. Maybe they can show their friends the glow of a fluorescent bulb placed in the ground beneath the lines. I wonder how many potential home buyers have been discouraged by the threat of these transmission lines? I wonder how many home owners are aware? Were current maps used? Were the sites vetted?

The Rose Hill area has some of the best land for new homes. The 500 KV transmission line is so much taller, wider and carries 10 times more power than the typical 138 KV lines we have in the area. These monster lines may affect the beauty and discourage development. When people come to our wooded property they always comment on how nice it is. They also comment on how cooler it is under the trees in the summer. Deforestation and a new transmission line over Rose Road will certainly adversely effect the area. Has the use of the existing Entergy ROW crossing County Line Rd been explored?

I dread watching all the beautiful white oak and hickory trees being cut down if Segment 34 is part of the Route. We could not safely live on the property and raise our 4H Boer goats and California rabbits as we have done for 30+ years. It may be a line on a map to some of you, but it is our life. They must be held to a higher standard.

L. H. Webb 3-15-25

June 20, 2024

George Webster

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Entergy Texas, Inc

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SETEX Area Reliability Project Questionnaire Response

I discovered 4 weeks ago that my wooded 10 acre residential homestead at 13985 Rose Rd in Willis could be severely impacted by Segment 34 of the proposed project. The impact includes removal of all trees and five barns on 5 acres of the property. The transmission lines would be located less than 200 ft from my house. The lines are also less than 200 ft from at least 4 of my neighbors. I have the following observations to offer.

Segment 34 transmission line wires cross over a 1200 ft² residence on my neighbor Grant Darnell's property that is visible on the map. I observed from discussions with the Project Team members in Livingston that this would be an unacceptable parameter. Segment 34 also goes through the center of Rose Hill subdivision of which my property is Lot 4 (lines through restricted subdivisions also seemed to be an unacceptable parameter). Two other properties are cut in two by this segment.

Segment 34 crosses Rose Hill on Rose Road which offers some of the highest elevation and premium residential property in Willis. Conservatively this land will sell at \$100,000/acre. It is divided into mostly 10 acre tracts which were sold by Champion Paper in the 1980's with deed restrictions.

Segment 38 crosses land being developed by Kendall Homes which are selling homes at \$500,000 and 1/2 acre lots at \$80,000. At least 20 new homes have been built in this subdivision and they will probably be building new homes on Section 38 in the near future.

The proposed Substation D is surrounded by residential development on FM 1097 to the northwest and Rose Road to the northeast. There is much less development along County Line Road to the southeast where there is already a 138 KV transmission line running east which crosses Rose Road and then Dave Moore Road. Entergy and Power team members at the open house considered it technically feasible to run the new 500 KV line along this existing route with a wider Right of Way. Use of this existing Transmission line for a short segment (1 to 2 miles) will preserve much of the beauty and potential of Rose Hill to the community. I have been asking the question as to why such an obvious route was not included and I am compelled to raise this question in correspondence with county commissioners and elected officials.



Response to
Question >

Entergy
Questionnaire
6-20-21

Consider using existing
eastern Right of way and
then move North in Lowlands