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To: Public Utility Commission of Texas

Re: PUCT Docket No. 60319 / SOAH Docket No. [to be assigned]

Application of El Paso Electric Company to Amend Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Pine to McCloud 345 kV Transmission Line in El Paso County

Statement of Position of Kim Groebner

To the Commissioners,

I am an intervenor in this proceeding and the owner of approximately 5+ acres of property at _____, _____. My property is approximately 1.5 miles from the proposed transmission-line route and is located within the Hueco Mountain Estates community.

I oppose any proposed route that includes Link 1R and respectfully ask the Public Utility Commission of Texas to select a route that avoids this area and minimizes impacts to private property, scenic resources, and existing communities.

I purchased this property specifically because of its location near Hueco Tanks State Park, its open and undeveloped character, and its expansive views across the Hueco Valley. The natural landscape, sense of openness, and proximity to Hueco Tanks are fundamental to the value and intended use of this property for me. These characteristics are not incidental; they are the reason I chose to purchase land in this particular location.

I intend to build a home on my property. I am currently developing plans and working through the permitting process in preparation for that future residential use. The proposed transmission line therefore has the potential to directly affect not only the current character and use of my property, but also my planned future use of the property as a residence.

Additionally, the Hueco Valley has grown, and continues to grow, a rich and vibrant community of people who have invested in the area because of its recreational opportunities, tranquility, quiet, and beautiful natural setting. The preservation of this character is important not only to individual property owners, but to the broader community that has developed around it. A change of this scale and nature has the potential to affect landowners, residents, small business owners, and those who work and volunteer at Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site, and throughout the valley.

The proposed 345 kV transmission line would substantially change the character of the landscape surrounding my property. Large transmission structures and associated conductors would introduce significant industrial infrastructure into an otherwise open desert environment. The visual impact would not be temporary. Once constructed, the structures, conductors, and associated right-of-way would remain a permanent part of the landscape and would significantly alter the open views and natural setting that drew me to the property and that I intend to enjoy as part of my future home.

The proposed route's proximity to Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site is also a significant concern. The park is approximately 1.5 miles from my property and is an important recreational, scenic, and historic resource in the area. I respectfully ask the Commission to consider the potential visual and construction impacts of a major transmission corridor in such close proximity to the park, including the effect on the natural and scenic character of the surrounding landscape.

I am also concerned about the impacts associated with construction. EPE's project materials indicate that construction may involve vegetation clearing, specialized wide-track vehicles, line trucks and trailers, cranes, excavation for structures and foundations, delivery and assembly of large steel poles, and installation of conductors. These activities would be particularly disruptive in an undeveloped desert environment and could significantly affect my property and the surrounding area during construction.

In addition to construction impacts, I am concerned about the long-term effects of the transmission line, including its visual presence, potential operational noise, maintenance activity, access requirements, and the overall industrialization of an area that I purchased specifically for its natural and scenic qualities. I ask that these impacts be fully evaluated.

I also ask the Commission to give appropriate consideration to routing alternatives that would avoid Link 1R and reduce impacts to privately owned property and established communities. Where feasible alternatives exist, I believe the Commission should carefully compare their respective impacts on property owners, scenic and recreational resources, existing corridors, and the natural character of the area.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Commission not approve any transmission route utilizing Link 1R and instead select a feasible alternative that minimizes impacts to private landowners, planned residential uses, small businesses, and the character of the Hueco Mountain Estates area, as well as potential impacts to the nearby Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Groebner
Owner,

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on September 30, 2026, I served a copy of this Statement of Position on all parties of record in accordance with the applicable procedural requirements.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Groebner', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kim Groebner