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STATEMENT OF POSITION OF: Kiel Mahar

I am an intervenor in this proceeding and own property at [redacted], near proposed Link 1R.

I oppose any route that includes Link 1R because:

1. Link 1R crosses 69 parcels, more than any other preliminary link in EPE's own routing data.
2. None of Link 1R follows an existing transmission line; it would require all-new right-of-way.
3. It runs 60 to 320 feet from Pony Express Road for about 0.9 miles, in the foreground of the homes along it.
4. It will obstruct and interfere with the views and natural beauty of the region.

I support routes that avoid Link 1R, such as those using Links 1N, 1T and 1V.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
I certify that on 10/1/2026 I served a copy of this document on all parties of record by email.

10/1/2026

October 1, 2026

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PUBLIC COMMENT OPPOSING LINK 1R

To the Public Utility Commission of Texas:

I am writing to oppose the use of Link 1R as a route for El Paso Electric's proposed Pine to McCloud 345 kV transmission line in El Paso County.

Based on the project information provided by the community's No Link 1R website and El Paso Electric's preliminary routing information, Link 1R would cross 69 separately owned parcels—the highest number among the 36 preliminary links. It also requires entirely new right-of-way and runs approximately 60 to 320 feet from Pony Express Road for about 0.9 miles, placing large transmission structures in close proximity to homes and properties along the road.

The same routing information identifies an alternative using Links 1N, 1T, and 1V that would cross substantially fewer parcels between the same points. I respectfully ask the Commission to consider the impacts on affected landowners and to avoid selecting Link 1R when an alternative route can reduce the number of properties affected.

Please include this letter in the record for Docket No. 60319 and consider my objection when evaluating the proposed routes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kiel Mahar

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