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PUBLIC COMMENT OF KASSANDRA MAILLARD

I own property at [redacted], El Paso County, Texas, near proposed Link 1R of El Paso Electric's Pine to McCloud 345 kV transmission line. Proposed Link 1R passes about 4,000 feet from my property.

I oppose any route that uses Link 1R.

To the Commissioners,

I Kassandra Maillard, a Hueco Valley land owner and resident, am very much opposed to this proceeding and am firmly intervening.

What I am specifically opposing is any proposed route that includes Link 1R and am respectfully pleading that the Public Utility Commission of Texas selects a route that avoids this area. For reasons that this route could impact our resources, our safety, devastate private property and existing communities.

I, along with many others in this neighborhood have chosen to live in Hueco Tanks because of our connection to this land. People have purchased property here to build homes, chase dreams, grow their families and retire all in the same community. All these people could potentially be negatively impacted by making the choice to place these power lines along the proposed route.

The Hueco Valley has a very special character. We have protected Tigua land all around us. The history of this Valley is unique to our borderland and we should be protecting this rich culture. We have beautiful expansive views, an open natural landscape and a close proximity to Hueco Tanks State Park. We have invested in this area because of it's recreational opportunities, tranquility and peace, so special and rarely found.

The preservation of this character is important not only to the land and individual land owners but to our future community that has the right to grow and thrive without the implications of this proposal.

In that respect, we are still a small community and another major concern is that we don't have the proper infrastructure to support a large project like this. In this current moment, we still have roads that get completely washed out when it rains. We don't have concrete or asphalt roads, we have dirt roads.

The impacts of construction would not only be devastating to the residents, but primarily, disruptive to our environment, vegetation and wildlife.

Construction of this magnitude would involve special wide track vehicles, trailers, cranes, line trucks etc.- our underdeveloped community does not have the capacity to manage an operation of this magnitude.

In addition to construction impacts, another huge concern is the long term effects of this transmission line. Aside from the horrific visual presence we will never escape, what does

maintenance look like, what is the operational noise, and how is this going to affect the health of our residents?

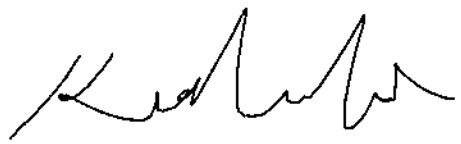
I respectfully ask the Commission to please consider the routing alternatives.

Privately owned land and established communities do not have to be disrupted. Feasible alternatives do exist, I believe that the Commission will be considerate of our community and make the right choice to not approve any transmission route utilizing Link 1R and instead select an alternative that respects the Hueco Tanks Valley.

Respectfully submitted,

Kassandra Maillard

Owner, [redacted]



Kassandra Maillard

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