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PUBLIC COMMENT OF DANIEL SETIAWAN

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 2500 feet from my property.

I oppose any route that uses Link 1R.

Like my neighbors, I was drawn here by the beauty of the land, the proximity to Hueco Tanks State Park, the peace and quiet. The proposed Link 1R would run like a knife wound through this pristine desert landscape. It will ruin the experience of this valley not only for its residents, but also for the tens of thousands who come to visit the state park every year and for the business that rely on those visitors.

Beyond being a mecca for outdoor enthusiasts, this region has a cultural history that dates back millennia. You can find pottery shards buried in the arroyos and see 10,000 year old pictographs painted on the rocks in yellow and red pigments. Native American tribes continue to perform ceremonies at the State Park to this day. Building a 27 mile long stretch of 125 foot tall transmission towers across the land would be an offense to this cultural heritage.

I am also concerned about the impact the proposed line would have on this sensitive desert ecosystem. The clearing of vegetation, use of heavy machinery and continued maintenance of the line would destroy and otherwise alter the habitat for the area's abundant wildlife which include deer, coyotes, javelina, mountain lions, ring tailed cats, owls, hawks, snakes, lizards, tarantulas and the rare desert tortoise.

Link 1R is a bad plan by this commissions own criteria. It will, cross 69 parcels – more than any of the other proposed links and follows no existing corridor, requiring all new right of way. Alternative links proposed by EPE like (1N-1T-1V) would only cross approximately 36 parcels. It is also my understanding that the EPE's inventory of habitable structures near Link 1R left out several buildings, and I ask this commission and the EPE to address this discrepancy.

The EPE's contact email for this project (connect@pinemccloud.com) does not seem to work and it is not known if questions are comments are reaching the EPE at all. Since the EPE's questionnaire closed in March 2026, residents, like myself, who learned of the project late have no way of officially voicing their concerns with the EPE now that they have finalized their routes. I ask the commission to keep these omissions in mind when reviewing the input received by the EPE and to consider fully the comments filed in this docket.

You will find that many people, including myself, consider this valley to be a sacred place. The cultural history, vibrant community, outdoor recreational activities, the wide views and dark

skies, the untouched natural environment, the plants and animals – it's all a gift. Access is a gift.

I urge this commission to reject Link 1R and for the EPE to consider alternatives routes.

Sincerely, Daniel Setiawan

Resident

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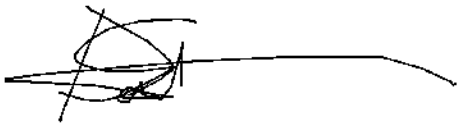

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