

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

REGULAR MEETING August 13, 2013



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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2013 6:00 P.M.

NOTICE is hereby given of a REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF ALDERMEN of the TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS, to be held on, AUGUST 13, 2013 at 6:00 P.M., in the TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 3301 CARMEN AVENUE, RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS to consider the following items:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Invocation and Pledge
- 4. Public Comment
- 5. Approval of Minutes
 Regular Meeting July 9, 2013
- 6. Consideration of Bid and Award of Contract for Solid Waste Collection and Brush Removal and Authorize Mayor to Sign Contract
- 7. Consideration/Ratify Agreement with Dave Jackson for Animal Control
- 8. Present/Discuss Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014
- 9. Provide for Public Notice of Date, Time and Location of Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014

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- 10. Discuss Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate and Consideration/Action on Proposal for Tax Rate Increase
- 11. Provide for Public Notice of Date, Time and Location of Public Hearings for Tax Rate Increase
- 12. Report on Medicaid 1115 Waiver Project
- 13. Report on Coastal Issues Forum
- 14. Report on Recent MPO Activities
- 15. Report on Strategic Planning Committee Updates
- 16. Public Comment
- 17. Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to seek advice of Town's attorney: PUC Docket No. 41606 Joint Application of Electric Transmission Texas, LC and Sharyland Utilities LP to Amend Their Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Proposed North Edinburg to Loma Alta Double-Circuit 345 kV Transmission Line in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties, Texas
- 18. Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session

19. Adjourn

Town Administrator

#1 Call to Order by Mayor Hager

#2 Roll Call

by Isabel Perales

Alderwoman Carr Alderwoman Guerrero Alderwoman Rathbun Alderwoman Truan Alderman Vera

Legal Counsel, Daniel Rentfro, Jr.

Town Administrator, Cheryl J. Kretz.

#3 Invocation and Pledge

The pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

And the pledge of allegiance to the Texas State Flag is,

"Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

#4 Public Comment

Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting - July 9, 2013

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO JULY 9, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas was held on July 9, 2013, at the Town Municipal Office, 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, Texas, the same being open to the public. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jean Hager at 6:00 P.M. Roll call was made by Isabel Perales, Assistant Town Secretary. Members present at the meeting were:

Mrs. Cyndie Rathbun Mrs. Bitty Truan Mr. Javier Vera

Members absent:

Mrs. Lupita Carr

Mrs. Maribel Guerrero

Mr. Daniel Rentfro, Jr., legal counsel, was present. Town Administrator Cheryl J. Kretz was also present at the meeting.

Those present in the audience were:

Sergio Gonzalez
Angela Nix
Rafael Mimbela
Richard P. Lewis
Laura Gomez
Kelly Cuff
Faviola Hernandez
Chief M. Cruz, Jr.
Chuck Barlow
Eduardo Richa

Esther Gonzalez
Julio Trevino
Gabriela Mimbela
Jorge Gomez
Ramachandran Raju
Xavier Montemayor
E.J. Chaney, M.D.
Ryan Waters
Cricket Barlow

Sasha MBT Development

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:

Mayor Hager led the group in the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dinand Walk

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Alderman Vera, seconded by Alderwoman Rathbun, and unanimously carried, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 11, 2013 as written.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION ON EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH BUILDING INSPECTOR:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Rathbun, seconded by Alderwoman Truan, and unanimously carried, to extend the contract with Brent Cannon as Building Inspector for one year.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION OF RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 33.07 OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE WHICH ENABLES THE GOVERNING BODY TO ASSESS AN ADDITIONAL COLLECTION PENALTY:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Truan, seconded by Alderman Vera, and unanimously carried, to approve Resolution No. 258 - A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 33.07 OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE WHICH ENABLES THE GOVERNING BODY TO ASSESS AN ADDITIONAL COLLECTION PENALTY.

CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO DESIGNATE AN AUDITOR FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2013:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Rathbun, seconded by Alderman Vera, and unanimously carried, to designate Long Chilton, LLC. as the Town auditor for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013.

CONSIDERATION/APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE:

Motion was made by Alderwoman Truan, seconded by Alderwoman Rathbun, and unanimously carried, to appoint Maria Hinojosa and Yvania Adobbati as members of the Beautification Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Dinand Walk inquired about the 511 Exchange.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Alderman Vera, seconded by Alderwoman Truan, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 P.M.

BY	:					
	Cheryl	J.	Kretz,	Town	Secretary	
API	PROVED:					
		Jean	Hager,	Mayo	or	
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Consideration of Bid and Award of Contract for Solid Waste Collection and Brush Removal and Authorize Mayor to Sign Contract

YEAR 1

CONTRACTOR'S PROPOSAL FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

TO: The Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas

Proposal of Rio Grande Valley Allied Waste Services (An individual), (a partnership), (a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Texas)

The undersigned having carefully read and considered the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal for the Town of Rancho Viejo, does hereby offer to perform such services on behalf of the Town, of the type and quality and in the manner described, and subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions set for in the Contract Documents at the rates (set forth in words and figures) hereinafter set forth:
*Note: All Pricing and Attachments DO NOT Include Taxes.

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES

\$ 271.80per year, per residence, billed quarterly in advance, curbside automated cart pickup for One container, once a week pickup and Brush & Bulky Items Pick up

§ 403.80per year, per residence, billed quarterly in advance, curbside automated cart pickup for Two containers, once a week pickup and Brush & Bulky Items Pickup

Curbside collection – large brush (no bigger than Ten (10) cubic yards) and tree trimmings for each residential customer.

No extra charge for this service, once a month pickup

MULTI-FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT CONTAINERIZED COLLECTION

Pickup	2/week Pickup	3/week Pickup	4/week Pickup	J WEEK	6/week Pickup
\$ <u>62.93</u>	\$ 114.52	\$166.11	¢ 21.6 42	•	•
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Charge for extra bin pickup on demand \$_60.00 PROPONENT:

BY: Allied Waste Services of Rio Grande Valley Principal Office/Residence Address: 9402 W Expressway 83

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^{*}Additional Commercial Dumpster Billing Rates for Optional Services are attached.

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	The state of the s	Collection	Collection Billing Rates/Pick-up Frequency	Pick-up Fre		
Container Size 1/Week	1/Week	2/Week	3/2/00/2/20	4/Week		C. A. B. C. J. L.
2 Cubic Yard	\$ 62.93	S TIA, S				
3 Cubic Yard	\$ 75.50	\$ 134.05 30.400				
4 Cubic Yard	\$ 85.56	\$ 156.05	the train of the train of	207 200	1	000000000000000000000000000000000000000
6 Cubic Yard	\$ 132.14	\$ 242.88			1	Ī
8 Cubic Yard	\$ 152.27	\$ 274.36				•
		Cost/Ton	140	ŧ		1
30 Cubic Yard	\$ 242.82	S N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N		The state of the s		
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Offer	\$ 0.80					
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YEAR 2

CONTRACTOR'S PROPOSAL FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

TO: The Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas

Allied Waste Services Proposal of Rio Grande Valley (Aduly organized under the laws of the State of Texas) (An individual), (a partnership), (a corporation

The undersigned having carefully read and considered the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal for the Town of Rancho Viejo, does hereby offer to perform such services on behalf of the Town, of the type and quality and in the manner described, and subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions set for in the Contract Documents at the rates (set forth in words and figures) hereinafter set forth:

*Note: All Pricing and Attachments DO NOT Include Taxes. SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES

\$282.67 per year, per residence, billed quarterly in advance, curbside automated cart pickup for One container, once a week pickup and Brush & Bulky Items Pickup

\$419.95 per year, per residence, billed quarterly in advance, curbside automated cart pickup for Two containers, once a week pickup and Brush & Bulky Items Pickup

Curbside collection - large brush (no bigger than ten (10) cubic yards) and tree trimmings for each residential customer.

No extra charge for this service, once a month pickup.

MULTI-FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT CONTAINERIZED COLLECTION Price per month, billed monthly in advance

	1/week Pickup	2/week Pickup	3/week Pickup	4/week Pickup	5/week Pickup	6/week Pickup
2 cubic yd. bin 3 cubic yd. bin 4 cubic yd. bin Charge for extra PROPONENT: BY: Allied	\$ 78.52 \$ 88.98 bin pickup of	Rio Grand	e Valley			\$ 390.03
Principal Office/ Harlingen (City) Telephone: (800	Residence A Came (Count) 423-73	ddress: <u>9402</u> ron y)	W Express Texas (State)			

^{*}Additional Commercial Dumpster Billing Rates for Optional Services are attached.

Year 2

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		Collectio	Collection Billing Rates/Pick-up Frequency	Pick-up Fred		
Container Size 1/Week	1/Week	2/Week	3/Week	4/Week	5/Waak	2008
2 Cubic Yard	\$ 65.45	\$ 119.10	\$ 172.75	e	00 700 Y	
3 Cubic Yard	\$ 78.52		\$ 202.86	\$ 265 70	なない。	## CCCC
4 Cubic Yard	\$ 88.98	\$ 162.29	\$ 236.53	\$ 309.21		10000 T
6 Cubic Yard	\$ 137.43	\$ 252.60	\$ 357.31	\$ 447.38	2	100 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
8 Cubic Yard	\$ 158.36	\$ 285.33	\$ 410.98	5 7.5.7 20 7.5.7	7 CX3 7 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	
		Cost/Ton	Rental/Dav		7	20.407
30 Cubic Yard	\$ 252.53	\$ 36.97	\$ 35			
Residential	1/Month		-			
Offer	\$ 0.83					

YEAR 3

CONTRACTOR'S PROPOSAL FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

TO: The Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas

Allied Waste Services Proposal of (An individual), (a partnership), (a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Texas)

The undersigned having carefully read and considered the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal for the Town of Rancho Viejo, does hereby offer to perform such services on behalf of the Town, of the type and quality and in the manner described, and subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions set for in the Contract Documents at the rates (set forth in words and figures) hereinafter set forth:

*Note: All Pricing and Attachments DO NOT Include Taxes. SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES

\$ 293.98 per year, per residence, billed quarterly in advance, curbside automated cart pickup for One container, once a week pickup and Brush & Bulky Items Pickup

\$ 440.95 per year, per residence, billed quarterly in advance, curbside automated cart pickup for Two containers, once a week pickup and Brush & Bulky Items Pickup

Curbside collection - large brush (no bigger than ten (10) cubic yards) and tree trimmings for each residential customer.

No extra charge for this service, once a month pickup.

MULTI-FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT CONTAINERIZED COLLECTION Price per month, billed monthly in advance

	l/week Pickup	2/week Pickup	3/week Pickup	4/week Pickup	5/week Pickup	6/week Pickup
2 cubic yd. bin		\$ <u>123.8</u> 6	\$ 179.66	\$ 234.14	\$304.91	\$ <u>34</u> 5.74
3 cubic yd. bin	\$ <u>81.66</u>	\$ <u>145.6</u> 5		\$ <u>276</u> .33		\$ <u>405.63</u>
4 cubic yd. bin	\$92.54	\$ 169.09				\$ 468.26
Charge for extra PROPONENT:	bin pickup o	n demand \$ 60	0.00			·

BY: Allied Waste of Rio Grande Valley

Principal Office/Residence Address: 9402 W Expressway 83 Harlingen Cameron Texas (City) (County) (State)

Telephone: (800) 423 7316

^{*}Additional Commercial Dumpster Billing Rates for Optional Services are Attached.

Year 3

		Collection	Collection Billing Rates/Pick-up Frequency	Pick-up Fred	Sugar	
Container Size 1/Week	1/Week	2/Week	3/Week	4/W/Ppk	7/W/00/L	SWOOL S
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3 Cubic Yard	\$ 81.66	\$ 145.65	\$ 210.98	\$ 276.33	35 9 7 A	0 1 0 1 V
4 Cubic Yard	\$ 92.54	\$ 168.78	\$ 245.99	\$ 371 58	7 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	50.504 4
6 Cubic Yard	\$ 142.92	\$ 262.70	\$ 37161	X 450 02	20 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0	400.70
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	V 154.70	\$ 296.75	\$ 427.42	\$ 559,46	\$ 657.47	\$ 215.36
	5 T	Cost/Ton	Rental/Dav			- 1
30 Cubic Yard \$	\$ 262.63	\$ 38.45	\$ 5.56			
Residential	2 d					
Recycling	I/Wonth					
Offer	\$ 0.87					

Consideration/Ratify Agreement with Dave Jackson for Animal Control

AGREEMENT WITH DAVID JACKSON

This Agreement is entered into as of the 29th day of 0, 2013, between the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas (the "Town") and David Jackson (the "Independent Contractor").

- 1. Independent Contractor. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Town hereby engages the Independent Contractor to perform the services set forth herein, and the Independent Contractor accepts such engagement by executing this Agreement.
- 2. Duties, Term, and Compensation. The Independent Contractor's duties, term of engagement, compensation, and provisions for payment thereof shall be as set forth as stated below and may be amended in writing from time to time, or supplemented.

DUTIES: The Independent Contractor will be responsible for setting traps to capture stray animals, maintaining the traps, removing animals from the traps, and taking the removed animals to the Cameron County Animal Control facilities in San Benito, Cameron County, Texas, during their normal business hours, and other similar duties the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, may assign from time to time. Furthermore, the Independent Contractor shall comply with the Town's guidelines for animal removal as well as any other ordinances, guidelines, or regulations of the Town. The Independent Contractor will maintain all required state certifications and remain current on all state rules and regulations pertaining to the position of an Animal Control Officer. The Independent Contractor, individually, will be responsible for all costs associated with maintaining certifications and remaining current on all applicable state rules and regulations without additional compensation from the Town.

TERM: The Effective Date of this Agreement shall be when the Independent Contractor and the Mayor of the Town sign this Agreement, and such Agreement shall commence on an interim basis until the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, take formal action on this Agreement. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, the interim basis shall be subject to formal approval by the Board of Aldermen, and in taking formal action on this Agreement, the Board of Aldermen shall decide whether to reject this Agreement or to approve this Agreement. Should the Board of Aldermen approve this Agreement, then this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect for one year from the Effective Date of this Agreement, or until the Board of Aldermen terminates this Agreement, whichever occurs first. The Board of Alderman may extend or continue the term of this Agreement at any time prior to the expiration thereof. Should the Board of Aldermen reject this Agreement, then it shall immediately cease to have any force or effect.

COMPENSATION: As full compensation for the services rendered pursuant to this Agreement, the Town shall pay the Independent Contractor \$60.00 for each animal removed from premises and taken to the Cameron County Animal Control facilities in San Benito, Cameron County, Texas, during their normal business hours, and \$25.00 for service call made with no animal removed due to trap tampering or inability to access the trapport see Hing of the Checking a trap of the Checking and trap of the Checking a trap of the Checking and the Checking a

- 3. Conflicts of Interest. The Independent Contractor represents that he is free to enter into this Agreement and that this Agreement does not violate the terms of any agreement between the Independent Contractor and any third party. During the term of this Agreement, the Independent Contractor shall devote as much of his productive time and abilities to the performance of his duties herein as is necessary to perform the required duties in a timely and productive manner.
- 4. Termination. The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, at any time may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the Independent Contractor. The Mayor of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, has the authority to suspend the Independent Contractor until the Board of Aldermen act on whether to terminate this Agreement.
- 5. Insurance. The Independent Contractor expressly acknowledges that he understands that the Town will not provide any insurance coverage whatsoever for him, including but not limited to defense or indemnity coverage from any third party claims as a result of the Independent Contractor's performance of this Agreement, and he agrees that he will be responsible for obtaining his own liability insurance.
- 6. Choice of Law. The laws of the state of Texas shall govern the validity of this Agreement, the construction of its terms and the interpretation of the rights and duties of the parties hereto.
- 7. Waiver. Waiver by one party hereto of breach of any provision of this Agreement by the other shall not operate or be construed as a continuing waiver.
- 8. Notices. Any and all notices, demands, or other communications required or desired to be given hereunder by any party shall be in writing and shall be validly given or made to another party if personally served, or if deposited in the United States mail, certified or registered, postage prepaid, return receipt requested. If such notice or demand is served personally, notice shall be deemed constructively made at the time of such personal service. If such notice, demand or other communication is given by mail, such notice shall be conclusively deemed upon deposit thereof in the United States mail addressed to the party to whom such notice, demand or other communication is to be given as follows:

If to the Independent Contractor:

David Jackson P.O. Box 531450 Harlingen, Texas 78553 Phone: (956) 367-1200

If to the Town:

Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas Mayor Jean Hager 3301 Carmen Avenue Rancho Viejo, Texas 78575 Phone: (956) 350-4093 Any party hereto may change its address for purposes of this paragraph by written notice given in the manner provided above.

- 9. Modification or Amendment. No amendment, change or modification of this Agreement shall be valid unless in writing signed by the parties hereto and approved by the Board of Aldermen. 10. Entire Understanding. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties, and any and all prior agreements, understandings, and representations are hereby terminated and canceled in their entirety and are of no further force and effect.
- 11. Unenforceability of Provisions. If any provision of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, is held to be invalid and unenforceable, then the remainder of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.
- 12. I agree to waive, release, hold harmless, and discharge from any and all liability the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, its elected or appointed officials, officers, agents, representatives, employees, and volunteers from and against any and all claims and damages of every kind whether they be known or unknown or anticipated or unanticipated, for my injury or death and for damage to or loss of property arising out of or attributed to the Activity, including but not limited to claims and damages arising in whole or in part from the negligence of the Town of Rancho Viejo, Texas, and its elected or appointed officials, officers, agents, representatives, employees, and volunteers, wrongful death claims pursuant to section 71.021 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, or tort claims pursuant to section 101.0215(a)(33) of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code.
- 13. I acknowledge and agree to complete a basic animal control course pursuant to section 829.002(1)(A) of the Texas Health and Safety Code, as well as further education if necessary under section 829.002(2)(A) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above. The parties hereto agree that facsimile signatures shall be as effective as if originals.

TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO, TEXAS

By:

Mayor Jean Hager

Bv:

David Jackson

Present/Discuss Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014



August 9, 2013

Mrs. Cheryl J. Kretz Town Administrator Town of Rancho Viejo 3301 Carmen Avenue Rancho Viejo, Texas 78575

Dear Mrs. Kretz:

Pursuant to Texas Law, I hereby file with you as Town Administrator the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014.

Sincerely,

Jean Hager

Mayor

JH/ck

Enclosure

2013-2014 BUDGET

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$17,952 or 2.075023%, and of that amount \$15,581 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the roll this year.

	2012	2013
Effective Rate	.390081	.391506
Effective M&O Rate	.363191	.365098
Rol1back Rate	.418717	.411964
Debt Rate	.026471	.017659
Adopted Rate	.391934	

Debt Obligations Secured by Property Tax (2013)

\$39,790.00

BOARD OF ALDERMEN VOTE

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINING

NOT VOTING

PROPOSED 8 9 13 TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO BUDGET 2013- 2014

	ACTUAL 12-MONTHS	APPROVED(2) BUDGET	ACTUAL 9-Months	PROPOSED BUDGET
	9/30/2012	2012/2013	END 6/30/13	2013-2014
REVENUES:				
1810.2004 Ad Val. Tax 2004	169.51	100.00	0.00	0.00
1810.2005 Ad Val. Tax 2005	167.59	100.00	90.18	100.00
1810.2006 Ad Val. Tax 2006	204.08	100.00	199.78	100.00
1810.2007 Ad Val. Tax 2007	609.75	200.00	12.17	100.00
1810.2008 Ad Val. Tax 2008	9,436.06	600.00	720.38	100.00
1810.2009 Ad Val. Tax 2009	13,351.74	6,500.00	1,555.60	400.00
1810.2010 Ad Val. Tax 2010	19,900.90	10,000.00	3,898.83	4,500.00
1810.2011 Ad Val. Tax 2011	824,675.19	16,000.00	8,620.64	8,500.00
1810.2012 Ad Val. Tax 2012	0.00	838,912.00 (1)	819,013.22	14,000.00
1810.2013 Ad Val. Tax 2013	0.00	0.00	0.00	855,129.00 (3)
2090.0000 Discount on Taxes	(17,746.10)	(17,500.00)	(20,199.82)	(22,000.00)
1920.0000 P&I on Taxes	22,170.87	19,000.00	13,700.92	19,000.00
1820.0000 Adm. Cost Recovered	28,103.07	7,000.00	7,502.66	5,000.00
1964.0000 Paving Assessments	592.28	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
1830.0000 Alcohol & Beverage Tax	2,014.32	3,200.00	2,833.26	3,900.00
1840.0000 Building Permits	36,092.72	26,000.00	30,178.57	32,000.00
1850.0000 Citations & Fines	103,052.98	110,000.00	87,602.74	105,000.00
1851.0000 MC Tech Fund	2,394.07	3,500.00	1,959.83	2,500.00
2090.5000 State Costs & Fees	(31,329.68)	(33,000.00)	(35,514.86)	(38,000.00)
1870.0000 Franchise - Electrical	66,811.65	64,000.00	45,053.18	64,000.00
1880.0000 Franchise - Telephone	7,265.54	8,000.00	4,959.02	7,500.00
1890.0000 Franchise - Cable TV	37,645.94	35,000.00	27,551.79	34,000.00
1900.0000 Franchise - Gas	679.86	700.00	398.91	800.00
1905.0000 Franchise - Solid Waste	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
1910.0000 Interest from Investments	699.78	700.00	674.86	800.00
1921.0000 Lien Revenue	12,805.03	6,000.00	2,093.17	6,000.00
1930.0000 Sales Tax	55,298.89	50,000.00	49,320.97	60,000.00
1963.0000 Police Fund Income	150.00	150.00	100.00	100.00
SECO Grant	23,030.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	\$1,219,246.04	\$1,157,262.00	1,053,326.00	\$1,164,529.00

(1) BASED ON TAX RATE OF \$.365463 for M&O Tax Rate \$.026471 Debt Service Tax Rate

for a TOTAL TAX RATE of \$.391934 per \$100.00 Taxable Value and 97% Collections RANCHO VIEJO'S TAXABLE VALUE FOR 2012/13 WAS \$220,664,197

- (2) AS APPROVED AT 9/13/12 MEETING
- (3) BASED ON TAX RATE OF \$.374275 for M&O Tax Rate \$.017659 Debt Service Tax Rate for a TOTAL TAX RATE of \$.391934 per \$100.00 Taxable Value and 97% Collections RANCHO VIEJO'S TAXABLE VALUE FOR 2013/2014 IS \$224,929,703

EXPENSES:	ACTUAL 12-MONTHS 9/30/2012	APPROVED(2) BUDGET 2012/2013	ACTUAL 9-MONTHS END 6/30/13	PROPOSED BUDGET 2013-2014
Administration:				
2100.0000 Travel-Admin.	795.88	1,500.00	610.04	1,000.00
2110.0000 Seminar & Edu Admin.	155.00	625.00	155.00	330.00
2150.0000 Payroll - Admin.	114,096.17	114,625.00	87,037.37	114,745.00
2160.0000 Retirement - Admin.	11,238.22	11,409.00	8,377.49	10,248.00
2161.0000 S.S./Medicare - Admin.	7,115.60	7,373.00	5,528.30	7,409.00
2170.0000 Insurance Medical - Adm.	8,702.88	9,650.00	7,206.04	9,890.00
2180.0000 Insurance Life - Admin.	135.12	140.00	101.34	140.00
2190.0000 Ins. Workman's Comp	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
2200.0000 Part Time Labor - Admin.	5,799.75	9,000.00	6,236.10	9,000.00
Total Administration:	\$148,238.62	\$154,522.00	\$115,451.68	\$152,962.00
General:				
3140.0000 Telephone	3,200.68	3,700.00	2,382.73	3,250.00
3150.0000 Electricity Office	8,428.07	8,000.00	4,914.20	8,000.00
3160.0000 Insurance Liability	20,770.94	21,700.00	20,922.02	24,496.00
3170.0000 Legal Notices	2,206.27	4,000.00	729.42	3,000.00
3190.0000 Printing	178.60	300.00	320.00	300.00
3200.0000 Office Supplies	4,758.90	5,000.00	3,264.71	4,500.00
3210.0000 Office Equipment	4,992.42	5,000.00	4,660.00	5,000.00
3220.0000 Postage	1,781 <i>.</i> 75	2,500.00	1,333.71	1,800.00
3230.0000 Dues & Publications	900.50	1,000.00	803.00	1,260.00
3240.0000 Appraisal & Tax Collection	16,740.45	16,000.00	14,442.59	16,875.00
3250.0000 Water	758.50	900.00	472.70	900.00
3260.0000 Election Costs	3,962.87	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
3270.0000 Building/Yard Maintenance	5,641.84	9,000.00	5,781.09	9,303.00
3280,0000 Cameron Co. Court Costs	1,245.00	1,300.00	220.00	800.00
3300.0000 Public Relations	2,500.13	1,900.00	612.06	2,000.00
3320.0000 Office Equip. Maint.	10,835.64	11,500.00	9,735.50	11,100.00
3321.0000 Ordinance Codification	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4220.0000 Municipal Court Supplies	160.11	200.00	0.00	200.00
Total General:	\$89,062.67	\$96,000.00	\$70,593.73	\$96,784.00

	ACTUAL 12-MONTHS 9/30/2012	APPROVED(2) BUDGET 2012/2013	ACTUAL 9-MONTHS END 6/30/13	PROPOSED BUDGET 2013-2014
Police General:	0/00/2012	2012/2010	END 0/30/13	2013-2014
4140.0000 Clothing - Police	4,132.88	5,933.00	3,795.82	4,000.00
4150.0000 Payroll - Police	324,504.95	324,720.00	241,798.94	329,034.00
4160.0000 Police Ret & Empl. Tax	32,567.67	31,712.00	23,617.55	29,364.00
4161,0000 Medicare & S.S.	11,610.10	14,561.00	10,944.90	15,153.00
4170.0000 Ins. Medical	30,097.46	33,577.00	25,221.28	34,437.00
4171,0000 Ins. Medical Dependant	7,542.24	7,693.00	5,769.72	7,925.00
4180.0000 Ins. Life	467,29	475.00	354.69	475.00
4190.0000 Ins. Workman's Comp	7,935.21	8,800.00	8,372.94	9,500.00
4200.0000 Cleaning of Uniforms	2,276.75	3,672.00	1,809.50	2,500.00
4210.0000 Office Supplies	3,560.23	4,000.00	2,383.53	3,500.00
4210.5000 Printing	0.00	600.00	630.00	600.00
4230.0000 Travel - Police	350.00	600.00	1,729.18	1,600.00
4240.0000 Seminar & Education - PD	3,169.32	4,000.00	763.88	3,000.00
4250.0000 Auto Repairs	6,718.95	6,500.00	5,318.37	6,500.00
4260.0000 Auto Fuel	30,256.21	30,600.00	24,583.25	32,600.00
4291.0000 Fire Prevention/1st Aid Poli-	139.90	1,607.00	1,469.54	300.00
4300.0000 Radio Equipment Maint.	1,043.17	1,600.00	641.00	1,000.00
4310.0000 Police Part Time Labor	27,786.00	40,000.00	34,776.50	34,000.00
4330.0000 Dispatch	3,748.90	5,200.00	3,859.72	7,630.00
4331.0000 Police Investigation	4,339.16	7,740.00	7,010.31	9,535.00
4333.0000 Drug Testing	54.00	450.00	0.00	450.00
Total Police General:	\$502,300.39	\$534,040.00	\$404,850.62	\$533,103.00
Police Capital:				
25131.0000 Automobile	44,497.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25131.0001 Automobile Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25131.0500 Automobile Equipment	8,511.33	500.00	75.00	500.00
25131.3000 Auto Equip. Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4290.0000 Communication Equip.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Police Capital:	\$53,008.33	\$500.00	\$75.00	\$500.00
General Service:				
5600.0000 Ambulance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5650.0000 Fire Dept.	6,602.62	13,700.00	5,450.79	12,800.00
5660.0000 Fire Protection Contract	27,500.00	29,500.00	22,125.00	29,500.00
4291.6220 Hurricane Preparedness	825.00	1,800.00	2,129.00	3,600.00
5900.0000 Refuse Disposal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total General Service:	\$34,927.62	\$45,000.00	\$29,704.79	\$45,900.00

	ACTUAL 12-MONTHS	APPROVED(2) BUDGET	ACTUAL 9-MONTHS	PROPOSED BUDGET
	9/30/2012	2012/2013	END 6/30/13	2013-2014
Professional:				
5100.0000 Legal Fees	24,000.00	24,750.00	27,405.85	26,250.00
5200.0000 Audit Fees	6,800.00	7,100.00	7,100.00	7,300.00
5400.0000 Building Inspection	11,354.76	10,500.00	10,557.00	15,500.00
5500.0000 Municipal Judge	10,696.97	10,700.00	8,012.65	10,842.00
Total Professional	\$52,851.73	\$53,050.00	\$53,075.50	\$59,892.00
Public Works:				
6000.0000 St. Rehab.	28,985.68	25,830.00	40,675.00	40,000.00
6100.0000 St. Rehab, Reserve	30,000.00	34,366.00	0.00	0.00
6200.0000 St. Rehab. Engineer	2,332.56	500.00	0.00	20,000.00
6300.0000 Signs & Safety Markers	3,210.75	2,750.00	1,728.61	1,500.00
6400.0000 Lighting Installation	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00
6500.0000 Lighting Expenses	43,477.85	48,000.00	29,822.23	45,050.00
6600.0000 Lot Mowing	4,085.00	4,000.00	2,195.00	3,000.00
6640.0000 Common Area Maint.	35,520.00	40,820.00	30,159.88	40,820.00
6700.0000 Comm Area Water&Elec.	10,276.83	10,500.00	7,659.49	11,100.00
6710.0000 Mosquito Spraying	4,415.99	7,400.00	550.00	5,000.00
6660.0000 Beautification Project	12,157.02	5,000.00	3,623.14	5,000.00
6660.0001 SECO Project	23,501.54	0.00	0.00	0.00
6660.0002 Community Alert System	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
6660.0003 Animal Control	288.00	1,758.00	1,525.25	2,591.00
6660.0004 Security Device Reserve	0.00	750.00	0.00	750,00
6705.0001 Security Device Maint.	4,357.78	4,000.00	4,170.83	7,444.00
Total Public Works:	\$204,409.00	\$188,074.00	\$123,909.43	\$184,055.00
Security Device/Vehicle Loan:				
Interest Payable	2,326.19	1,471.98	1,178.50	625.00
Scheduled Principal	16,650.00	19,980.00	14,985.00	19,980.00
Total Loan:	18,976.19	21,451.98	16,163.50	20,605.00
Total Operating Expense:	\$1,103,774.55	\$1,092,637.98	\$813,824.25	\$1,093,801.00
Town Hall Debt Service Account:				
Interest Payable	\$ 23,413.04	23,413.04	\$ 15,712.23	\$ 9,790.00
Scheduled Principal	\$ 35,000.00			\$ 30,000.00
Total TH Debt Service:	\$ 58,413.04 \$	5 58,413.04	\$ 45,712.23	\$ 39,790.00
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Total All Expenses:		1,151,051.02		1,133,591.00
Total Revenues:	\$ 1,219,246.04 \$	1,157,262.00	\$ 1,053,326.00	\$ 1,164,529.00
To General Fund:	\$ 57,058.45 \$	6,210.98	\$ 193,789.52	30,938.00

Provide for Public Notice of Date, Time and Location of Public Hearing on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2013 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M.

Discuss Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate and Consideration/Action on Proposal for Tax Rate Increase

2013 Property Tax Rates in TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO

This notice concerns 2013 property tax rates for TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$806,715
Last year's debt taxes	\$58,432
Last year's total taxes	\$865,147
Last year's tax base	\$220,737,938
Last year's total tax rate	0.391934/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes	
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$866,572
÷This year's adjusted tax base	
(after subtracting value of new property)	\$221,342,936
=This year's effective tax rate	0.391506/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

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Last year's adjusted operating taxes	
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and	
adjusting for any transferred function, tax	
increment financing, state criminal justice mandate	
and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$808,119
÷This year's adjusted tax base	\$221,342,936
=This year's effective operating rate	0.365098/\$100
$\times 1.08$ = this year's maximum operating rate	0.394305/\$100
+This year's debt rate	0.017659/\$100
=This year's rollback rate	0.411964/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If TOWN OF RANCHO VIEJO adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.391506 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2012 taxes by \$14,945.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances:

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General	47,000
Town Hall Debt	10,300

Schedule B: 2013 Debt Service:

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Des	cription of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Tov	vn Hall Debt	30,000	20,090	0	50,090
	Total required for 2013 debt servic	e			\$50,090
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$10,300		
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$0		
- Excess collections last year			\$0		
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2013				\$39,790	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.000000% of its taxes in 2013			\$0		
=	Total Debt Levy				\$39,790

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 3301 Carmen Avenue, Rancho Viejo, TX 78575.

Name of person preparing this notice: Cheryl J. Kretz

Title: <u>Town Administrator</u> Date prepared: <u>July 24, 2013</u> Provide for Public Notice of Date, Time and Location of Public Hearings for Tax Rate Increase

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE INCREASE TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON
TAX RATE INCREASE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M.

Report on Medicaid 1115 Waiver Project

Alderwoman Carr will report on Medicaid 1115 Waiver Project

Report on Coastal Issues Forum

Alderwoman Guerrero will report on Coastal Issues Forum

Report on Recent MPO Activities

Alderwoman Truan will report on Recent MPO Activities

Report on Strategic Planning Committee Updates

Alderwoman Rathbun will

report on Strategic Planning Committee Updates

Public Comment

Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to seek advice of Town's attorney: PUC Docket No. 41606 Joint Application of Electric Transmission Texas, LC and Sharyland Utilities LP to Amend Their Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Proposed North Edinburg to Loma Alta Double-Circuit 345 kV Transmission Line in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties, Texas



Electric Transmission Texas 400 West 15th Street, Suite 1520 Austin, TX 78701



July 3, 2013

City of Rancho Viejo 3461 Carmen Ave Rancho Viejo, TX 78575-9553

RE: PUC Docket No. 41606; Joint Application of Electric Transmission Texas, LLC and Sharyland Utilities, L.P. to Amend Their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity for the Proposed North Edinburg to Loma Alta Double-Circuit 345 kV Transmission Line in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties, Texas

Dear Landowner:

Electric Transmission Texas, LLC (ETT) and Sharyland Utilities, L.P. (Sharyland) (collectively, "Joint Applicants") give notice of their intent to amend their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to construct a proposed double-circuit 345 kV transmission line in portions of Hidalgo and Cameron Counties, Texas. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) has determined that this project is critical for the reliability of the ERCOT system and specifically, the Brownsville area.

The routing options for this project range from approximately 96 miles to 125 miles in length. The estimated cost of the routing options range from approximately \$314 million to \$405 million. Joint Applicants plan to construct the transmission line primarily on steel single-pole structures.

ETT and Sharyland have filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) in Docket No. 41606 – Joint Application of Electric Transmission Texas, LLC and Sharyland Utilities, L.P. to Amend Their Certificates of Convenience and Necessity for the Proposed North Edinburg to Loma Alta Double-Circuit 345 kV Transmission Line in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties, Texas. The deadline to request to participate in Docket No. 41606 is August 19, 2013.

Your land might be directly affected in this docket. If one of Joint Applicants' routes is approved by the PUC, Joint Applicants will have the right to build a facility that might directly affect your land. The PUC docket will not determine the value of your land or the value of an easement if one is needed by either ETT or Sharyland to build the facility.

All routes and route segments (links) included in this notice are available for selection and approval by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

If you have questions about the transmission line, you may contact Joint Applicants' representative toll-free at (855) 395-7040 or by email at contact@crossvalleyproject.com.

Maps illustrating the Joint Applicants' routing options are enclosed for your review. Also enclosed is a written description of the routing links that make up the routes that have been filed with the Commission in the Joint Applicants' CCN application. More detailed mapping is available online at crossvalleyproject.com. In addition, detailed routing maps may also be reviewed during normal library hours at the following public libraries:

Edinburg Public Library	Weslaco Public Library	San Benito Public Library	Brownsville Main Library
1906 N. Closner Blvd	525 S Kansas Ave	101 West Rose St	2600 Central Blvd
Edinburg, Texas	Weslaco, Texas	San Benito, Texas	Brownsville, Texas

The enclosed brochure entitled "Landowners and Transmission Line Cases at the PUC" provides basic information about how you may participate in this docket, and how you may contact the PUC. Please read this brochure carefully. The brochure includes sample forms for making comments and for making a request to intervene as a party in this docket.

The PUC's brochure emphasizes that: The only way to fully participate in the PUC's decision on where to locate the transmission line is to intervene in the docket. It is important for an affected person to intervene because the utility is not obligated to keep affected persons informed of the PUC's proceedings and cannot predict which route may or may not be approved by the PUC.

In addition to the contacts listed in the brochure, you may call the PUC's Customer Assistance Hotline toll free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUC's Customer Assistance Hotline at (512) 936-7136 or toll free at (800) 735-2989. If you wish to participate in this docket by becoming an intervenor, the deadline for intervention in the proceeding is August 19, 2013; and the PUC should receive a letter from you requesting intervention by that date. Mail the request for intervention and 10 copies of the request to the following address:

Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records, Attn: Filing Clerk 1701 N. Congress Avenue P. O. Box 13326 Austin, Texas 78711-3326

Persons who wish to intervene in the docket must also mail a copy of their request for intervention to all parties in the docket and all persons that have pending motions to intervene, at or before the time the request for intervention is mailed to the PUC. In addition to the intervention deadline, other important deadlines may already exist that affect your participation in this docket. You should review the orders and other filings already made in the docket. The enclosed brochure explains how you can access these filings.

Since ERCOT has deemed this project to be critical to the reliability of the ERCOT system, PUC rules require that the application shall be considered on an expedited basis. A decision approving or denying the application shall be rendered within 180 days of the date of filing a complete application unless good cause is shown for extending that period. It is likely that a prehearing conference to establish the procedural schedule in this docket will be held in Austin, Texas shortly after the intervention deadline.

The PUC will make the final determination of which route will be approved for this transmission line project. Any one of the proposed routes or any other combination of the routing links could be approved by the PUC.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

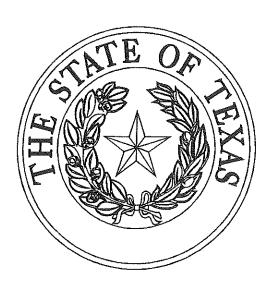
Randal E. Roper, ETT

and

Mark Caskey, Sharyland

Landowners and Transmission Line Cases at the PUC

Public Utility Commission of Texas



1701 N. Congress Avenue P.O. Box 13326 Austin, Texas 78711-3326 (512) 936-7261 www.puc.state.tx.us

Effective: June 1, 2011

Purpose of This Brochure

This brochure is intended to provide landowners with information about proposed new transmission lines and the Public Utility Commission's ("PUC" or "Commission") process for evaluating these proposals. At the end of the brochure is a list of sources for additional information.

The following topics are covered in this brochure:

- How the PUC evaluates whether a new transmission line should be built,
- How you can participate in the PUC's evaluation of a line, and
- How utilities acquire the right to build a transmission line on private property.

You are receiving the enclosed formal notice because one or more of the routes for a proposed transmission line may require an easement or other property interest across your property, or the centerline of the proposed project may come within 300 feet of a house or other habitable structure on your property. This distance is expanded to 500 feet if the proposed line is greater than 230 kilovolts (kV). For this reason, your property is considered **directly affected land**. This brochure is being included as part of the formal notice process.

If you have questions about the proposed routes for a transmission line, you may contact the applicant. The applicant also has a more detailed map of the proposed routes for the transmission line and nearby habitable structures. The applicant may help you understand the routing of the project and the application approval process in a transmission line case but cannot provide legal advice or represent you. The applicant cannot predict which route may or may not be approved by the PUC. The PUC decides which route to use for the transmission line, and the applicant is not obligated to keep you informed of the PUC's proceedings. The only way to fully participate in the PUC's decision on where to locate the transmission line is to intervene, which is discussed below.

The PUC is sensitive to the impact that transmission lines have on private property. At the same time, transmission lines deliver electricity to millions of homes and businesses in Texas, and new lines are sometimes needed so that customers can obtain reliable, economical power.

The PUC's job is to decide whether a transmission line application should be approved and on which route the line should be constructed. The PUC values input from landowners and encourages you to participate in this process by intervening in the docket.

PUC Transmission Line Case

Texas law provides that most utilities must file an application with the PUC to obtain or amend a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) in order to build a new transmission line in Texas. The law requires the PUC to consider a number of factors in deciding whether to approve a proposed new transmission line.

The PUC may approve an application to obtain or amend a CCN for a transmission line after considering the following factors:

- Adequacy of existing service;
- Need for additional service;
- The effect of approving the application on the applicant and any utility serving the proximate area;
- Whether the route utilizes existing compatible rights-of-way, including the use of vacant positions on existing multiple-circuit transmission lines;
- Whether the route parallels existing compatible rights-of-way;
- Whether the route parallels property lines or other natural or cultural features;
- Whether the route conforms with the policy of prudent avoidance (which is defined as the limiting of exposures to electric and magnetic fields that can be avoided with reasonable investments of money and effort); and
- Other factors such as community values, recreational and park areas, historical and aesthetic values, environmental integrity, and the probable improvement of service or lowering of cost to consumers in the area.

If the PUC decides an application should be approved, it will grant to the applicant a CCN or CCN amendment to allow for the construction and operation of the new transmission line.

Application to Obtain or Amend a CCN:

An application to obtain or amend a CCN describes the proposed line and includes a statement from the applicant describing the need for the line and the impact of building it. In addition to the routes proposed by the applicant in its application, the possibility exists that additional routes may be developed, during the course of a CCN case, that could affect property in a different manner than the original routes proposed by the applicant.

The PUC conducts a case to evaluate the impact of the proposed line and to decide which route should be approved. Landowners who would be affected by a new line can:

- informally file a protest, or
- formally participate in the case as an intervenor.

Filing a Protest (informal comments):

If you do not wish to intervene and participate in a hearing in a CCN case, you may file **comments**. An individual or business or a group who files only comments for or against any aspect of the transmission line application is considered a "protestor."

Protestors make a written or verbal statement in support of or in opposition to the utility's application and give information to the PUC staff that they believe supports their position.

Protestors are not parties to the case, however, and do not have the right to:

- Obtain facts about the case from other parties;
- Receive notice of a hearing, or copies of testimony and other documents that are filed in the case;
- Receive notice of the time and place for negotiations;
- File testimony and/or cross-examine witnesses:
- Submit evidence at the hearing; or
- Appeal P.U.C. decisions to the courts.

If you want to make comments, you may either send written comments stating your position, or you may make a statement on the first day of the hearing. If you have not intervened, however, you will not be able to participate as a party in the hearing. Only parties may submit evidence and the PUC must base its decision on the evidence.

Intervening in a Case:

To become an intervenor, you must file a statement with the PUC, no later than the date specified in the notice letter sent to you with this brochure, requesting intervenor status (also referred to as a party). This statement should describe how the proposed transmission line would affect your property. Typically, intervention is granted only to directly affected landowners. However, any landowner may request to intervene and obtain a ruling on his or her specific fact situation and concerns. A sample form for intervention and the filing address are attached to this brochure, and may be used to make your filing. A letter requesting intervention may also be used in lieu of the sample form for intervention.

If you decide to intervene and become a party in a case, you will be required to follow certain procedural rules:

- You are required to timely respond to requests for information from other parties who seek information.
- If you file testimony, you must appear at a hearing to be cross-examined.
- If you file testimony or any letters or other documents in the case, you must send copies of the documents to every party in the case and you must file multiple copies with the PUC.
- If you intend to participate at the hearing and you do not file testimony, you must at least file a statement of position, which is a document that describes your position in the case.
- Failure to comply with these procedural rules may serve as grounds for you to be dismissed as an intervenor in the case.
- If you wish to participate in the proceedings it is very important to attend any prehearing conferences.

Intervenors may represent themselves or have an attorney to represent them in a CCN case. If you intervene in a case, you may want an attorney to help you understand the PUC's procedures and the laws and rules that the PUC applies in deciding whether to approve a transmission line. The PUC encourages landowners to intervene and become parties.

Stages of a CCN Case:

If there are persons who intervene in the case and oppose the approval of the line, the PUC may refer the case to an administrative law judge (ALJ) at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) to conduct a hearing, or the Commission may elect to conduct a hearing itself. The hearing is a formal proceeding, much like a trial, in which testimony is presented. In the event the case is referred to SOAH, the ALJ makes a recommendation to the PUC on whether the application should be approved and where and how the line should be routed.

There are several stages of a CCN case:

- The ALJ holds a prehearing conference (usually in Austin) to set a schedule for the case.
- Parties to the case have the opportunity to conduct discovery; that is, obtain facts about the case from other parties.
- A hearing is held (usually in Austin), and parties have an opportunity to cross-examine the witnesses.
- Parties file written testimony before the date of the hearing. Parties that do not file written testimony or statements of position by the deadline established by the ALJ may not be allowed to participate in the hearing on the merits.
- Parties may file written briefs concerning the evidence presented at the hearing, but are not required to do so.
- In deciding where to locate the transmission line and other issues presented by the application, the ALJ and Commission rely on factual information submitted as evidence at the hearing by the parties in the case. In order to submit factual information as evidence (other than through cross-examination of other parties' witnesses), a party must have intervened in the docket and filed written testimony on or before the deadline set by the ALJ.
- The ALJ makes a recommendation, called a **proposal for decision**, to the Commission regarding the case. Parties who disagree with the ALJ's recommendation may file exceptions.
- The Commissioners discuss the case and decide whether to approve the application. The Commission may approve the ALJ's recommendation, approve it with specified changes, send the case back to the ALJ for further consideration, or deny the application. The written decision rendered by the Commission is called a **final order**. Parties who believe that the Commission's decision is in error may file motions for rehearing, asking the Commission to reconsider the decision.
- After the Commission rule on the motion for rehearing, parties have the right to appeal the decision to district court in Travis County.

Right to Use Private Property

The Commission is responsible for deciding whether to approve a CCN application for a proposed transmission line. If a transmission line route is approved that impacts your property, the electric utility must obtain the right from you to enter your property and to build, operate, and maintain the transmission line. This right is typically called an easement.

Utilities may buy easements through a negotiated agreement, but they also have the power of eminent domain (condemnation) under Texas law. Local courts, not the PUC, decide issues concerning easements for rights-of-way. The PUC does not determine the value of property.

The PUC final order in a transmission case normally requires a utility to take certain steps to minimize the impact of the new transmission line on landowners' property and on the environment. For example, the order normally requires steps to minimize the possibility of erosion during construction and maintenance activities.

HOW TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION

The PUC's online filings interchange on the PUC website provides free access to documents that are filed with the Commission in Central Records. The docket number, also called a control number on the PUC website, of a case is a key piece of information used in locating documents in the case. You may access the Interchange by visiting the PUC's website home page at www.puc.state.tx.us and navigate the website as follows:

- Select "Filings."
- Select "Filings Search."
- Select "Filings Search."
- Enter 5-digit Control (Docket) Number. No other information is necessary.
- Select "Search." All of the filings in the docket will appear in order of date filed.
- Scroll down to select desired filing.
- Click on a blue "Item" number at left.
- Click on a "Download" icon at left.

Documents may also be purchased from and filed in Central Records. For more information on how to purchase or file documents, call Central Records at the PUC at 512-936-7180.

PUC Substantive Rule 25.101, Certification Criteria, addresses transmission line CCNs and is available on the PUC's website, or you may obtain copies of PUC rules from Central Records.

Always include the docket number on all filings with the PUC. You can find the docket number on the enclosed formal notice. Send documents to the PUC at the following address.

Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records Attn: Filing Clerk 1701 N. Congress Avenue P.O. Box 13326 Austin, TX 78711-3326

The information contained within this brochure is not intended to provide a comprehensive guide to landowner rights and responsibilities in transmission line cases at the PUC. This brochure should neither be regarded as legal advice nor should it be a substitute for the PUC's rules. However, if you have questions about the process in transmission line cases, you may call the PUC's Legal Division at 512-936-7261. The PUC's Legal Division may help you understand the process in a transmission line case but cannot provide legal advice or represent you in a case. You may choose to hire an attorney to decide whether to intervene in a transmission line case, and an attorney may represent you if you choose to intervene:

Communicating with Decision-Makers

Do not contact the ALJ or the Commissioners by telephone or email. They are not allowed to discuss pending cases with you. They may make their recommendations and decisions only by relying on the evidence, written pleadings, and arguments that are presented in the case.

Comments in Docket No. 41606

If you want to be a PROTESTOR only, please complete this form. Although public comments are not treated as evidence, they help inform the PUC and its staff of the public concerns and identify issues to be explored. The PUC welcomes such participation in its proceedings.

Mail this completed form and 10 copies to: Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records Attn: Filing Clerk 1701 N. Congress Ave. P.O. Box 13326 Austin, TX 78711-3326 First Name: Last Name: Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ Address, City, State: I am NOT requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As a PROTESTOR, I understand the following: I am NOT a party to this case; My comments are not considered evidence in this case; and I have no further obligation to participate in the proceeding. 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. Signature of person submitting comments:

Date: _____

Request to Intervene in PUC Docket No. 41606

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. <u>If you DO NOT want to be an intervenor, but still want to file comments</u>, please complete the "Comments" page.

Mail this completed form and 10 copies to: Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records Attn: Filing Clerk 1701 N. Congress Ave. P.O. Box 13326 Austin, TX 78711-3326 First Name: _____ Last Name: ____ Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ Address, City, State: 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.

Signature of person requesting intervention:

Effective: January 1, 2003

Date:



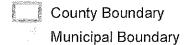
Transportation Features

- -83- US Highway
- State Highway
- -145 Farm-to-Market Road

Utility Features

Transmission Line

Administrative Features



Water Features

- River, Stream, or Canal



Lake, Pond or Resaca



Area of Detail

LINK 293

Link 293 begins at the intersection of Links 290 and 292, located immediately northeast of IBC Rd, approximately 0.40 mile southwest of the intersection of US 281 and FM 1577. The link runs south-southeast 0.63 mile parallel to the northeast side of IBC Rd. The link then turns east-southeast for approximately 0.28 mile (and crosses Domanski Dr). The link then turns east-northeast for approximately 0.14 mile. The link then turns northeast for approximately 0.45 mile. The link then turns east for approximately 0.12 mile. The link then turns southeast for approximately 0.20 mile. The link then turns east for approximately 0.39 mile (and crosses an irrigation/drainage canal). The link then turns south for approximately 0.31 mile. The link then turns northeast for approximately 0.13 mile. The link then turns north for approximately 0.21 mile. The link then turns east for approximately 0.46 mile (and crosses US 281 and an irrigation/drainage canal). The link then turns south-southeast for approximately 0.25 mile parallel to the east side of an irrigation/drainage canal, until it reaches the intersection of Links 300 and 301, located immediately east of an irrigation/drainage canal, approximately 0.38 mile southeast of the intersection of US 281 and E Luz Ave.

LINK 294

Link 294 begins at the intersection of Links 291 and 297, located immediately south of Rego Rd, approximately 1.05 miles northeast for the intersection of US 281 and Cavazos Olmito Rd. The link runs north for approximately 1.05 miles parallel to the east side of an irrigation/drainage canal and Rego Rd (and crosses an irrigation/drainage canal, and Rego Rd twice), until it reaches the intersection of Links 287 and 295, located approximately 1.98 miles northwest of the intersection of Cavazos Olmito Rd and Barreda Garden Rd.

LINK 295

Link 295 begins at the intersection of Links 287 and 294, located immediately north of Rego Rd, approximately 1.98 miles northwest of the intersection of Cavazos Olmito Rd and Barreda Garden Rd. The link runs east-southeast for approximately 0.82 mile parallel to the north side of Rego Rd (and crosses an irrigation/drainage canal). The link then turns southeast for approximately 0.09 mile (and crosses Rego Rd and Barreda Garden Rd). The link then turns east-southeast for approximately 0.27 mile parallel to the south side of Rego Rd. The link then turns northeast for approximately 0.09 mile (and crosses Rego Rd). The link then turns east-southeast for approximately 0.65 mile parallel to the north side of Rego Rd (and crosses Nuevo Amanecer Rd and Grove Park Rd). The link continues east for approximately 0.17 mile. The link then turns north-northeast for approximately 0.89 mile (and crosses an irrigation/drainage canal). The link then turns northeast for approximately 0.15 mile (and crosses US 77), until it reaches the intersection of Links 284 and 296, located immediately northeast of US 77, approximately 0.26 mile southeast of the intersection of US 77 and Grove Park Rd.

LINK 296

Link 296 begins at the intersection of Links 284 and 295, located immediately northeast of US 77, approximately 0.26 mile southeast of the intersection of US 77 and Grove Park Rd. The link runs southeast for approximately 0.63 mile parallel to the northeast side of US 77 (and crosses an irrigation/drainage canal). The link then turns east for approximately 0.24 mile, until it reaches the intersection of Links 306 and 307, located approximately 0.25 mile north of the intersection of US 77 and Carmen Ave.

LINK 297

Link 297 begins at the intersection of Links 291 and 294, located immediately south of Rego Rd, approximately 1.05 miles northeast for the intersection of US 281 and Cavazos Olmito Rd. The link runs east-southeast for approximately 0.89 parallel to the south side of Rego Rd (and crosses an irrigation/drainage canal and Barreda Garden Rd). The link continues east for approximately 0.52 mile (and crosses a resaca). The link then turns southeast for approximately 0.71 mile (and crosses Grove Park Rd). The link then turns south for approximately 0.48 mile parallel to the west side of two irrigation/drainage canals. The link then turns southeast for approximately 0.07 mile (and crosses an existing transmission line and Cavazos Olmito Rd and two irrigation/drainage canals). The link then turns east-southeast for approximately 0.79 mile parallel to the south side of Cavazos Olmito Rd and an existing transmission line (and crosses a private road and Carmen Ave), until it reaches the intersection of Links 298 and 299, located immediately south of Cavazos Olmito Rd, approximately 0.28 mile east of the intersection of Cavazos Olmito Rd and Carmen Ave.

LINK 298

Link 298 begins at the intersection of Links 297 and 299, located immediately south of Cavazos Olmito Rd, approximately 0.28 mile east of the intersection of Cavazos Olmito Rd and Carmen Ave. The link runs north-northeast for approximately 0.72 mile (and crosses Cavazos Olmito Rd and an existing transmission line). The link then turns east for approximately 0.66 mile (and crosses an irrigation/drainage canal and a resaca). The link then turns north for approximately 0.49 mile parallel to the east side of a resaca. The link then turns east-southeast for approximately 0.21 mile. The link then turns northeast for approximately 0.25 mile (and crosses US 77). The link then turns north for approximately 0.07 mile, until it reaches the intersection of Links 307 and 315, located immediately west of an irrigation/drainage canal, approximately 0.13 mile northwest of the intersection of US 77 and Cortezville Rd.

LINK 306

Link 306 begins at the intersection of Links 305 and 312, located 0.94 mile east-northeast of the intersection of US 77 and Grove Park Rd. The link runs south for approximately 0.20 mile. The link then turns southeast for approximately 0.06 mile (and crosses two irrigation/drainage canals). The link then turns south for approximately 0.48 mile parallel to the east side of a pond, until it reaches the intersection of Links 296 and 307, located approximately 0.25 mile north of the intersection of US 77 and Carmen Ave.

LINK 307

Link 307 begins at the intersection of Links 296 and 306, located approximately 0.25 mile north of the intersection of US 77 and Carmen Ave. The link runs east for approximately 0.34 mile (and crosses an irrigation/drainage canal). The link then turns south for approximately 0.42 mile parallel to the east side of an irrigation/drainage canal (and crosses an irrigation/drainage canal). The link then turns southeast for approximately 0.79 mile parallel to the north side of US 77 (and crosses two irrigation/drainage canals). The link turns east for approximately 0.09 mile, until it reaches the intersection of Links 298 and 315, located immediately west of an irrigation/drainage canal, approximately 0.13 mile northwest of the intersection of US 77 and Cortezville Rd.

LINK 308

Link 308 begins at the intersection of Links 273 and 303, located immediately southwest of two irrigation/drainage canals, approximately 1.08 miles south-southeast of the intersection of Adams Rd and FM 510. The link runs east-southeast for approximately 0.48 mile parallel to the south side of an existing transmission line (and crosses two irrigation/drainage canals). The link then turns east for approximately 0.83 mile parallel to the south side of an existing transmission line (and crosses two irrigation/drainage canals). The link then turns southeast for approximately 0.13 mile (and crosses Olmito North Rd and two irrigation/drainage canals). The link then turns northeast for approximately 0.11 mile. The link then turns east for approximately 0.94 mile parallel to the south side of Ebony Rd (and crosses three irrigation/drainage canals). The link then turns south for approximately 0.20 mile parallel to the west side of two irrigation/drainage canals. The link then turns southeast for approximately 0.67 mile (and crosses Bingley Rd). The link then turns east for approximately 0.22 mile (and crosses Old Alice Rd). The link then turns northeast for approximately 0.11 mile. The link then turns east for approximately 1.49 miles parallel to the south side of an irrigation/drainage canal (and crosses four irrigation/drainage canals and FM 1847), until it reaches the intersection of Links 319, 320, and 321, located on the southwest corner of the intersection of an existing transmission line and an irrigation/drainage canal, approximately 0.43 mile southeast of the intersection of FM 1847 and Bingley Rd.

LINK 309

Link 309 begins at the intersection of Links 277, 303, and 304, located immediately south of Iowa Gardens Rd, approximately 0.21 mile west of the intersection of Iowa Gardens Rd and San Carlos Rd. The link runs east for approximately 1.27 miles parallel to the south side of Iowa Gardens Rd (and crosses an irrigation/drainage canal, San Carlos Rd, and another irrigation/drainage canal). The link then turns south for approximately 0.21 mile. The link then turns east for approximately 0.34 mile (and crosses Olmita North Rd and two irrigation/drainage canals). The link then turns southeast for approximately 0.21 mile (and crosses two irrigation/drainage canals). The link then turns northeast for approximately 0.18 mile. The link then turns east-southeast for approximately 0.20 mile parallel to the south side of Stanford Rd. The link then turns east-northeast for approximately 0.11 mile (and crosses Stanford Rd and an irrigation/drainage canal). The link then turns east for approximately 0.41 mile parallel to the north side of Stanford Rd. The link then turns northeast for approximately 0.12 mile. The link then turns east-southeast for approximately 0.16 mile (and crosses an irrigation/drainage canal). The link then turns southeast for approximately 0.11 mile (and crosses Stanford Rd) The link then turns east for approximately 0.54 mile parallel to the south side of Stanford Rd (and crosses Old Alice Rd and an irrigation/drainage canal), until it reaches the intersection of Links 310 and 311, located immediately south of Stanford Rd, approximately 0.39 mile east of the intersection of Old Alice Rd and Stanford Rd.

LINK 310

Link 310 begins at the intersection of Links 309 and 311, located immediately south of Stanford Rd, approximately 0.39 mile east of the intersection of Old Alice Rd and Stanford Rd. The link runs northeast for approximately 0.12 mile (and crosses Stanford Rd). The link then turns east for approximately 0.52 mile parallel to the north side of an irrigation/drainage canal and Stanford Rd (and crosses two irrigation/drainage canals). The link then turns north-northeast for approximately 0.16 mile parallel to the west side of an irrigation/drainage canal. The link then turns east-northeast for approximately 0.18 mile parallel to the north side of an irrigation/drainage canal. The link then turns east for approximately 0.38 mile (and crosses an irrigation/drainage canal and FM 1847), until it reaches the intersection of Links 321 and 322, located immediately west of an irrigation/drainage canal, approximately 0.42 mile southwest of the intersection of Kretz Rd and FM 1847.

Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session

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