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## **Re:** PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS DOCKET NO. 48625

Joint Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. and City of Lubbock, Acting By and Through Lubbock Power & Light, for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Proposed Ogallala to Abernathy 345 kV Transmission Line in Castro, Hale, and Swisher Counties, Texas

Dear [Name],

Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland") and the City of Lubbock, acting by and through Lubbock Power & Light ("LP&L") (collectively "Joint Applicants") propose to construct a single-circuit 345 kilovolt ("kV") electric transmission line on double-circuit capable structures in Castro, Hale, and Swisher counties, Texas. The proposed transmission line will connect the existing Ogallala Station, located southeast of Nazareth in Castro County, to the existing Abernathy Station, located north of Abernathy in Hale County (the "Project"). The Project will be approximately 56 to 66 miles in length, depending on the route selected by the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), and will be constructed on a combination of monopole and lattice structures within a typical right-of-way approximately 175 feet wide. Depending on the route selected by the Commission, the estimated cost for the Project ranges from approximately \$93.8 million to \$107.7 million, including costs to modify existing switching stations. This proposal will be evaluated in Commission Docket No. 48625.

Earlier this year, the Commission approved LP&L's proposal to transition a portion of its system from the Southwest Power Pool ("SPP") grid to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas ("ERCOT") grid pursuant to a transmission interconnection plan developed by ERCOT. The Commission determined that, under the terms of its order, the transition is in the public interest. The Commission also designated Joint Applicants to provide the transmission facilities needed to interconnect LP&L's system to ERCOT. The Project is an important part of the infrastructure needed to ensure the LP&L system can safely and reliably operate in ERCOT.

Your land may be directly affected in this docket, and the deadline for intervention in the proceeding is October 21, 2018. If one of Joint Applicants' routes is approved by the Commission, Joint Applicants will have the right to build a facility that may directly affect your land. Further, during the course of the proceeding, the possibility exists that additional routes may be developed that could affect your property in a manner different than the original alternative routes proposed by Joint Applicants. This docket will not determine the value of your land or the value of an easement if one is needed 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.

Enclosed is a map illustrating Joint Applicants' alternative routes for the Project as well as a written description of these routes. A complete copy of the joint application filed at the Commission and a detailed routing map may be viewed at the following location:

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If you have questions about the Project, or need an additional copy of the enclosed map, you may contact Sharyland at (866) 354-3335 or email your questions to ccn@sharyland.com.

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 Commission. Please read this brochure carefully. Included in this mailing with the brochure are forms for making comments and for making a request to intervene as a party in this docket. In addition to the contacts listed in the brochure, you may call the Commission's Customer Assistance Hotline at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission's Customer Assistance Hotline at (512) 936-7136 or toll free at (800) 735-2989. If you wish to participate in this proceeding by becoming an intervenor, **the deadline for intervention in the proceeding is October 21, 2018**, which is 45 days after the application is filed at the Commission. The Commission should receive either a letter or a completed Request to Intervene form from you requesting intervention by that date. Mail the request for intervention and 10 copies of the request to:

Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records Attn: Filing Clerk 1701 N. Congress Ave. 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 Commission.

The only way to fully participate in the Commission'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 Commission's proceedings and cannot predict which route may or may not be approved by the Commission.

In lieu of intervention, an affected person may file comments as a protestor. However, filing comments as a protestor does not allow for full participation in the Commission's decision on where to locate the transmission line.

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.

## Regards,

Troy Vaughn Director, Transmission Construction Sharyland Utilities, L.P.

Enclosures: Segment Descriptions

Notice Map

Landowner Brochure, Protest Form, Intervention Form