
From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2005 4:20 PM
To: 'ronseagraves@earthlink.net'
Subject: RE: [WW Spam: medium] RE: Case number 2005-00142

Mr. Seagraves:

Your e-mail will be placed into the record of this case.


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From: Ron Seagraves [mailto:ronseagraves@earthlink.net]
Sent: Saturday, December 03, 2005 6:18 AM
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Subject: [WW Spam: medium] RE: Case number 2005-00142

Reference case document's 2005-00467 and 2005-00472. Regarding my proposal in the attached note.....I still have not received an adequate explanation from LG&E/KU showing they have given this proposed route adequate consideration. It was not on the recent map I received of preferred and alternate routes. I am meeting with their representatives next week. If I am not satisfied with their response regarding my proposal what recourse do I have? I still feel that better utilization of the existing right of way in Hardin County is the best **long term** alternative.

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From: 
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Sent: 9/8/2005 8:57:15 AM
Subject: RE: Case number 2005-00142

Mr. Seagraves:

As the Commission issued its order in this case today, the record is closed, subject to a rehearing. I have attached a press release you might find of interest. The order itself is on our Web site.

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From: PSC - Public Information Officer
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2005 7:03 AM
To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC)
Subject: FW: Case number 2005-00142

From: Ron Seagraves[SMTP:RONSEAGRAVES@EARTHLINK.NET]
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2005 7:02:43 AM
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This note concerns the proposed 345 KV transmission line routing in Hardin County. I recently met with representatives of LG&E/KU regarding my proposal for an alternative routing for the transmission line if it is approved by the PSC. I have not been vocal in my opposition to the line as I preferred to approach the matter in a low key manner.

Background.

I live near the Cecilia community in Hardin County. The proposed power line crosses 2 different farms I own a total of 3 times. One of the farms the line crosses joins the property owned by Dennis and Cathy Cunningham.

My Proposal

I own property in the Howe valley community of Hardin County that is crossed by a 138KV line owned by LG&E/KU. This is the same power line that the proposed transmission line intersects near the Cecilia community. My concern as expressed to the LG&E/KU personnel was why this existing right-of-way was not utilized further west of Cecilia. The proposed power line runs somewhat parallel to the 128KV line for 6-8 miles before it merges with it. If the proposed line were ran in a southerly manner and intersected with the line near the Howe valley community it would better utilize the existing right-of-way instead of intersecting some of the most beautiful and undeveloped farm land in Hardin County.

LG&E/KU Response

The route as proposed by LG&E/KU has been determined to be the "least cost" route for the line. Making any changes at this time would only delay the project. There is no incentive for LG&E/KU to look at any options at this time.

My Concern

As there is no incentive for the Public Utilities to utilize existing right-of-ways how can we expect future routing decisions to include existing right-of-ways? I was told that the hearings that have been held were only to determine need. Routing considerations are basically non-negotiable items and are determined by the Utility Companies. The affected land owners have little recourse unless there are specific items such as environmental problems, etc. I guess I was relatively naive about the whole process as I felt that presently an alternative plan which made sense would be given due consideration. Now I know differently. Will it take something like legislative action to encourage utilities to utilize existing right-of-ways? Any insight you can give on this will be appreciated.

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