

Gather Up Your Steam CVA

Here are some of the things Sandra Cole with Save the Lampasas River has learned from their fight with ONCOR.

1. Protestors mean nothing
2. Petitions mean nothing
3. If you do not hire an "expert" it means nothing
4. TPWD, their opinion is very important
5. Chairman Smitherman in our case, Newton to Killeen, stated that following existing corridors was much more important than habitable structures.
6. If you do not present testimony at the hearing before the ALJ, Administrative Law Judges, your opinion means nothing.
7. You can represent yourself, but you better do your homework.
8. You can and need to advocate for a certain route, and you need to be prepared to have good reasons why that route is better, they will listen.
9. Give them an option, give them a route that is better than yours. Not, just don't chose my route.
10. ONCOR was ordered to prepare a map showing all intervenors that were represented at the ALJ hearing. On the large map showing routes, all parcels that were represented at the hearing were outlined in yellow, the route that was chosen had intervenors, but they were not represented at the hearing and were not considered. So the routes that fight the hardest and show up can win.

11. In the Newton to Killeen case the Commissioners chose a route that was more expensive than another route that had legal representation. They will chose a more expensive route, give them a good reason to do that.

12. Line loss can be important, why are the transmission lines going to Gillespie and not just cutting across and straight to Austin, the hill country is not getting any power from these lines, why are they making this V on the map? They want to power the cities on I-35 why not take the shortest route to Austin? Nuclear later?

There are other things I have learned from our fight with ONCOR, but this is what comes to mind in a few minutes. Sandra Cole, Save the Lampasas River.