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CC: JG/JB

Public Service Commission

Re: Docket No. U-37394
1220 Four Point Waterway
Dulac, LA 70353

To Whom It May Concern:

I am Grady Covington, Jr., camp owner at 1220 Four Point Waterway, Dulac, LA 70353. I am very opposed to SLECO's request to abandon our electrical service, docket number U-37394.

The camp is located on owned property with taxes paid to Terrebonne Parish and water service is provided by Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1. This camp has been in our family since the 1950's. I've been involved since the early 1960's and we have always had power.

After Hurricane Ida in August of 2020, we only had one pole and transmission line down on the island. Our service was still connected from our pole. SLECA restored power to the end of the road which is just across the bayou from the island. It is a very short distance from the end of the road to the south end of the island.

In the 4/15/23 letter, SLECA informed us that contractors would be removing the damaged lines but, in reality, they removed everything which left no choice but a complete rebuild of the lines.

From 12/1/21 through 5/2023 we received only three letters from SLECA with updates. All letters assured us that power would be restored. The next letter was on 8/21/24 informing us that power would not be restored. We believe we have been strung along the entire time.

The lack of power has changed our camp life greatly. We now run on a generator, which means hauling fuel, which costs much more than our service did. We must tolerate the noise from the generators. We can't have security systems without power and have experienced several break-ins since Hurricane Ida. Added to all of this is the drastic reduction in the value of our property as very few people are interested in purchasing this camp without power.

All we are asking is to be put back to where we were before Hurricane Ida. We have seen many places on our coast restored, such as Grand Isle, that had much worse damage than what we had. I sincerely ask for your help in this matter as it is truly life-changing for us.

Sincerely,



Grady A. Covington, Jr.

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