

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Pfluger, Walter

DATE OF INTERVIEW: January 20, 2010

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: San Angelo, Texas

INTERVIEWER: Andy Wilkinson

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LENGTH OF INTERVIEW: 2:08:00

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Pfluger discusses legal experiences representing local landowners against power companies and placement of transmission lines. Legislation concerning energy companies is also discussed along with those companies' attempts and goals.

ABSTRACT:

CD ONE	TIME STAMP
Experience with wind power generation & transmission	00:00:01
First involvement with wind energy	
Parallel between leasing for wind power & minerals	
Lack of knowledge & communication between landowners for leasing	00:04:00
Failure of ranch cooperatives	
Oil pipeline compensation	
Royalties	00:08:00
Wind farm rate of lease/royalty to landowners	
Transmission tower royalty to landowners	
Power of eminent domain	
Appraisal of land	
Damage to remaining land	
Concern	
Land value after construction	00:17:00
Condemnation filed by company in district court	
Commissioners	
Meeting with company, commissioners, landowner	

Devaluation of land	
Neighbor devaluation of land	
Transmission line criteria down property lines	00:23:00
Viewscape between property owners & neighbors	
Effectuated property owners & compensation	
Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) legislation	00:27:00
Transmission lines placed prior to CREZ legislation	
Wind energy lack of power in imminent domain	
Difference from transmission line	
Wind farm companies dealing with landholders privately	00:30:00
Compensation offers & transactions	
Rerouting paths	
Public power companies in court	00:36:00
Condemnation Proceedings	
Confidentiality Clauses	
Appraisers testifying	
Condemnation proceeding	
AEP appraiser argument	
Market between buyer & seller	
CREZ Legislation	00:46:00
Construction application	
Time restrictions	
Tax Credit	
Grid power capabilities	00:59:00
Storage of nonrenewable energy	
Coal plant locations	
Water Storage	
Moving water	
Conservation	
Development of wind energy impacting community	01:13:00
Lack of opposition	
Community benefit	
Landowners vs. ranchers	
Devalue of land	
Kimball, Junction, Mason, Clearview County opinions on wind farms	
Transmission line paths	
Organizational meetings	01:28:00
Clearview working together	
Sub regional Planning Committee	
Bill Neiman	
CREZ legislation vs. Texas Property Rights	01:40:00
Monopoles	
PUC and LCRA power	01:47:00
Governor position & support	
Florida Power & Light – Next Era	01:54:00
Monopoles aesthetic value	

PUC regulations	
Lone Star Transmission Florida Car & Light	02:03:00
Intentional placement	
Favoritism	
Political organizations	
Final Comments	02:07:00
Mike Leach	

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