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CHURCH LEADER ACCUSES STATE AGENCY OF BIGOTRY AND HYPOCRISY

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Bishop George H. Russell, founder and leader of the Universal Ethician Church, accuses the Public Utility Commission of Texas of bigotry and hypocrisy. Russell states that the Commission has aided and abetted numerous unethical, illegal and indefensible acts directed against not only the Ethician Church and its members, but against defenseless, handicapped senior citizens and low income African-American citizens as well.

For over two years, Bishop Russell has been attempting to protect The Holy Trinity Wilderness Cathedral, The Ethician Family Cemetery, a Native American religious ceremonial site within a Texas Archaeological Landmark, a Texas Forest Service Aesthetic Management Zone (Special or Unique Area), a Texas Parks and Wildlife Prairie and Pineywoods Trail, three wildlife sanctuaries and underprivileged citizens from unethical acts of the PUC Texas.

PUC officials and the State Office of Administrative Hearings have been responsible for or permitted numerous acts of personal harassment of Bishop Russell and church members, including illegal demands for church membership roles, pejorative comments about church leaders, dishonest testimony before San Jacinto County Commissioner's Court, and perjured testimony at an SOAH hearing.

An Administrative Law Judge assigned by the PUC played a proactive role in allowing perjured testimony, making false comments to the PUC Commissioners and showing blatant prejudice against both religion as a "community value," the rights of Texas citizens, and against the requests of three State Agencies.

PUC Commissioners displayed profound disrespect for citizen's health and welfare in addition to rubber-stamping PUC recommendations based largely on perjured testimony. Handicapped citizens, one 94 years of age and the other 89 with inoperable stage four cancer, made a laborious trip to Austin to speak to PUC Commissioners about the importance of protecting sanctified sanctuaries from irreparable harm. They were met with arrogance and disdain.

Bishop Russell was especially disgusted by the blatant hypocrisy of Commissioner Julie Parsley who proudly displays the text of a speech that she gave on Earth Day on the official, taxpayer supported PUC web site. Parsely stated that we should "love all of God's creation," then voted without question or hesitation to destroy some of the most sacred and beautiful parts of God's creation for no legitimate reason.

Bishop Russell is calling for a complete and thorough independent investigation of the Public Utility Commission of Texas and its unethical and illegal acts and actions against the citizens of Texas on behalf of "big power." Russell believes that a public airing of the "dirty linen" within the agency will expose a systematic abuse of power, which he hopes will alert the Governor and the Legislature of the need to "clean house" and weed out those parties responsible for corrupting the PUC.

George H. Russell, an outspoken opponent of the death penalty, is a resident of Huntsville, Texas, known worldwide as "The City of Death."

He is founder of The Patriot Network, and author of its 35+ web sites located at www.patriotnetwork.org, as well as founder of The Universal Ethician Church, an interfaith ministry with a worldwide following via the church's 275+ web sites located at www.salvationnetwork.org.

Russell, 60, is an educational video producer, environmental activist, historic preservation specialist, photographer, art and antique collector, philanthropist, American patriot and ethician.

Additional biographical information may be found in Who's Who in America, through Internet searches, and in other publications. Images of Mr. Russell suitable for downloading for publication may be found at www.salvationnetwork.org.