

Opinion issued June 24, 2021



In The  
**Court of Appeals**  
For The  
**First District of Texas**

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NO. 01-20-00656-CV

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**IN RE TEXAS EASTERN TRANSMISSION, LP; SPECTRA ENERGY  
TRANSMISSION RESOURCES, LLC; SPECTRA ENERGY  
TRANSMISSION SERVICES, LLC; SPECTRA ENERGY CORP N/K/A  
SPECTRA ENERGY, LLC; AND ENBRIDGE (U.S.) INC., Relators**

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**Original Proceeding on Petition for Writ of Mandamus**

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**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Relators—Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, Spectra Energy Transmission Resources, LLC, Spectra Energy Transmission Services, LLC, Spectra Energy Corp n/k/a Spectra Energy, LLC, and Enbridge (U.S.) Inc.—have filed a petition for writ of mandamus challenging the trial court’s August 27, 2020 order denying their forum non conveniens motion to stay or dismiss actions in the underlying

consolidated case.<sup>1</sup> Relators subsequently filed an emergency motion to stay the July 5, 2021 trial setting pending our determination on the petition. We deny the petition. We dismiss relators’ motion to stay as moot.

**PER CURIAM**

Panel consists of Justices Goodman, Hightower, and Rivas-Molloy.

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<sup>1</sup> The underlying case is *Joanna Coulter, et al. v. Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, et al.*, consolidated with *Candy Ellis, et al. v. Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, et al.*, cause number 2019-56490, pending in the 295th District Court of Harris County, Texas, the Honorable Donna Roth presiding.

After relators filed their mandamus petition, a third lawsuit—*Patricia Douglas, et al. v. Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, et al.*—was consolidated into the case. Relators subsequently filed a forum non conveniens motion to stay or dismiss the third lawsuit and the trial court denied the motion. Relators challenge the denial of that motion in a separate mandamus petition filed in *In re Tex. E. Transmission, LP, et al.*, No. 01-21-00305-CV.