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Filing In the Docket – PUC Control #59475

1. Know your filing type

- a. Intervenor – If you have legal interest in a case before the PUCT and you want to formally participate in the proceedings you can apply to be an intervenor. Intervenors typically make legal arguments, participate in formal hearings, file testimony, and/or cross examine witnesses. You must submit a legal interest in the proceeding (commonly that your property is traversed or within 500 feet of one of the proposed routes) to become an intervenor. The administrative law judge assigned to the case will approve or deny the applications to intervene.
- b. Protestor - If you are opposed to Oncor’s & LCRA TSC’s application for where to build this transmission line, but do not believe you have legal standing, or do not wish to be a party to the case, you can file comments as a protestor. Protestor comments are entered into the official record of a proceeding. The PUC Commissioners may read public comments, but are not required to.

2. Fill out the correct form

- a. The PUC provides intervenor and protestor forms on their website, or you can find them at www.StopThisLine.com, but you are allowed to use your own

3. Save an image (picture, scan, pdf, jpeg, etc.) of your filing

4. Visit the PUC Interchange Filer at interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer

- a. You can scan the QR code on this page to be taken directly to the site

5. Begin your filing

- a. Check the box required to confirm you understand the disclosure and then press “Begin”
- b. Enter “59475” in the Control Number box and then press “Next”
- c. Enter your contact information and then press “Next”
- d. Enter your name (or the group you represent) in the “Filing Party Name,” and choose your “Filing Type” and a “Filing Description” then press “Next”
 - i. Requests to intervene should be Filing Type – “Pleadings”, and the description should include “Request to intervene”



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- ii. Protestor comments should be Filing Type – “Comments”, and the description should include that it is a “protest”
- e. Click “Add Files” and find the file you want to upload, then press “Next”
- f. Review your information on the screen for accuracy, click the box next to “I’m not a robot,” and press “Submit” when finished
- g. Your filing has now been submitted, and you will receive a confirmation email to the email you provided on the “Contact Information” page.

Request to Intervene in PUC Docket No. _____

The following information must be submitted by the person requesting to intervene in this proceeding. **If you DO NOT want to be an intervenor, but still want to file comments, please complete the “Protest” form.**

Please upload a copy to the PUCT Document Interchange at:
<https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>

The request must also be sent to all parties in the proceeding and to all persons that have pending motions to intervene either by email, mail, in person, by courier, or by agent.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Address, City, State: _____

Email Address: _____

I am requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As an INTERVENOR, I understand the following:

- I am requesting to be a party to the case;
- I am required to respond to all discovery requests from other parties in the case;
- If I file testimony, I may be cross-examined in the hearing;
- If I file any documents in the case, I will have to provide a copy of that document to every other party in the case; and
- I acknowledge that I am bound by the Procedural Rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Please check one of the following:

I own property with a habitable structure located near one or more of the utility’s proposed routes for a transmission line.

One or more of the utility’s proposed routes would cross my property.

Other. Please describe and provide comments. You may attach a separate page, if necessary.

Signature of person requesting intervention: _____ Date: _____

Licensing Process for New Transmission Facilities

Texas Utilities Code

The governance of the licensing process for new transmission facilities is included within the Texas Utilities Code, Title II – Public Utilities Regulatory Act, Section 37.056.

Sec 37.056 GRANT OR DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE

1. (a) The commission may approve applications and grant a certificate only if the commission finds that the certificate is necessary for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public.
2. (b) The commission may:
 1. (1) issue the certificate as requested;
 2. (2) grant the certificate for the construction of a portion of the requested system, facility, or extension or the partial exercise of the requested right or privilege; or
 3. (3) refuse to grant the certificate.
3. (c) The commission shall grant each certificate on a nondiscriminatory basis after considering:
 1. (1) the adequacy of existing service;
 2. (2) the need for additional service;
 3. (3) the effect of granting the certificate on the recipient of the certificate and on any electric utility serving the proximate area; and
 4. (4) other factors, such as:
 - (A) community values;
 - (B) recreational and park areas;
 - (C) historical and aesthetic values;
 - (D) environmental integrity; and
 - (E) the probable improvement of service or lowering of cost to consumers in the area if the certificate is granted.
 - (F) the need for extending transmission service where existing or projected electrical loads will be underserved, including where: (i) the existing transmission service is unreasonably remote;
 - (ii) the available capacity is unreasonably limited at transmission or distribution voltage level; or
 - (iii) the electrical load cannot be interconnected in a timely manner.

If you have additional questions or would like additional information, you may contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120, or (888) 782-8477. Hearing impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136.

Comments in Docket No. _____

If you want to be a PROTESTOR only, please complete this form. Although public comments are not treated as evidence, they help inform the PUCT and its staff of the public concerns and identify issues to be explored. The PUCT welcomes such participation in its proceedings.

Please upload a copy to the PUCT Document Interchange at:
<https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email: _____
Address, City, State: _____

I am NOT requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As a PROTESTOR, I understand the following:

- I am NOT a party to this case;
- My comments are not considered evidence in this case; and
- I have no further obligation to participate in the proceeding.

Please check one of the following:

I own property with a habitable structure located near one or more of the utility's proposed routes for a transmission line.

One or more of the utility's proposed routes would cross my property.

Other. Please describe and provide comments. You may attach a separate page, if necessary. _____

Signature of person submitting comments:

_____ Date: _____

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Date:

Public Utility Commission of Texas
William B Travis Building
1701 N Congress Avenue, Suite 7-110
Austin, TX 78701

RE: Protest Letter Against Oncor & LCRA TSC Bell County East to Big Hill 765kV Transmission Project (Docket 59475)

Dear Chairman Gleeson and Commissioners,

Thank you for your service to our state and for your continued commitment to protecting Texas communities from irresponsible infrastructure projects. I am writing today to express my **Protest** against the Bell County East to Big Hill 765kV transmission project proposed by Oncor and LCRA TSC.

As a resident of the area, I can confirm that this project **does not fit our community values**. Our area has intentionally pursued measured, deliberate growth, prioritizing rural character, land stewardship, and community over rapid or infrastructure-driven expansion. And while it brings no benefit to our area, it also poses serious risks, and I would like to highlight several specific concerns:

- Burden of cost to Texas Ratepayers of the fully financed cost of the line.
- Insufficient care giving proper notice to Affected Landowners to have full access to 30-day response time for Intervenor Application.
- Ruination of the scenic and historic quintessential Texas landscape.
- Proximity to homes, parks, livestock and water wells, raising safety, health, and quality-of-life concerns for families who have built their multi-generational lives here.
- Destruction of historic ranches, archaeological sites, and valuable cultural resources that help define the legacy of our region.
 - Economic impacts, decreased property values, decreased hunting revenues, and increased costs from road degradation during construction.
 - Environmental impact to habitat of all types, and impact on karst limestone due to massive pilings under the unprecedented size of the towers.
 - Safety concerns, increased wildfire risk and interaction with natural gas pipelines, and inadequately prepared and economically strapped volunteer fire departments.

Given the magnitude of these concerns, and the overwhelming **lack of public support**, I respectfully request that you **deny** any CCN amendment applications for this project. Thank you for your time and consideration on this urgent matter.

Sincerely,