

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the State of Texas is pursuing an aggressive strategy to increase the electricity generating capacity from renewable energy technologies; and,

**WHEREAS**, a plan was developed by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to construct transmission capacity to deliver generated power from the five designated Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ's) to electric customers in the metropolitan areas, said plan containing massive structures and transmission lines that will cross over portions of Gillespie County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the PUC has selected the Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC) to construct and operate the segments of the transmission line plan that will be located in Gillespie County; and,

**WHEREAS**, these transmission lines with their massive structures will create a visual scar across our county and will constitute a permanent disfigurement of the scenic Texas Hill Country landscape, and will potentially have dramatic, negative economic consequences for our residents by affecting tourism and devaluing property; and,

**WHEREAS**, the LCRA TSC specified the use of lattice structures in its bid to the PUC, and that such lattice structures have a huge footprint and will maximize the negative visual impact and economic consequences of the transmission lines in our beautiful, Hill Country county; and,

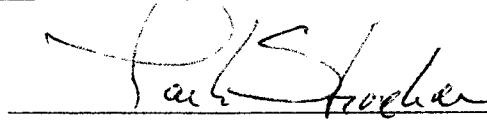
**WHEREAS**, the Gillespie County Commissioners Court supports the pursuit of renewable energy sources and recognizes the need to deliver the energy to market.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GILLESPIE COUNTY:**

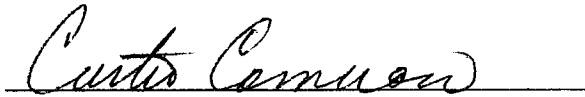
1. That the Gillespie County Commissioners Court urges the PUC and the LCRA TSC to respect the input of the citizens of the Hill Country, to act as responsible stewards of our Texas landscape, and to help us maintain the beauty and integrity of our environment by **burying all transmission lines underground that will cross Gillespie County in developed, populated, historical and recreational areas** as part of the CREZ transmission line plan and by **minimizing the visual impacts to the maximum extent possible**;
2. In all other areas of Gillespie County, or in the event that the PUC does not agree that our citizens deserve special consideration due to the fact that Gillespie County will serve only as a conduit through which the aforesaid transmission lines will pass and in all probability will receive no benefit from being used as such conduit, and if the PUC does not agree that the natural beauty and character of our area should be maintained by burying the said transmission lines underground, then the Gillespie

County Commissioners Court strongly encourages the PUC to **direct the utilization of single or monopole structures instead of lattice structures** in the implementation of its plan as it affects Gillespie County.

Passed and approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.



Mark Strocher  
County Judge



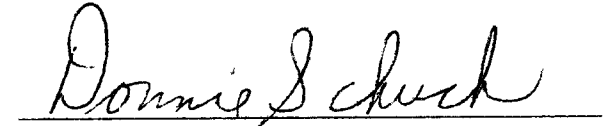
Curtis Cameron  
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1



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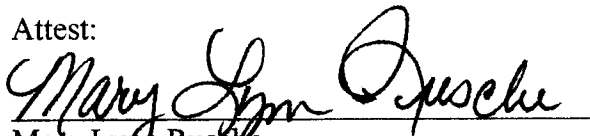


Calvin Ransleben  
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3



Donnie Schuch  
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Attest:



Mary Lynn Rusche  
County Clerk