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SAVE OUR SCENIC HILL COUNTRY ENVIRONMENT, INC. Chairman's Office

10212 Ranch Road 985

Fredericksburg, Texas 78624

June 30, 2009

Public Utility Commission of Texas

1701 N. Congress Avenue

Austin, Texas 78707

Re: Project # 37049

Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

On behalf of Save Our Scenic Hill Country Environment, Inc., an organization of more than 475 landowners, business people and others concerned about the uniqueness of the Texas Hill Country, we request that you take the leadership role in minimizing the impacts of the CREZ transmission lines that will come through Gillespie and surrounding counties.

We specifically request that you support the use of existing electric right-of-ways when LCRA TSC submits its' preferred and alternative routes. We believe that you should also be particularly sensitive to the impacts on developed, populated, historical and recreational areas. While impacts will be significant in any case, we request that you support the use of underground transmission lines in these areas. In addition, the use of monopole structures elsewhere is essential.

The use of monopoles, including rural areas, is consistent with the following precedents.

- (1) The utilization of monopoles by LCRA for the 345-kV transmission line from the Kendall Substation to the Cagnon Substation which is predominately located in rural areas.
- (2) The utilization of monopoles by an affiliate of NextERA Energy Resources on the transmission line that is currently under construction from the Horse Hollow wind farm near Abilene to the Kendall Substation.

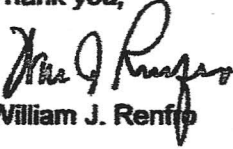
We also request that you ensure at this time that LCRA TSC retains the flexibility to use monopoles. It is our understanding that they are already in the process of ordering lattice tower materials for this project. It is likely that they will argue that the use of monopoles will not only increase cost but will also extend the schedule, particularly at later stages in the process.

We also request that you take into consideration the transmission structure-related resolutions that have been adopted by the County Commissioners in Gillespie, Kerr and Kimble Counties;

the Gillespie County Economic Development Commission and the Fredericksburg Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Your actions are essential to minimize the dramatic consequences that will affect the uniqueness of this area for residents and visitors alike.

Thank you,



William J. Renfro

Vice President/Director

cc: Gillespie County Judge Mark Stroehrer, Kimble County Andrew Murr, Kerr County Judge Pat Tinley

cc: LCRA Board Chair Rebecca Klein; LCRA Corporate Services Siting & Certification Manager Lance Wenmohs; LCRA Senior Regulatory Case Managers Sara Morgenroth, Dennis Palafox

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