

**Save Our Scenic Hill Country Environment, Inc.**  
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August 31, 2010

Chairman Smitherman  
Commissioner Anderson  
Commissioner Nelson  
Public Utility Commission of Texas  
PO Box 13326  
Austin, Texas 78711

(via facsimile)

Re.:

Docket# 38577- PUC Proceeding to Determine Whether to Modify the CREZ Transmission Plan  
Docket# 38354- Application of LCRA TSC to Amend Its CCN for the Proposed McCamey D to  
Kendall to Gillespie 345-kV CREZ Transmission Line

Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

Save Our Scenic Hill Country Environment submits the attached comments as follow-up to the discussion of Docket#'s 37448 and 38354 at the August 19, 2010 Public Utility Commission Open Meeting.

The comments are supportive of the following requests which we believe are also consistent with those made by the county and city officials that spoke at the Open Meeting.

- (1) The much lower cost alternative to the Gillespie to Newton (G-N) project identified by ERCOT should be selected and G-N should be eliminated from consideration.
- (2) Chairman Smitherman's August 26, 2010 request to ERCOT, made in response to Senator Fraser, requesting that ERCOT perform an analysis to determine the continued need for the McCamey D to Kendall to Gillespie (M-K-G) CREZ line is consistent with the requests made by the elected officials and a number of others. However, the caveats Chairman Smitherman placed on ERCOT's analysis are not consistent with those requests. The analysis should be unconditional to allow for full consideration of all reasonable alternatives.

- (3) All reasonable options related to the NextERA private line, including possible modifications, should be considered. ERCOT stated they already have information on the NextERA line facilities that are in place. Lone Star indicated that information on possible modifications to the NextERA line would be provided. ERCOT and the PUC should include all of this information in the re-evaluation of the need for M-K-G.
- (4) The M-K-G contested case should be abated to permit time for a complete re-evaluation of the need for the lines to: (1) avoid the unnecessary expense of conducting a contested case while these questions remain open, and (2) avoid the waste of financial resources and time by the directly affected landowners and others that have chosen to intervene.

We ask that you address these requests as soon as practical. Your efforts in this very difficult process are appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Save Our Scenic Hill Country Environment

cc: Senator Troy Fraser  
Representative Harvey Hilderbran  
Representative Doug Miller  
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