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Chairman Barry Smitherman  
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Re: Docket 37049-- LCRA TSC McCamey D to Kendall to Gillespie Project

Dear Chairman Smitherman:

After additional consideration of the concerns that continue to be expressed by my constituents regarding the impacts that the CREZ transmission lines will have on them and Gillespie and Kendall counties, I request that the LCRA TSC transmission line projects that will affect these areas be re-evaluated. This re-evaluation should include the McCamey D to Kendall to Gillespie segments as well as the Gillespie to Newton segment for which you have already requested a review and that I continue to fully support.

Many of the same considerations apply to all three segments. The amount of renewable energy that needs to be transported should be revisited in light of the impacts that lower natural gas prices and the economy have had on industrial wind development. Planned and possible enhancements to the electrical grid need to be taken into account as pointed out in your June 1, 2010 letter to ERCOT's Trip Dogget. As you mentioned, these enhancements include the NextERA private line that was developed subsequent to the original CREZ studies. In addition, the difficulty of finding suitable high voltage transmission line routes as demonstrated in the Gillespie to Newton project will surely apply to the even lengthier McCamey D to Kendall to Gillespie segments. The higher costs associated with these segments could also impact the justification and relative attractiveness of various alternatives.

The timing of the re-evaluation is critical. The July 28, 2010 CCN application filing deadline should be extended to minimize the additional consternation, inefficiencies and higher costs that will result if the re-evaluation has to be done concurrent with the contested case process.

Again, I truly am empathetic to the difficult tasks that you and Commissioners Nelson and Anderson are facing in implementing the CREZ mandates in a cost effective and reasonable manner. I appreciate your consideration of my requests. Please let me know if I can be of assistance by contacting my Capitol office at 512-463-0325.

Sincerely,

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State Representative  
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Cc: Commissioner Kenneth W. Anderson, Jr.  
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