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Lance Wenmohs
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Lower Colorado River Authority
P.O. Box 220
Austin, Texas 78767-0220

Re: Blumenthal Substation and 138-kV Transmission Line Project in Gillespie, Kendall and Blanco counties.

Dear Mr. Wenmohs,

The following comments are being provided on behalf of Save Our Scenic Hill Country Environment, an organization with more than 575 members which include landowners, business and other interested people. We are pleased to have the opportunity to provide information concerning environmental and land use features regarding the subject project.

Our organization is generally supportive of the project based on CTEC and LCRA's stated need to reliably serve an area east of Fredericksburg. However, we believe that the project should minimize negative aesthetic and other effects.

Minimization of negative effects includes the following.

- Placing the substation outside of the viewshed of U.S. 290. This area includes the growing wine industry corridor and the associated large number of visitors.
- Working with impacted landowners and other interested parties to minimize the impacts of the transmission line route and to select appropriate structures regarding type and color where applicable.

We are sensitive to existing and future residential, medical, recreational, municipal, and educational land use areas including but not limited to:

- The wine industry and other businesses along U.S. 290.
- The Lyndon B. Johnson National Historic Park, State Park & Historic Site.
- The Luckenbach entertainment area.
- The Stonewall, Blumenthal and Albert communities and areas.
- The Pedernales River basin.
- South Grape Creek and other streams.

We would ask that the CTEC transmission lines that will connect to the new substation be described and displayed on the Study Area map and subsequent maps.

Again, we are pleased to have this opportunity to provide our input and trust that it will be seriously considered.

Respectfully,

Robert Weatherford
President
Save Our Scenic Hill Country Environment, Inc.

cc: David W. Peterson, P.E. (CTEC)