

RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) of Texas designated five Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZs) in which renewable wind energy resources and suitable land areas are sufficient to develop generating capacity from renewable sources; and

WHEREAS, a plan was developed by the PUC to construct transmission capacity to deliver generated power from the CREZs to electric customers in the metropolitan areas, said plan containing transmission lines that cross the land area of Gillespie County; and

WHEREAS, Gillespie County is particularly impacted by CREZ since portions of three line segments traverse parts of the County which could require over 1,200 acres of right of way, and

WHEREAS, the PUC has selected the Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC) to construct the CREZ line segments in Gillespie County; and

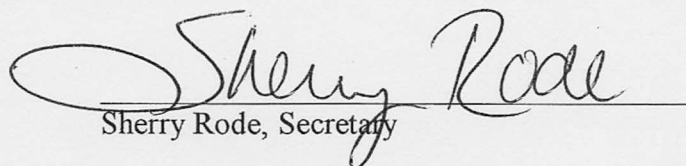
WHEREAS, the LCRA TSC proposes to construct these 345-kilovolt transmission lines on double-circuit capable lattice structures; and

WHEREAS, these lattice towers and the associated cleared right of ways will forever disfigure the scenic landscape of Gillespie County, reduce property values and create significant irreversible economic harm;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GILLESPIE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

1. That the Gillespie County Economic Development Commission opposes the construction of the CREZ transmission line plan through Gillespie County. The Commission questions the need for both the Gillespie to Newton and Kendall to Gillespie line segments and requests that the PUC re-evaluate the need for those lines since they are not directly related to the effort to move wind power to market.
2. That if the McCamey D to Kendall line segment is to be routed through Gillespie County, then the route should be adjacent to the Interstate 10 right of way. The Commission believes that such routing is the most justifiable and overall the least impactful on the Hill Country.

Passed and approved this 18th day of June, 2010.


Sherry Rode, Secretary