

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, 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 and reduce property values; and

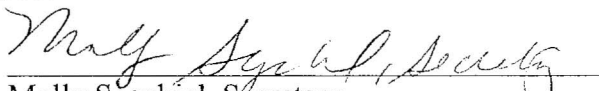
WHEREAS, the impact on both populated areas and natural areas may be especially significant; and

WHEREAS, over 185,000 people from across Texas, the United States and the world visited Enchanted Rock State Natural Area in 2008 for the iconic Hill Country views, creating major economic benefits for both Gillespie and Llano Counties:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE
FREDERICKSBURG CONVENTION AND VISITOR BUREAU:**

That the Board of the Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor Bureau opposes the use of lattice structures and encourages the PUC and LCRA TSC to use monopoles throughout Gillespie County. In the event the PUC deems such a request to be unreasonable, the Board encourages the PUC and LCRA TSC to use monopoles in or near populated areas of Gillespie County. In addition, the Board encourages the PUC and LCRA TSC to make every effort to avoid impacting the view sheds of Enchanted Rock State Natural Area with any additional transmission lines. Further, the Board encourages the PUC and LCRA TSC to use existing electric right of ways throughout the Hill Country to the maximum extent possible.

Passed and approved this 23rd day of June, 2009.


Molly Sagebiel, Secretary