

Comments in Docket No. 37448

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Save Our Scenic Hill Country Environment, Inc. (SOSHCE), an organization based in Gillespie and surrounding counties with more than 500 members, continues to strongly protest LCRA TSC's continuing proposed use of lattice tower structures, particularly in light of new information from LCRA TSC that indicates concrete monopoles are likely usable and will have a much smaller incremental cost than steel monopoles. These Comments supplement those submitted by SOSHCE that were posted on the PUC website (Docket #37448-432) on December 28, 2009. LCRA TSC now implies that concrete poles are usable. LCRA TSC information indicates that the cost for concrete poles is significantly less than that for steel monopoles. The lower cost for concrete poles makes it even more imperative that they be used to minimize degradation of the Hill Country. Delays in integrated projects provide the time required to utilize concrete poles in this project. To summarize, there is compelling evidence that the PUC should require LCRA TSC to utilize concrete poles based on the additional information provided by LCRA TSC and the related considerations. Additional information is attached.

Signature of person submitting comments :

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Date: 1/20/10