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The Senate of The State of Texas

Senator Peter P. Flores

District 24

November 13, 2025

Public Utility Commission of Texas
William B. Travis Building
1701 N. Congress Avenue, Suite 7-110
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Chairman Gleeson and Commissioners,

I write to express concerns raised by citizens in Senate District 24 regarding two proposed 765-kilovolt (kV) transmission line projects. One being the Bell County East to Big Hill project proposed by LCRA and ONCOR, and the other being the Howard Solstice project developed by AEP and CPS Energy. These projects, as proposed, affect multiple counties within my district, including parts of Bandera, Bell, Burnet, Coryell, Lampasas, Llano, Medina, Sutton, and Williamson Counties, and has generated notable public concern.

Specifically, constituents have pointed out that the project may not make sufficient use of existing rights-of-way, which could mitigate community and environmental impact. Historical and cultural sites, such as state historical markers, have not been adequately accounted for in the proposed routes, and more environmentally and economically sound alternatives, such as routing along existing roadways, may not have been fully explored.

As the Commission evaluates the application, I respectfully urge you to ensure that the review strictly adheres to the requirements of §25.101(b)(3)(B) of the PUC Substantive Rules and PURA §37.056(c), especially regarding community impact, prudent avoidance, use of existing infrastructure, and protection of historical resources. Further, I request that you give weight to local feedback and ensure a transparent and responsive public comment process. My constituents deserve full confidence that all reasonable routing alternatives are being considered and that their voices are heard.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued service to the people of Texas. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact William Howe in my Capitol office by email at william.howe@senate.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter P. Flores".

Senator Pete Flores
Texas Senate District 24