

## 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 adopted and is pursuing a deliberate process to select the transmission service providers to construct and operate each segment of the transmission line plan; and

**WHEREAS**, there has emerged at least one entity apparently seeking to independently, and apart from the approved plan, construct electric transmission lines in western Gillespie County; and

**WHEREAS**, these transmission lines with their 180-foot wide cleared right-of-way and tall towers constitute a permanent disfigurement of the scenic Texas Hill Country landscape, and will devalue property; and


**WHEREAS**, the Gillespie County Commissioners Court favors the pursuit of renewable energy sources and recognizes the need to deliver the energy to market, the Court, nevertheless, strictly opposes the development of multiple transmission routes where one route is already planned by the PUC and will provide adequate capacity.

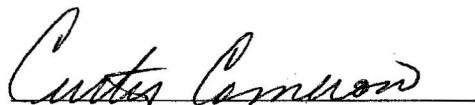
**NOWHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF GILLESPIE COUNTY:**


That the Gillespie County Commissioners Court supports the transmission plan adopted by the PUC and opposes the use of additional routes to move electric energy through Gillespie County. Further, the Commissioners Court urges State regulators and transmission companies to respect the input of the citizens


of the Hill Country and act as responsible stewards of our Texas landscape, which includes utilization of existing electric right of ways and minimization of visual impacts to the maximum extent possible.

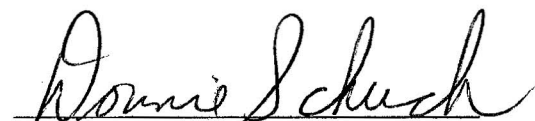
Passed and approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

  
Mark Stroehrer  
County Judge

  
Curtis Cameron  
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1  
Judge Pro Tem

  
W. A. Roeder  
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

  
Calvin Ransleben  
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

  
Donnie Schuch  
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Attest:

  
Mary Lynn Rusche  
County Clerk