



TEXAS AND SOUTHWESTERN CATTLE RAISERS ASSOCIATION

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POLICY STATEMENT

Electric Transmission Line Routes (LT-30)

WHEREAS, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) has the authority to authorize utility companies, including the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA), to install new electric transmission lines to deliver electricity produced by industrial wind generation facilities to energy consuming urban areas; and

WHEREAS, proposed route alternatives for these huge transmission lines and towers will severely damage hundreds of miles of productive and scenic agricultural and recreational property in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Texas landowners whose property is taken will not be fairly compensated for their damages and loss in value because current Texas condemnation/eminent domain law is woefully inadequate in protecting the rights of Texas landowners; and

WHEREAS, other route alternatives over or parallel to existing major highways and/or existing transmission line rights-of-way can be established by the utility company or the PUC which will dramatically reduce the uncompensated damages which will otherwise be incurred by condemned landowners;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT TSCRA encourages all utility companies and the PUC, as a matter of fairness, to choose electric transmission line routes which will use and/or parallel existing major public highways and existing electric transmission lines so that the immense damage to productive and scenic agricultural and recreational property incurred by Texas landowners will be minimized.

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