RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is pursuing an aggressive strategy to increase the electricity generating capacity from renewable energy technologies; and,

WHEREAS, a plan was developed by the Public Utilities Commission Of Texas (PUC) to construct transmission capacity to deliver generated power from the five designated Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ's) to electric customers in the metropolitan area, said plan containing massive structures and transmission lines that will cross over portions of Llano County; and,

WHEREAS, the PUC has selected the Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Service Corporation (LCRA TSC) to construct and operate the segments of the transmission line plan that will be located in Llano County; and,

WHEREAS, the LCRA TSC specified the use of lattice structures in its bid to the PUC, and that such lattice structures have a huge footprint and will maximize the negative visual impact and economic consequences of the transmission lines in our beautiful, Hill Country County; and,

WHEREAS, the Llano County Commissioners Court supports the pursuit of renewable energy sources and recognizes the need to deliver the energy to market; and

WHEREAS, the Llano County Commissioners Court encourages Llano County residents to make their public comments concerning the routing of the CREZ right-of-way directly to LCRA-TSC by logging on the website: LCRA/energy/trans/crez/westwind. View aerial photo; and

WHEREAS, Llano County Commissioners Court strongly encourages citizens within 500 feet of a proposed route to access the LCRA website and click on the PUC project #37049, to give comment prior to the October 2009 deadline;

WHEREAS, Llano County Commissioners Court held a Public Hearing on July 27, 2009 that was well attended by numerous citizens. Those in attendance represented a cross section of all Llano County, with a variety of backgrounds and experiences.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this day, the 10th of August 2009, Llano County Commissioners Court has consolidated the various opinions of our Llano Citizens, and the Court wishes to express this both to LCRA and the Public Utility Commission concerning Docket #37049.

- 1. That the preferred route expressed by those in attendance was to request PUC to consider a re-route plan that would bypass Llano County;
- 2. That many of our citizens are extremely concerned with health issues that may result, or increase over time from the operation of a 345 KVA transmission line in the proximity of their homes or businesses; and
- 3. That, if a route were to be selected that crosses Llano County, that land owners be fully compensated for their easements for the construction and operation of a transmission line, including some future consideration based on an incremental value of the transmission line, production, or some other criteria;

- 4. That the use of monopoles be part of any plan as an alternative to lattice structures;
- 5. That existing right of way be used to reduce the impact on the natural landscape of Llano County;
- 6. That any route selected should consider the long term negative impact on ecotourism, and be planned to minimize the loss of value of property, tourism, and aesthetics to Our Texas Hill Country;
- 7. And, for PUC to consider public comment as an extremely high priority in selection or development of any transmission route or plan choice that goes through Llano County.

Passed and approved this 10th day of August, 2009.

Wayne A. Brascom, Llano County Judge

Johnnie Heck, Commissioner Pct #1

Henry Parker, Commissioner Pct #2

Tommy Duncan/Commissioner Pct #3

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