## RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF LLANO COUNTY REGARDING THE BELL COUNTY EAST-BIG HILL 765 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("ONCOR") and the Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Service Corporation ("LCRA TSC") announced their intention to construct a single phase 765 kV electrical transmission line ("Transmission Line"), over three possible routes across the Texas Hill Country; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction and operation of the transmission line may adversely affect the scenic beauty, rural character, and property values of the areas it traverses, thereby impacting the quality of life for residents of Llano County; and

**WHEREAS**, ONCOR and LCRA TSC, have not publicized an Environmental Impact Study evaluating the potential impact to property near or adjacent to the project. The proposed transmission line poses significant concerns regarding its potential impact on the environment, including the disruption of endangered species, critical habitats and the local ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, one or more of the possible routes for the Transmission Line crosses the watershed of the San Saba River in Mason County and the Hickory Aquifer Recharge Zone which affects parts of Llano County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners Court recognizes the importance of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, as well as preserving the natural and cultural resources of the county; and

**WHEREAS,** power lines caused more than 1,300 fires that burned over 1.4 million acres between 2000 and 2024 according to Texas Legislature (2025 SB 34 analysis, May 1, 2024 Texas House Investigative Committee on Texas Wildfires). Additionally, power lines have caused 14,236 fires that burned 2.7 million acres since 2005, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transmission Line does not have the Distribution Fault Anticipation "DFA" System which anticipates problems on the Transmission Line before they happen, to prevent transmission line fires; and

WHEREAS, the Transmission Line does not provide the impacted counties with any additional electric service, and

**WHEREAS**, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2025, the Commissioner's Court of Llano County, Texas, directed the Llano County Soil and Water Conservation District #233 to draft a Resolution of Opposition to the Bell County East-Big Hill 765 kV Transmission Line Project; and

**WHEREAS,** citizens of Llano County have expressed strong concerns and opposition to the proposed routes of the Transmission Line; due to potential *negative impacts*. The Commissioner's Court recognizes the importance of protecting the soil, water systems, wildlife, environment, historical and cultural sites, land values and local economy, and the aesthetics of the beautiful Texas Hill Country; and

THEREFORE; That the State of Texas, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) oppose and reject any submitted application for approval of such routing for the Bell County East - Big Hill 765 kV Transmission Line Project.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED, by a v November, 2025.	rote of FOR and AGAINST on this the Dday of
Ron Cunningham, Llano County Judge	
Peter Jones, Commissioner Pct 7	Linda Raschke, Commissioner Pct. 2
Brent Richards, Commissioner Pct. 3	Jerry Don Moss, Commissioner Pct. 4

Attest: Cecilia McClintock, County Clerk