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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing regarding the possibility Brazos Electric Company may select the attached C1 or C2 route as a new corridor to construct transmission lines from Hugo, OK to a substation located at Savoy, TX. Land that we farm and ranch is located in the proposed corridor.

Rural Utilities Commission has earmarked 1.2 billion dollars for the Brazos Electric Project. This represents 25% of RUC's FY06 budget dollars... taxpayer's dollars... for one project. The remaining 75% of the budget must meet the needs of the entire United States? TXU announced plans for upgrades to systems in the amount of 14 billion ... using TXU funds... not taxpayers dollars. Do you understand this logic? Lend one billion taxpayer's dollars to a "non-profit" cooperative when TXU will upgrade existing systems using TXU funds... not taxpayer's dollars? Am I confused or does this proposal have an "odor" to you?

Many issues regarding this process are concerning to me, however, these facts may not be disputed.

1. Fannin and Lamar counties will NOT be serviced by Brazos Electric Co.
2. Fannin and Lamar counties will NOT gain any new employment by Brazos Electric Company
3. Land values in Fannin and Lamar counties will be devalued by millions. In fact, land values are affected at this moment. Anyone in these counties with land for sale, are obligated to inform any prospective buyers.
4. The health of Fannin and Lamar county adults and most importantly, the children, are at great risk from EMFs.
5. Our income as ranchers will be adversely affected.

I understand the concerns regarding the availability of water and electricity in the heavy populated areas but I also understand urban residents live there by choice. I am of the opinion that urban areas must dedicate the needed lands to provide their own utilities and resources. I live in a rural setting by choice. I recently made a decision not to pursue an opportunity in the metroplex that would have increased my salary in excess of \$25,000 because living in that environment was not appealing to me. I resent by life style being robbed by those who choose to live a more elaborate life style!

Jerry and I operate a commercial black angus cattle operation. We are committed to the future of the beef industry by improving our genetics thru A-I, herd health and management. We believe producers should do everything possible to add value to their herd and increase their ability to market their product at a premium price. All of our goals

Brazos Electric  
Co-op  
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will be completely destroyed by any actions on the part of Brazos Electric. Regardless of the monies we have spent improving the genetics of our herd, there is no market for calves flawed by the effects of electric and magnetic fields.

Any action on the part of Brazos Electric Company or any other company with plans to occupy our property with power transmission lines or flood our properties for new water resources is UNARMED ROBBERY. Urban residents desire to live in million dollar neighborhood but deface our properties with the harmful and unsightly tools needed to supply these neighborhoods with power and water.

FANNIN AND LAMAR COUNTIES HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN BUT EVERYTHING TO LOSE. These websites are available for your review:

[www.magnessranch.com](http://www.magnessranch.com)

<http://c1c2route.blogspot.com>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FanninCounty/>

As a member of the Cultures, Recreation and Tourism committee, you must recognize the validity of my concerns!

Sincerely,

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Why is Rural Utilities Commission lending Brazos Electric 1.2 billion of federal funds to construct a new transmission corridor when two corridors with 345 kV transmission lines are already in existence?

In fact, I work to pay the tax dollars that will be lent to Brazos Electric so they can condemn my property and bull doze thru it.

On April 20, 2006, TXU announced 10 billion dollar expansion/upgrade program using TXU funds. No federal funding!

**TXU jobs will remain in Texas... Brazos Electric is taking the bulk of the jobs to Hugo, OK**

Also, the largest block of land, 2600 acres, dedicated to the Wetlands Reserve Program lie within the proposed new corridor. Why is the USDA Conservation program undertaking a million dollar project on this land and then another USDA/RUC lending Brazos Electric money to put transmission lines thru the middle of this land?

None of the Federal Programs have enough funds... **Use this 1.2 billion for a better purpose... Do NOT duplicate a project when TXU will use private sources to fund!**

## TXU Plans \$10 Billion Investment to Power the Future of Texas

In response to the electric power needs of the growing Texas economy, TXU Corp. (NYSE:TXU) announced today a plan to invest \$10 billion in power generation to provide lower-cost, secure and stable power, the introduction of new consumer and business service offerings, and the largest voluntary emissions reduction program of its type in the nation.

"Texans want ample generation supply, access to lower electric prices, and better air quality, and TXU will deliver all three," said C. John Wilder, TXU chairman and CEO. "Our new service offerings and this massive investment in power infrastructure will save consumers money, add reliable electric generating capacity to reduce dependence on high cost natural gas, create jobs, and lower key emissions -- all at the same time."

**Volatile energy markets pose challenges for Texans** The future growth of the now vibrant economy could be dampened by volatile and rising energy commodity prices. Texas has one of the fastest growing economies in the country and is projected to add nearly 6 million residents within a decade. At the same time, Texas electric power reserve margins are compressing rapidly and are expected to fall below levels deemed reliable by 2010.

Texas has a high reliance on natural gas for power generation, with 72 percent of the state's generation capacity depending on natural gas for fuel, compared to the U.S. average of 45 percent. This reliance causes substantial challenges because natural gas prices have quadrupled and most experts believe the low gas prices of the 1990s will not return. At the same time, U.S. reliance on imported natural gas is increasing significantly; over the next 20 years, U.S. imports are expected to increase five-fold.

"There is no quick fix," said Wilder. "There is no easy solution to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign energy sources and to reduce power prices. To address these challenges, TXU has a three-part plan. We will invest in lower cost power supplies, innovate with new service offerings that enable customers to save money and improve air quality by reducing emissions."

**INVEST: TXU's generation plan will provide lower-cost, secure and stable power: TXU will invest up to \$10 billion in state-of-the-art technologies to provide near-term solutions to meet Texas' growing need for power.**

Proposed New Generation Units, Primary fuel type; MW; Location

Unit	Fuel*	Net Capacity	County
<i>Previously announced:</i>			
Oak Grove 1 & 2	Lignite	1,600	Robertson
Sandow 5	Lignite	600	Milam
Big Brown 3	PRB	800	Freestone
Lake Creek 3	PRB	800	McLennan
Martin Lake 4	PRB	800	Rusk
Monticello 4	PRB	800	Titus
Morgan Creek 7	PRB	800	Mitchell
Tradinghouse 3 & 4	PRB	1,600	McLennan
Valley 4	PRB	800	Fannin
Subtotal		6,400	
Total		8,600	

*\*PRB refers to coal from the Powder River Basin (PRB) region in Wyoming. This plan encompasses 11 new generation units at nine existing TXU Power sites. Air permit applications were filed today with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for eight of these units, totaling 6,400 megawatts (MW) of net capacity. The new units will be located at existing power plant sites in Fannin, Freestone, McLennan, Mitchell, Rusk, and Titus Counties. If approved, the new units are expected to be operational by 2010. TXU previously announced the other three units, totaling 2,200 MW of net capacity, at Oak Grove and Sandow, located in Robertson and Milam Counties.*

