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Regarding: PUCT Control Number 35077,  
Item Number 1516, Stockyard Solar Project  
(Umbra - Stockyard - Solar and Bess); Oncor-  
Filing received by PUCT 2022-11-09  
Franklin County Texas

Dear Commissioners and STAFF OF PUCT:

Please consider our request to stop the installation of approximately 5000 acres of solar panels and the Bess units to service these units. The proposed solar fields would stretch about 9 miles bordering and nearby to highway 1896.

We are going to focus on two concerns

That we have concerning this project, and they are the displacement of wildlife and the danger of increased runoff from the large acreage going to be covered with solar panels. The solar fields will be fenced with high chainlink fence, this will stop the movement of white tail deer and feral hogs forcing them onto roads and increasing the chance of vehicle accidents. The deer will put more pressure on the food sources outside these fenced areas and ultimately affect the health and survival of our white tail deer population. The feral hogs will also be displaced causing more damage to land outside the fenced solar fields. This will increase the damage to our yards and pastures caused by the feral hogs, already a huge problem in our county.

The second concern we are concerned with is the danger of increased runoff from these large tracts of solar panels. We believe that two things will happen, first the danger of flooding existing homes and farm buildings and the very real potential of increased pollution into our local creeks and from that into the

Sulphur river and on into the Red river. The potential damage that we are facing from this flood threat will affect the value and safety we have on our small farm.

We will end this letter by listing more concerns that we did not focus on, they include the damage to state and county roads, lack of adequate fire protection that our small county can provide, noise pollution from solar fields power inverters and the Bees units and finally the loss of food producing land that our hungry world needs.

Please carefully consider our concerns you have the ability to force the foreign companies that will cause untold damage to our land and homes, to stop this from destroying our naturally pleasant and productive area.

My wife and I would be happy to discuss our concerns with you at any time and show you our ranch and why we are passionate about protecting it.

Sincerely,  
Jarl Dihle