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Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Ave.
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Re: PUCT Control Number 35077; Item Number 1931; Oncor Electric - Stockyard Solar Project (Umbra - Stockyard - Solar & BESS); Oncor - 2024-09-20; Franklin County, Texas

Dear Commissioners and Staff for the Public Utility Commission of Texas:

Please accept this request that I be shown as an intervenor regarding the referenced complaint. Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) is constructing new transmission towers to accommodate a foreign developer's electrical generation at a new development (Stockyard Solar and Saddle House Solar - both through Enel - out of Italy) projected to cover over 4,000 acres of land with solar panels). Oncor is working with other foreign developers (Samsung and Invenergy and others) and that cooperation is destroying forested land across great tracts of land in my home county.

Construction is underway in compliance with specifications set forth in interconnection agreements with foreign developers. It is misleading for Oncor to claim that shell entities formed in this county to front for foreign developers are somehow not "foreign". Filings for projects are filed with ERCOT as Umbra (Stockyard) Solar and Umbra Solar and under other names also.

Construction is underway by either Oncor or by the foreign developers for new towers, substations and access roads. Our county's entire ecosystem is at stake. Soil erosion will degrade rivers and wetlands that provide habitat. These transmission lines carry such high voltage that farm use is limited if not impossible. These transmission lines have a negative aesthetic impact and impact the value of property. Residents will be exposed to higher EMF fields in their homes and property value diminished.

Enel has obtained an easement - 200 foot width - for 345 kV transmission running right up to the Daphne Prairie Preserve. Enel has obtained a purchase option to purchase 1,500 acres of land running the entire western boundary of the Preserve so that it can install panels and transmission lines along a mile long stretch of virgin prairie with a wealth of species - flora and fauna.

The Preserve received the Lone Star Land Stewart Status in 2013 and is one of two virgin tall grass prairies exceeding 1,000 acres in size - left in all of Texas - see <http://texasprairie.org> - with a landscape that has not changed since the arrival of first pioneers. The land is held under a Conservation Easement by the Native Prairies Association of Texas. Landscapes unchanged since the arrival of the first pioneers are now to be destroyed with huge towers and lines threatening wildlife and all of nature. The Preserve is a part of 1/10th of 1% of the original 30 million acre ecosystem. Now the preserve is under assault. Please restrict the placement of these lines and prohibit interconnection with the Oncor lines at the points now owned by Oncor where interconnection is proposed.

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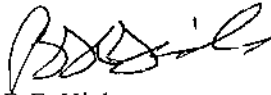
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Work is underway here without permits and multiple transmission line easements have been obtained to allow construction of massive towers in forested lands which serve to protect the waters of Texas and the people of Texas.

There is no probable improvement of service or lowering of cost to consumers in Northeast Texas or in this county; this power is being sold for transmission by Oncor to go to Dallas markets destroying our land and endangering all of nature to power AI centers and bitcoin miners and other unregulated wasteful energy hogs.

Please restrict transmission line construction across the forests and fields lying north of Interstate 30 through Franklin County, Texas. I request the right to intervene and will appear at hearings regarding this matter insofar as it affects my county and Texas.

Sincerely yours,



B.F. Hicks

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

It is hereby certified that a copy of the foregoing has been filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and served on Jaren A. Taylor (jarentaylor@velaw.com), attorney of record for Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC on this 9th day of October, 20204.


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