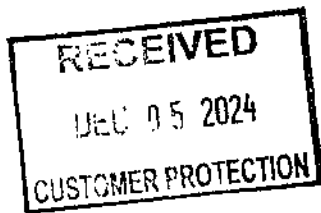




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**OPERATOR:** Tina Fountain, Secretary

**DATE:** December 4, 2024

**RE:** Re: PUCT Control Number 35077; Item Number 1931; Oncor Electric - Stockyard Solar  
Project (Umbra - Stockyard - Solar & BESS); Oncor - 2024-09-20; Franklin County,  
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**MEMO:** See attached.

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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:

Please accept this second supplementary complaint following the Response of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC. In Oncor's Response, we have the repeated assertion that Oncor is taking a very restricted role in working up transmission lines along easement routes in Franklin County, Texas.

Oncor has specified its requirements for transmission clearance and tower and line construction in interconnection agreements. Oncor is now providing the opportunity for Enel - of Rome, Italy, using one of the many misleading named totally controlled limited liability companies organized in the United States - providing the opportunity for these foreign controlled companies to destroy our land and landscape with hundreds of miles of transmission lines. Yes, Enel claims offices in Kansas and Massachusetts but ownership is in Italy.

In recent filings, Oncor represents that it is not involved in construction in Franklin County.

Please note recent photographs - numbered 1, 2 and 3 - showing construction of high voltage transmission lines running from the north boundary of Franklin County, Texas, to an Oncor substation and switch yard just west of the Franklin County airport.

Photographs numbered 4 and 5 show Oncor signage identifying the switch yard with an address. Photographs 6 and 7 show the switch yard; and photographs 8 and 9 show some of the transmission towers serving the switchyard and taking in hundreds of acres of land stretching for over 100 miles into the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Yes, the clearance and towers shown in photographs 1, 2 and 3 are relatively current (all taken within the past year) and the work was done by Envenergy (claiming to office out of Chicago; perhaps true; but with ownership tracking to Europe and particularly Warsaw). This work is ongoing. With no insulation on high voltage lines we risk death for the wide range of bats and birds and insects which come even close to these lines.

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Oncor misleads the public in denying involvement in placing these lines. Oncor wants the profits which can flow from operating these lines. Oncor enters interconnection agreements and sets out the engineering specifications for the tower construction required under the agreements. Orsted of Denmark has destroyed the bulk of the largest of the grasslands (Smiley Meadow in Lamar County). A portion of the land was given to The Nature Conservancy; no maintenance funding was given and the land is under the shadow of the transmission lines serving the adjoining acreage which is under solar panels. Now only the Clymer Meadow and the Daphne Prairie Preserve remain as large tracts of virgin blackland prairie exceeding 1,000 acres in size.

The Daphne Prairie Preserve of Franklin County has unobstructed views across a pristine landscape that has not changed in 10,000 years (see photos 10 and 11). Now Enel has obtained transmission easements to accommodate Oncor - running along the entire western boundary of the preserve. Please prohibit erection of this transmission line in Franklin County, Texas. Please prohibit erection along the sight line for the preserve - for the sake of history, man and all of nature. Please protect this small part of Texas which remains. This preserve deserves protection against the threat posed by Oncor in collaboration with a foreign developer to profit only a few. This land deserves protection for the sake of Texas and Texans.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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](mailto:jarentaylor@velaw.com)) and Jared M. Jones ([jjones@velaw.com](mailto:jjones@velaw.com)), attorneys of record for Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC, via email on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

  
B.F. Hicks

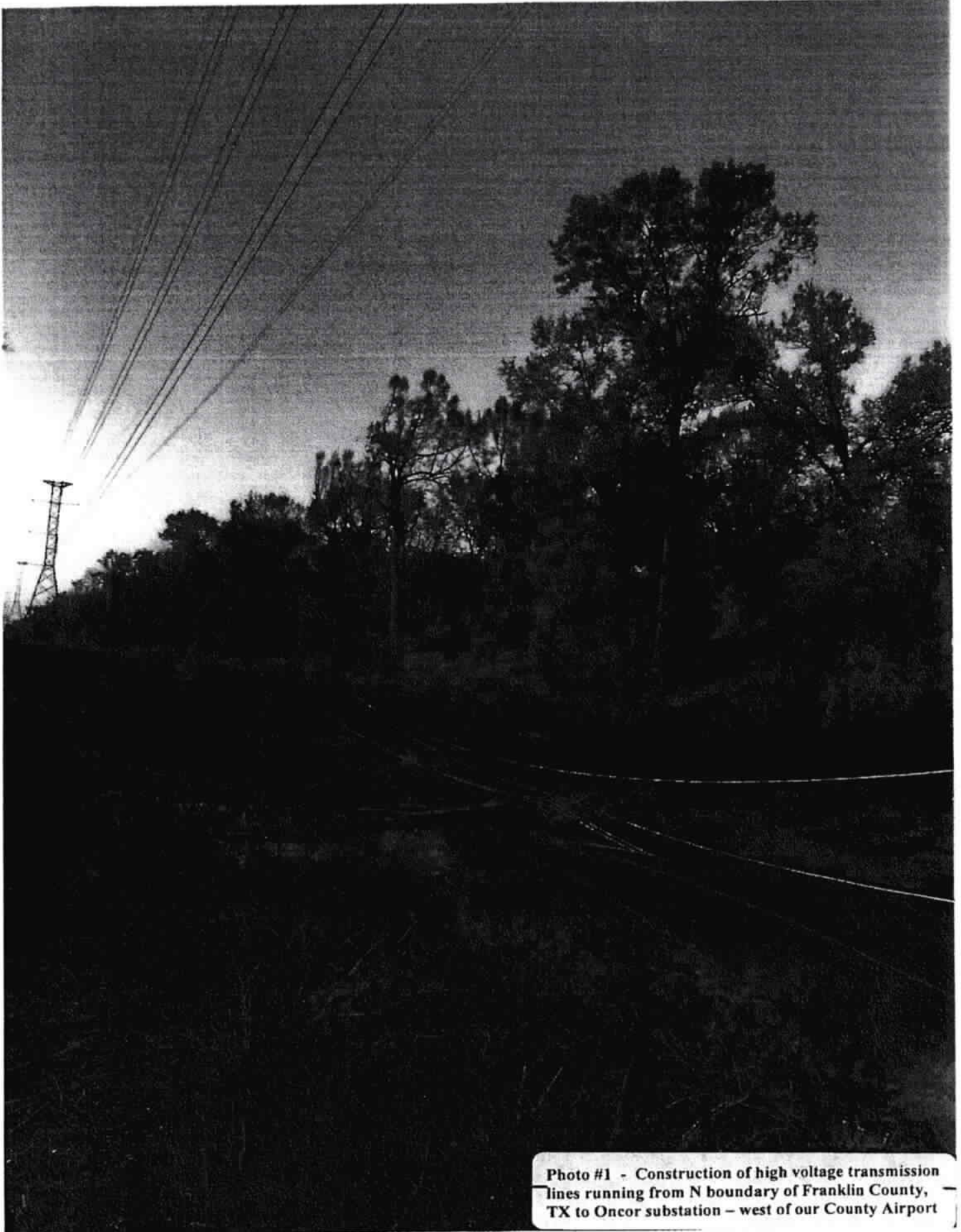


Photo #1 - Construction of high voltage transmission lines running from N boundary of Franklin County, TX to Oncor substation - west of our County Airport



Photo #2 - Construction of high voltage transmission lines running from N boundary of Franklin County, TX to Oncor substation - west of our County Airport

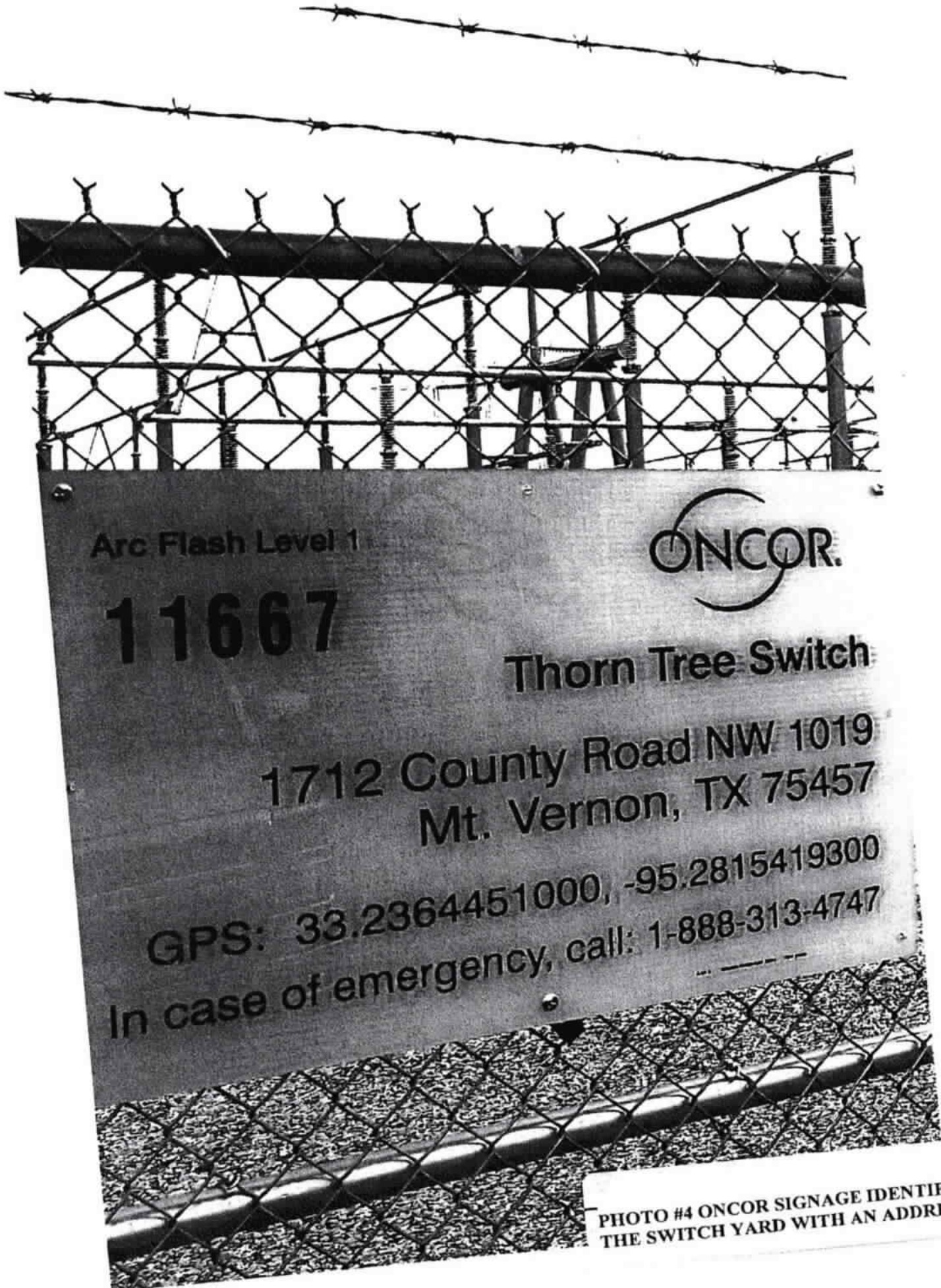


Photo #3 - Construction of high voltage transmission lines running from N boundary of Franklin County, TX to Oncor substation - west of our County Airport

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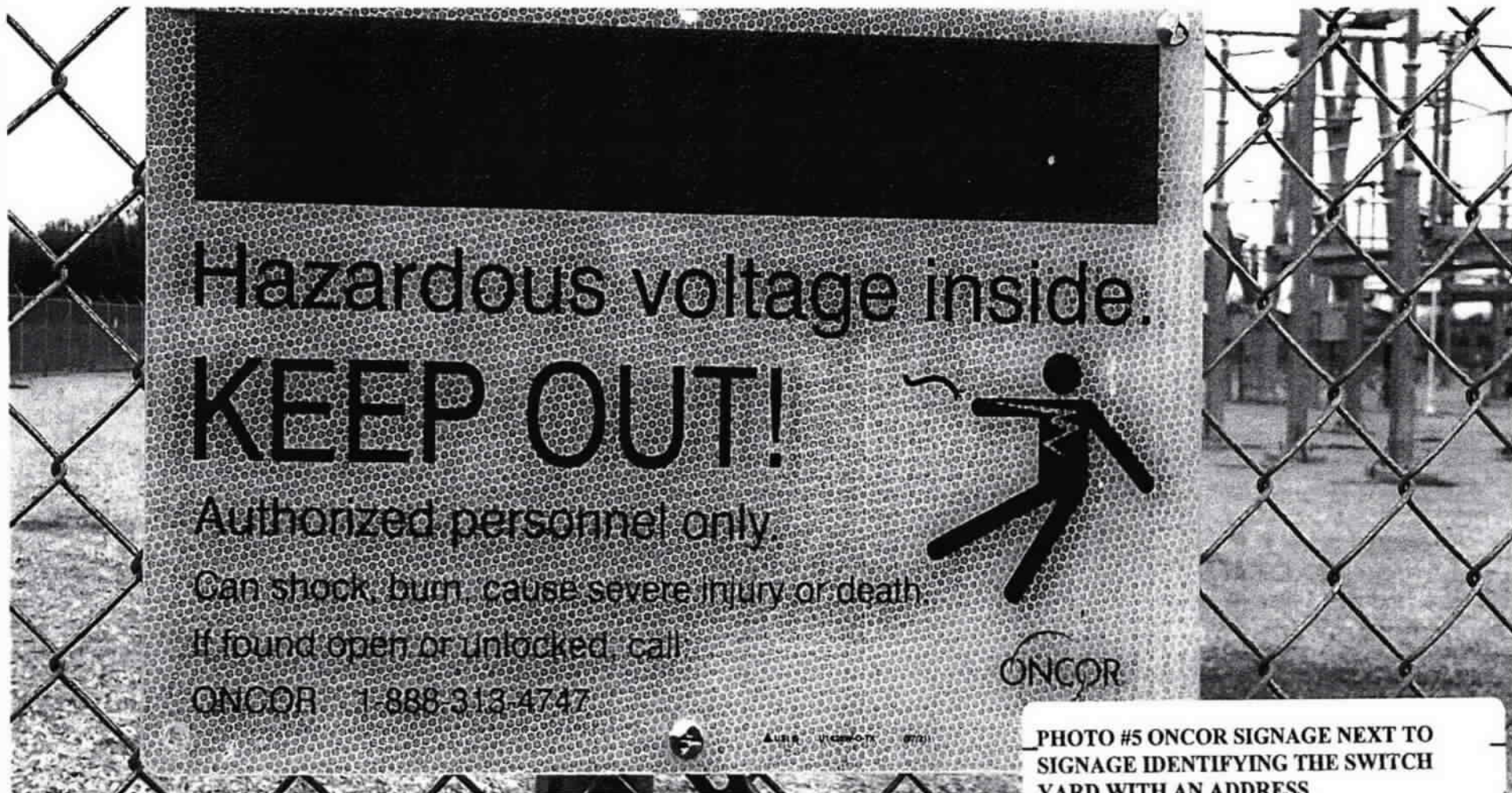


PHOTO #5 ONCOR SIGNAGE NEXT TO  
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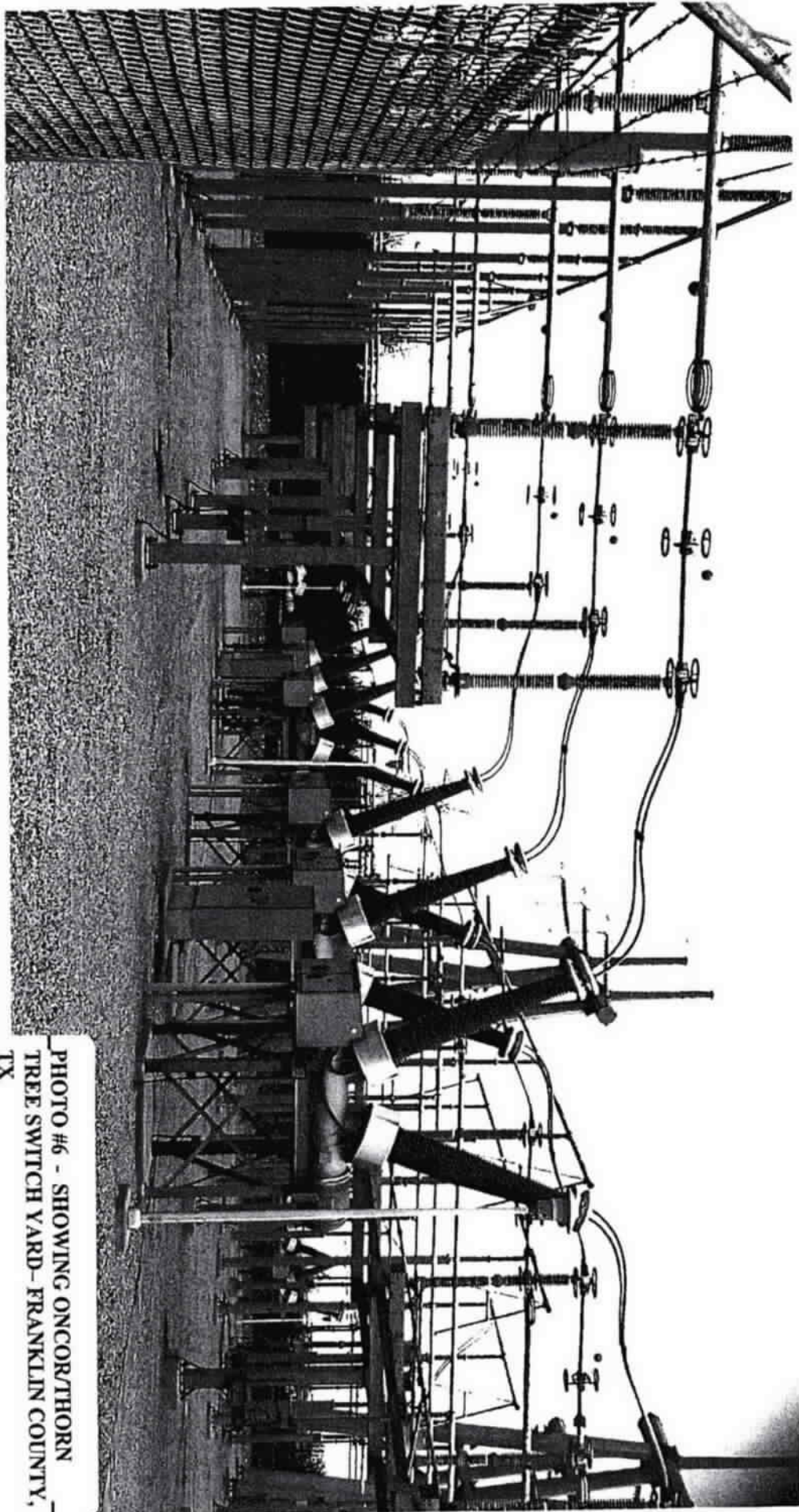


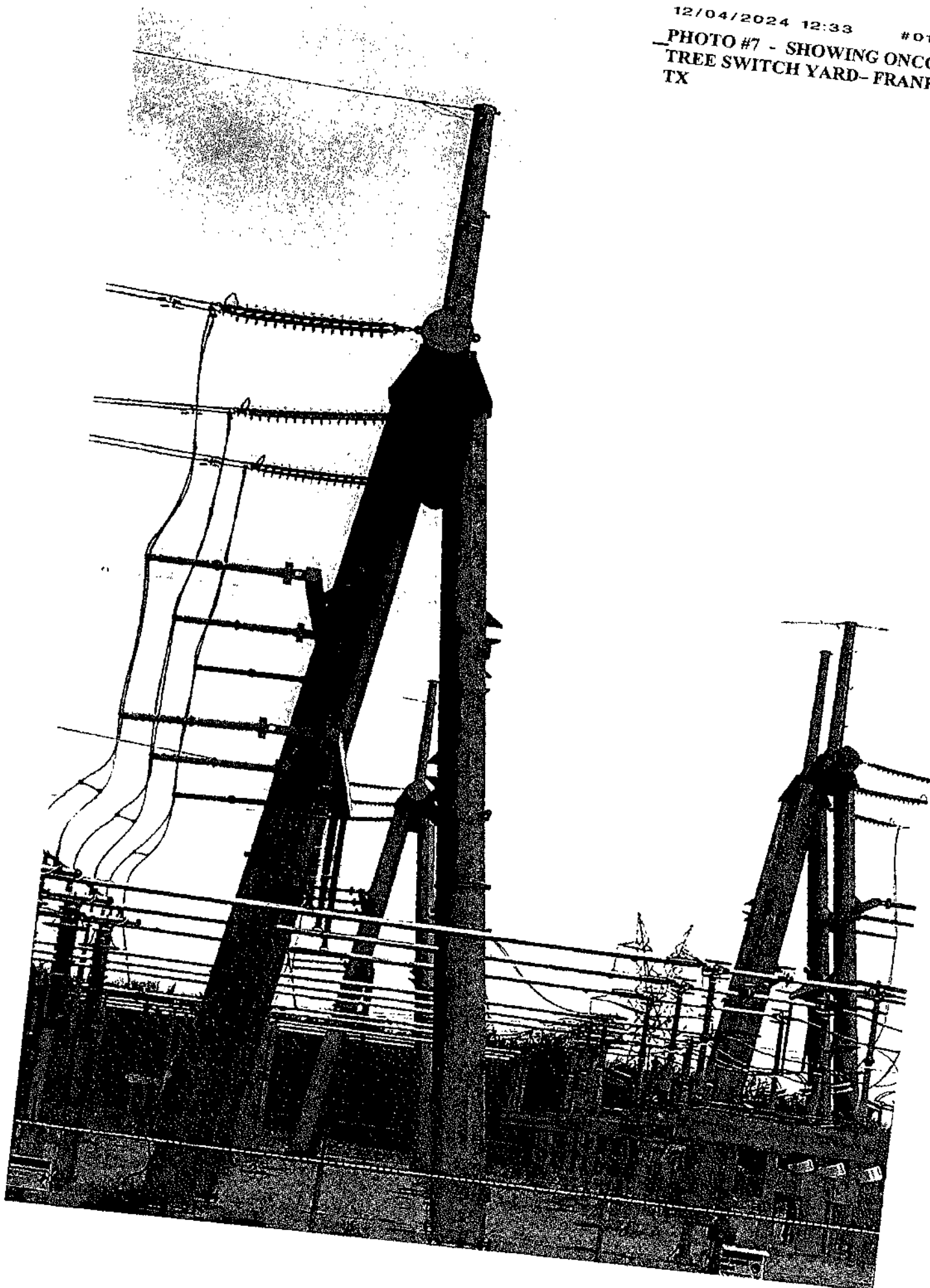
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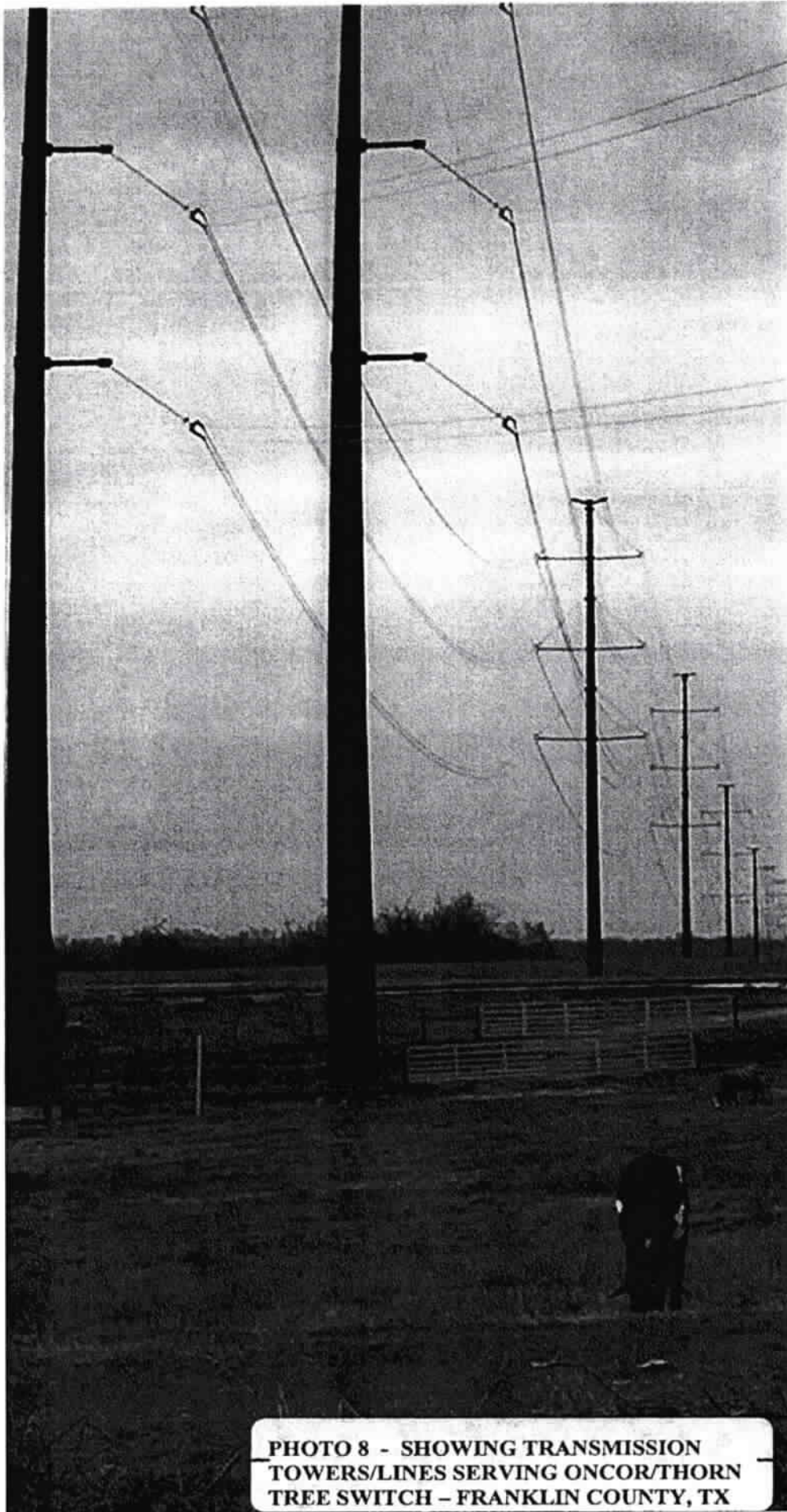
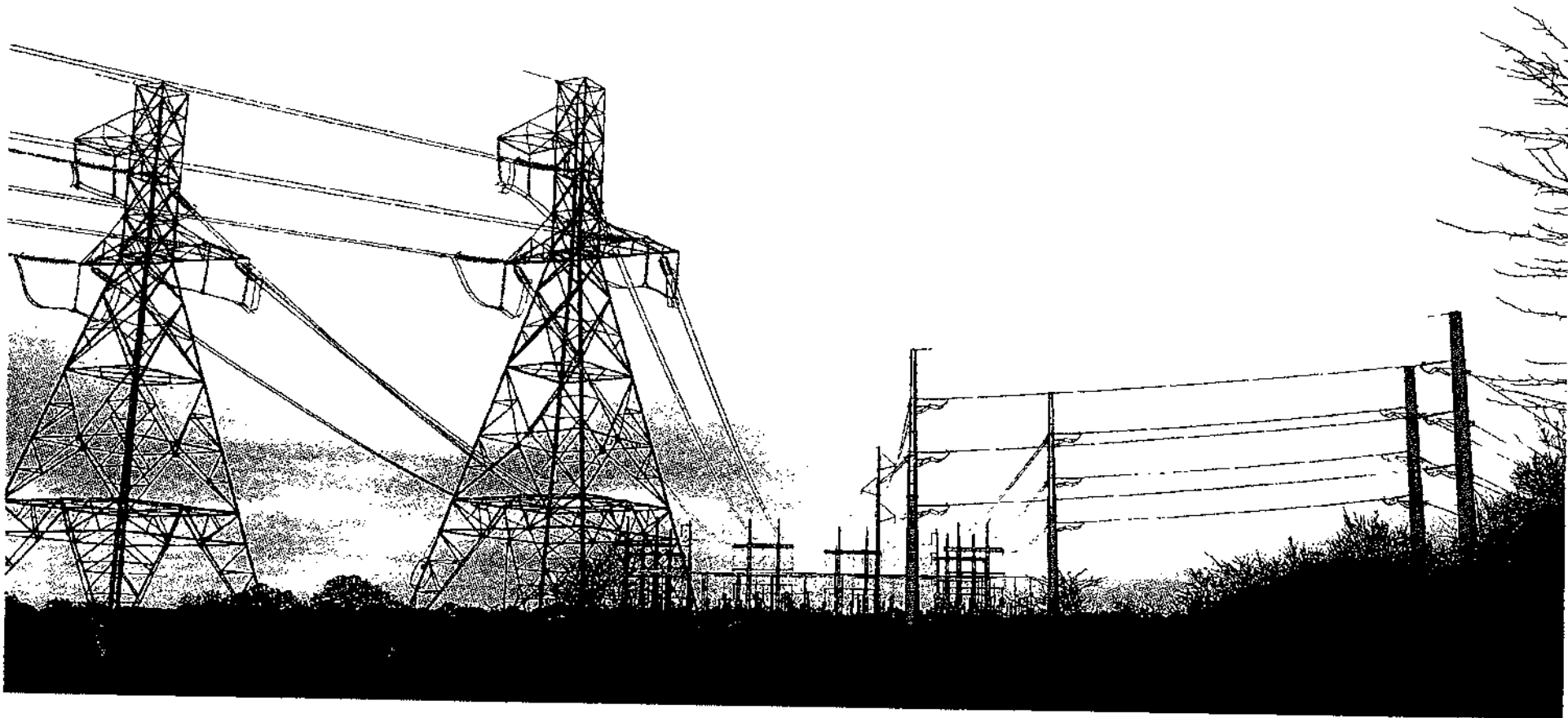


PHOTO 8 - SHOWING TRANSMISSION  
TOWERS/LINES SERVING ONCOR/THORN  
TREE SWITCH - FRANKLIN COUNTY, TX



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PHOTO #9 - SHOWING TRANSMISSION  
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FRANKLIN COUNTY, TX

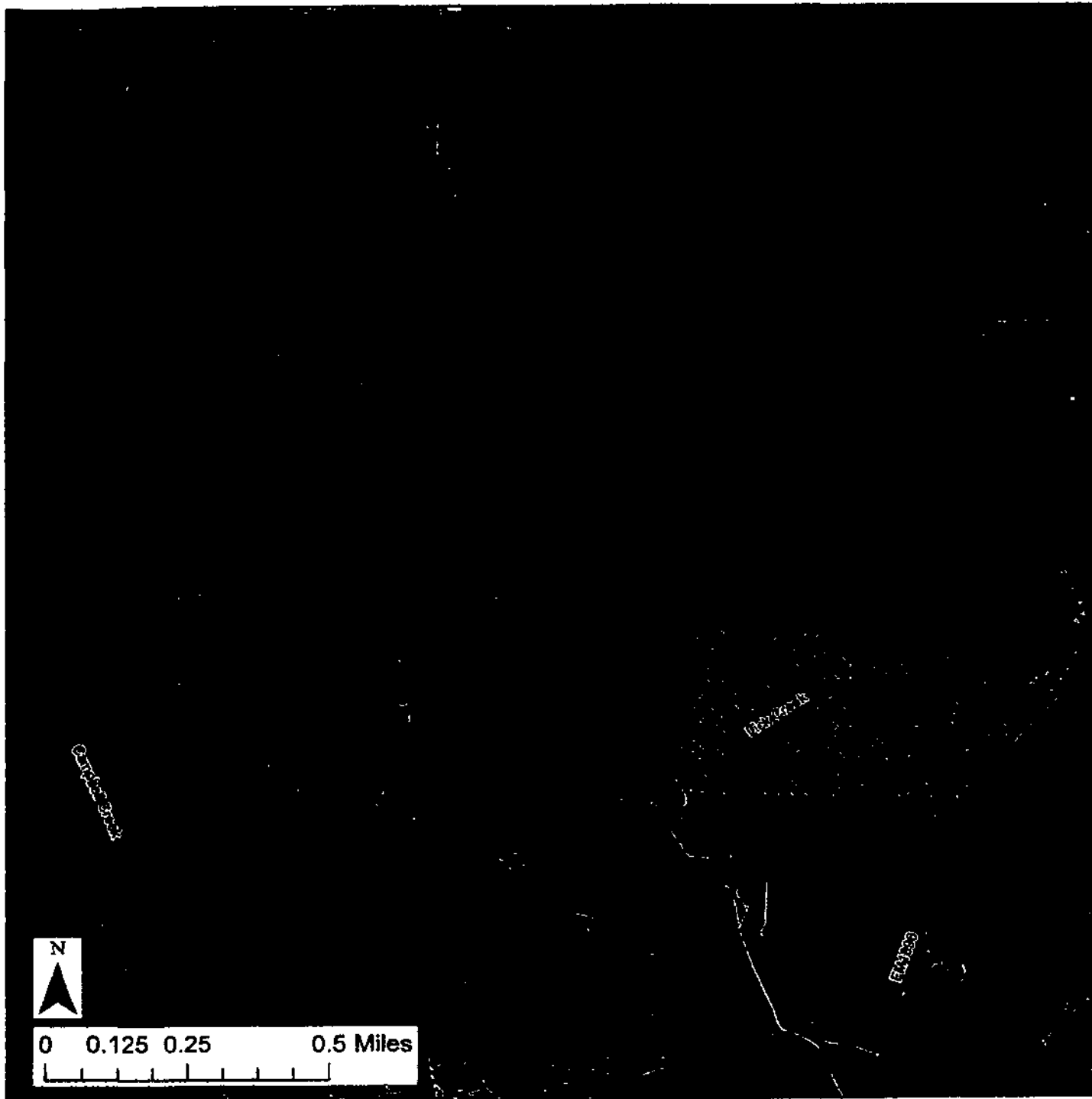
# Daphne Prairie Preserve

This 922-acre preserve is a remnant of the 10,000-acre Hughes Ranch that was first settled in 1840. Fourth-generation Texans Green Hughes and wife Melody Akin, married in 1981, built their home here and served their community. The preserve consists of the main homestead within a landscape that has not changed in several thousand years.

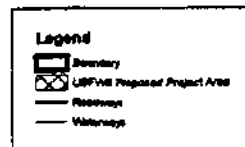
More than 350 species of grasses and wildflowers can be found on this Silvery Dropseed Prairie – a globally rare ecosystem of which 0.1% remains. It is protected under a conservation easement placed in 2016 by brothers B.F. and John Hicks, great-grandsons of Green and Melody Hughes.

Conservation Easement is held by the  
**Native Prairies Association of Texas**  
[texasprairies.org](http://texasprairies.org)

PHOTO #10 - DAPHNE PRAIRIE PRESERVE  
SIGNAGE



## Daphne Prairie USFWS Proposed Project Map



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PHOTO #11 - DAPHNE PRAIRIE PRESERVE  
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