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Subject: Please Protect the Canadian River Basin: DOCKET# 37138

Dear Chairman Smitherman and Commissioners Nelson and Anderson:

I write in opposition to the two proposed CREZ routes north of the city of Amarillo to be constructed by Sharyland Utilities LLC. Both of these routes would rip across the Canadian River watershed and disturb major creeks and canyons that drain into the Canadian. This beautiful and pristine basin is one of the treasures of Texas and the Panhandle.

The major recorded and undisturbed archeological sites along the tributaries south of the Canadian River are of national importance and draw scholars from across America to study the ancient cultures that lived in this beautiful and rugged country. Paleontologists come to the Panhandle to study and record the pre-historic riches of in this bountiful watershed. This is a major North American migratory bird route and Bald Eagles nest in the wetlands of the Canadian River basin.

Historians track the Ft. Smith-Santa Fe trail that meanders through the canyons south of the river. The river is sanctuary to a string of nineteenth century 'plazas' (stone compounds) built by New Mexico sheep herders who found such good water and tall summer grass in the protected breaks of the Canadian River.

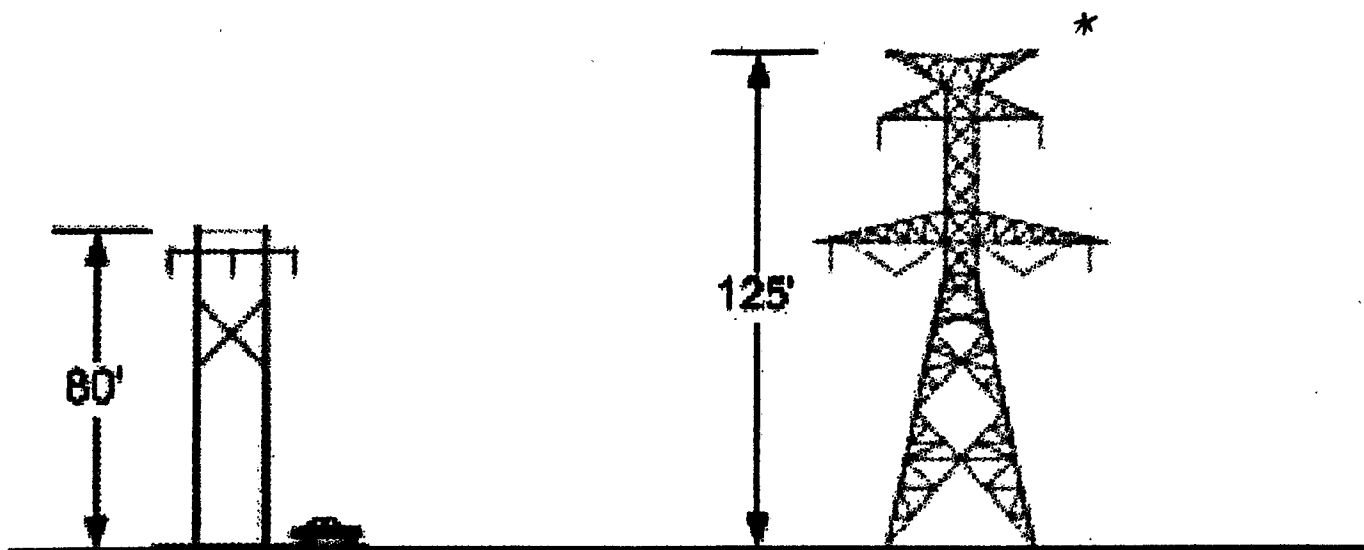
Please protect both of our Panhandle treasures: The Canadian Watershed and the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River. We understand that no route threatens the Palo Duro State Park, but the watersheds of both of our great rivers must be left undisturbed.

Careful planning could avoid established small communities and most homes without endangering fragile riparian areas, critical habitat for both plants and animals, as well as the rich pre-historic and historical sites that these rivers shelter.

In many areas the same families steward the legacy of these rivers for more than a century now. Given the powers of appropriation held by utility companies, the solemn responsibility for protecting the heritage and riches contained in these two river systems now falls to the PUC Commissioners. We are counting on you.

Respectfully,

Justin Dauer
Your Signature



**115 / 138 kV
H-FRAME
(TYPICAL)**
(Traditional SPS)

**345kV
LATTICE TOWER
(TYPICAL)**
(Sharyland Route)

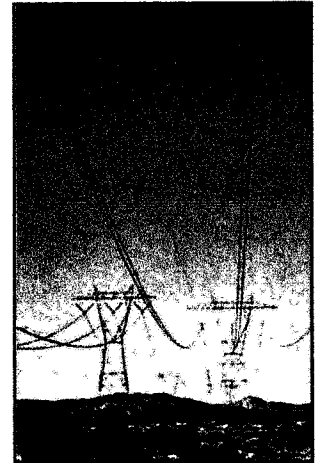
** there are currently no
lattice towers in the Panhandle*

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Don't Build 14 Story Transmission Lines in the Watershed of Panhandle Rivers

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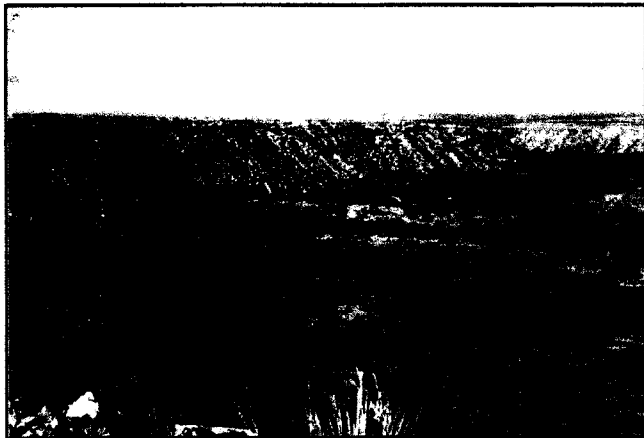
The Public Utility Commission of Texas has ordered massive transmission lines built through the Panhandle to harvest wind energy to send down state. Two proposed routes for the 12-14 story towers extending the Texas electric grid into the Panhandle for the first time would run from White Deer to Hereford, ripping through the southern Canadian River Basin north of Amarillo. Please join in the effort to let the PUC know that these enormous transmission lines have no place within the watershed of either of our Panhandle rivers: the Canadian or the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red. Their construction and maintenance threaten the archaeology, wildlife and prehistoric legacy of these fragile and endangered riparian habitats.



THE TIME FOR ACTION IS SHORT. PLEASE JOIN US NOW!

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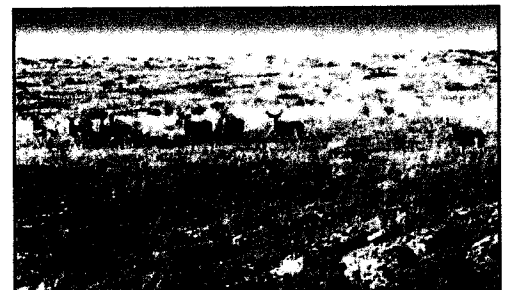


West Amarillo Creek – South of the Canadian River

creeks and canyons feeding into the Canadian River shelter.

Historians track the Ft. Smith-Santa Fe trail that meanders south of the river. 'Plazas,' the stone compounds created by New Mexico sheep herders for themselves and their livestock in the nineteenth century, string along the river breaks. The heritage in this beautiful and pristine basin is one of the treasures of Texas and the Panhandle.

Careful planning for the final route of these transmission lines could avoid established small communities and most homes without endangering fragile riparian areas, critical habitat for plants and animals, as well as the rich historic and pre-historic sites that the



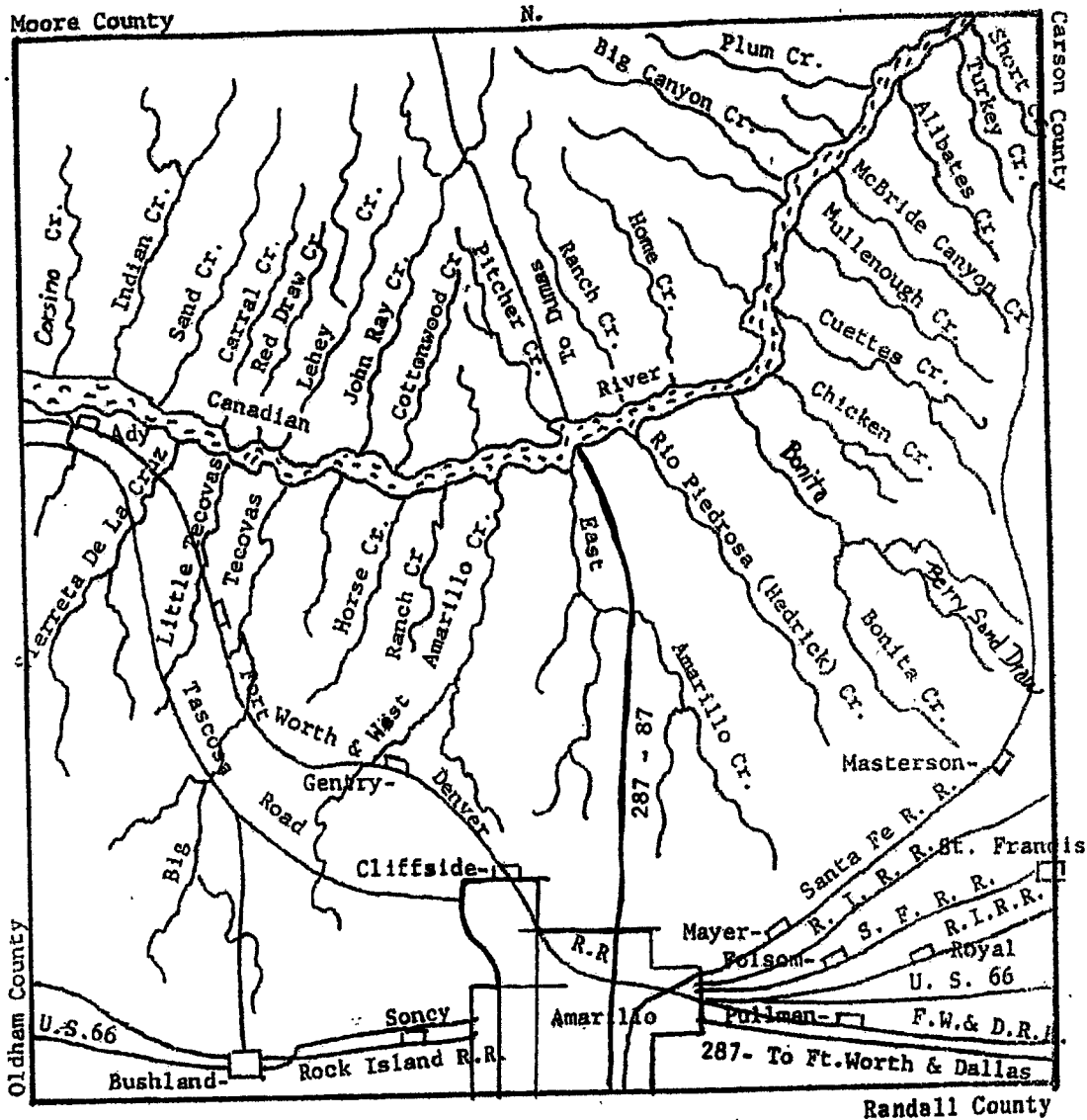
J-Y Ranch - Mule Deer South of the Canadian River

Canadian Basin Conservation is an association of landowners and concerned citizens formed to promote public awareness of the need to protect the extensive archeology, paleontology, flora, fauna and significant cultural sites sheltered by the Canadian River and the broad system of creeks and canyons flowing into it. Since the transmission lines Sharyland Utilities proposes to build would have such disastrous impacts on the Canadian River Basin, we urge you to contact the PUC and voice your opposition by June 1 if at all possible. Notify us and we can provide a model letter for you to use as well as post cards to mail. Address your correspondence to the PUC as shown in the box at the right. Reference **DOCKET # 37138** in all correspondence with the PUC.

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MAP OF POTTER COUNTY

Potter County and the Canadian Basin

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