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Lee and Brenda Fischer
120 Granite Hills Drive
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Fischer:

Thank you for your letter stating your concerns with the proposed LCRA transmission line in Llano County and expressing your preference for the route to the west side of Lake Buchanan. Unfortunately, because this is a contested docket at the Commission, I am unable to talk with you about it substantively.

I have filed your letter in Docket No. 37448, along with my response, so that the other parties in this case are aware of your concerns.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barry T. Smitherman".

Barry T. Smitherman



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Public Utility Commission of Texas
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RE: Docket # 37448

I recently heard about the large power transmission line coming through the Hill Country.

The transmission line in Llano county was originally proposed for the West side of Lake Buchanan, mostly ranch land with few residences and businesses. Apparently, consideration for the **taller towers** and an alternate proposal for **the Eastern side** of Lake Buchanan near Highway 29, Inks and Lake Buchanan, dozens of businesses, many subdivisions, and hundreds of residences is now the preference.

My subdivision, Granite Hills, elected to use underground utilities at a much greater cost in order to spare the immediate area from defacement. Although there is now a transmission line at the edge of Granite Hills Subdivision, the towers are much shorter --still an eyesore from the Southeastern lots of the subdivision--than the larger proposed towers. Technology must exist to construct large transmission lines underground, drawing much less opposition. Defacing the Hill country will last far beyond our lifetime.

Are there studies your can advance that conclusively confirm the magnetic fields produced by these power lines will not have adverse health affects? I feel a transmission line in populated areas does not contribute to the health, safety or wellbeing of individuals.

The Cassie and surrounding communities are opposed to the transmission line on the East side of Lake Buchanan, specifically the edge of Granite Hills. Transmission lines near major highways, residential areas, and businesses are always a hazard.

Wouldn't it be more logical to place these lines on the West side of the lake away from scenic Highway 29 and two beautiful lakes along that highway **to a much less populated ranch land area?**

Please **reconsider** the Western less populated and traveled area as the preferred site for the transmission lines.

Sincerely



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