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To the Texas Public Utility Commission:

I am writing to protest the Riley-Krum West 345 kV transmission line you will be voting on October 29, 2010. The "Settlement Route" including Link N2 runs across my property in Silver Lakes Ranch, a 2300 acre residential development with 528 Property Owners. We feel our subdivision was not given consideration by the PUC hearings docket number 38140. All of our Property Owners have a common interest in land that N2 crossed and only a handful of owners were notified in accordance with SOAH and PUC. We estimate close to 450 Property Owners are just finding out about this transmission line. We feel our rights have been ignored and we demand consideration in this process.

These lines will definitely have a negative impact on my property to say nothing of the subdivision as a whole. Did you know that these lines will pass over an area that has been documented as being the best example of virgin Ancient Cross Timbers in Texas? Installation of these towers will take out at least 20 acres of these trees. Our community is in the early stages of establishing a model for wildlife and ecological standards for our 2300 acres and 528 Property Owners. Silver Lakes Ranch is in an area of deep valleys, large rock outcroppings, densely wooded with oak and elm and lush pecan bottoms, and abundant wildlife. We would hope the PUC Commissioners would visit our community before they make their final decision. Not only do we have to pay by sacrificing our land, the "Settlement Route" has been described as the most expensive route for the Riley-Krum West 345 kV CREZ Line coming in at a staggering estimated \$42 MILLION over the "Preferred Route" submitted by ONCOR!

The "Preferred Route" chosen by ONCOR passes over fewer habitable structures and more open ranch land in Montague County.

The Texas Public Utility Commission is supposed to protect the interests of public utility customers. If you chose to approve the "Settlement Route" for the Riley-Krum West 345 kV Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) power line, you will be making a decision that is more expensive and impacts more small property owners in Link N2 and N3 than the "Preferred Route" through Montague County submitted to you by ONCOR.

Please take this into consideration before the planned vote on Oct. 29!

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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