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Dear Mr. Smitherman:

The current "Settlement Route" containing Link N2 of the Riley - Krum West 345kV Competitive Renewable Energy Zone line runs through Silver Lakes Ranch, a rural subdivision of 528 Property Owners in Montague and Wise Counties. It appears the Public Utility Commission of Texas has ruled in favor of a few wealthy landowners in the "Preferred Route" who along with their attorneys and the county commissioners were able to do enough paperwork to get your attention.

I will be personally affected by this travesty in many ways two of which I will discuss in this letter. First I own two lots on Amon Carter Lake in Silver Lakes Ranch which will be within 500' of the centerline of the proposed Riley-Krum West 345 kV line and currently adjoin a 100' easement for a 138 kV line belonging to Brazos Electric. The line was in place when I bought the property and was not too intrusive other than the humming sound it makes during peak use. It has wooden support structures which would not be visible through the trees from our planned home site. The second lot I had planned to give to my daughter and her husband. There is a second existing line with a 50' easement which picks up with the first line at the very back of my property. This is the line you plan to allow the Riley-Krum West line to parallel. The Riley-Krum West line and these two existing lines will make a 310' clear cut path through a portion of our residential subdivision. If this line goes through I will not have any use for these two lots I am making payments on every month. It would not be wise to build a home next to three power lines - about as un-wise as it is to run a 160' wide easement for power towers through a residential subdivision.

Secondly, I am a licensed REALTOR in the state of Texas. I have worked in Silver Lakes Ranch since the developer started in 2003. I have served on the Property Owners Association Board of Directors two times. I have helped make this community what it is today and spent hard earned money to promote it. I have sold several lots in the community and have helped people build their dream homes in this serene environment. Two of my clients will have this line directly over their property and several others will have an imposing view from their homes. EVERYBODY will drive beneath these things as they come and go from the subdivision. I currently represent properties for sale in this subdivision of 528 Property Owners. These gigantic towers will be visible from most every street in our 2300 acre subdivision and definitely in every view of Amon Carter Lake since they are going to run over the lake. The blight caused by these towers will make this subdivision virtually un-sellable.

Building such a huge power line through a residential subdivision to keep it off the property of the rich landowners in the "Preferred Route" was really a stupid mistake. Sorry, there's no easier way to describe it. The process the PUC of Texas used to allow this was a travesty and will ruin a community built on good faith and trust in your commission to do the right thing. Please do what is right and use your powers to block the line through Link N2 and Silver Lakes Ranch. It is the INTELLIGENT thing to do.

Sincerely,

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Please view this 3 minute Youtube video of Silver Lakes Ranch, a 2300 acre master planned subdivision which the PUC of Texas has the opportunity to save from ruin by stopping Link N2, a several mile long clear cut of ancient oak trees and across Amon Carter Lake and through a subdivision with 528 Property Owners affected most of which are unaware these lines will cross property they co-own.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pmEAticlLpE>

THANK YOU!

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