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**Please Protect the Canadian River Basin**

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Subject: DOCKET **38290** Please Protect the Canadian River Basin

Dear Chairman Smitherman and Commissioners Nelson and Anderson:

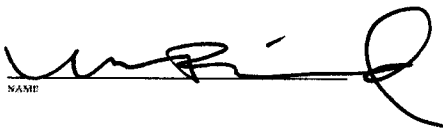
I have signed this petition to show my support for protection of the Canadian River Basin and opposition to the northern route of CREZ (Competitive Renewable Energy Zones) transmission lines.

I am opposed to the northern routes for five main reasons:

- 1) The northern route cuts through the Canadian River watershed. This watershed is larger than the Red River area (affected in other proposals) and is home to fragile wetland and woodland habitats. These habitats support the endangered horned lizard as well as golden eagles, pronghorn (antelope) and other species.
- 2) The northern route would also damage and possibly destroy archaeological sites encompassing Bonita Creek, West Amarillo Creek and Tecovas Creek - all of which have historic importance to the history of West Texas and the United States.
- 3) The northern route is 21 miles longer than all other alternatives. This proposal not only affects more land, but also adds costs in excess of \$25 million compared to other routes. This cost will contribute to Sharyland's (the power company) profits, but will ultimately be borne by consumers in south Texas.
- 4) The northern route would affect the watershed of the Cross Bar Ranch - a Bureau of Land Management wilderness area. The power lines through the northern route would be far more visible and affect a larger watershed than along all other proposed routes.
- 5) Finally, the decision by the SOAH Administrative Law Judge failed to reference the grievances of hundreds of supporters for the protection of the Canadian River Basin. Accordingly, we believe our support was unfairly underrepresented.

The Public Utilities Commission has the final decision in this case. We respectfully ask you to hear our grievances. Help to protect this unique, pristine land for future generations to enjoy and cherish by opposing the route preferred by Sharyland Utilities .

Respectfully,

  
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