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Re: Docket Number 37049

Dear Mr. Smitherman.

I am disturbed by the PUC/LCRA proposal to route the new CREZ power line through Menard County. The 180 foot tall lattice towers and the 200 foot cleared right of way will be a permanent scar on one of the most beautiful parts of Texas and my ranch in particular.

Menard County derives much of its income from recreational use of ranch and river properties, and tourism supports many of our local businesses. The looming lattice power line towers will mar much of the charm which makes Menard a popular tourist destination. The clear cutting of the right of way will adversely affect wildlife and livestock operations.

Other routes have been proposed by the LCRA and several public officials. These alternatives are less destructive to the landscape and more cost effective for LCRA. The 277/ IH-10 route is much less disruptive to the environment than the Menard plan and is also acceptable to many landowners in Kimble County. All of us here in Menard County urge you and the Commission to choose one of these alternate routes.

Sincerely,



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