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Dear Chairman Nelson,

Project No. 41808

We are residents of Frisco, Texas, and are directly affected by the transmission lines Brazos Electric is proposing to build in our community. We have attended a community meeting hosted by Brazos, a Frisco City Council meeting, and written letters and emails to our elected officials stating our concerns.

As we listen to informed sources, our number one concern is that there doesn't seem to be a need for these transmission lines in the near future. Projections indicate that by **2018**, the current lines will only be at 73% capacity. This projected date gives Brazos as well as PUC ample time to investigate the need and the most viable route which will affect the fewest number of people since the area is already building out. It is **MOST UNFORTUNATE** that these "needs" weren't addressed before the area was developed. We have also learned that there are existing utility lines and corridors on Army Corps of Engineers land that will never be developed. Why shouldn't this land be considered for the lines?

Brazos does not seem to consider underground placement of the wires to be an option, bringing up another question: Why is that option not being considered regardless of cost? It is our understanding that City ordinances now call for lines to be buried.

We could list a multitude of concerns about erecting transmission lines in this area: health risks, especially in view of the fact that there are numerous schools already in this area as well as 3 more in the planning stages; real estate property values are certain to decrease, which in turn, will affect tax revenue; the effect on future development; the unsightliness of the structures; and on and on.

We are trying to understand the issue and the process. It is our understanding that PUC will hold a public hearing on this issue, and we ask that you hold the meeting in Frisco to accommodate residents and allow us to voice our concerns.

We anticipate you and the commission will listen to our concerns and make the best decision for our community based on the need and will of the community.

Sincerely,

*Norma J. Mills*

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