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Chairman Donna Nelson
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 North Congress Avenue
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Dear Chairman Nelson,

You have been appointed to one of the most powerful and influential positions in this great State of Texas. Powerful because your considerations affect the distribution of power and other regulatory matters that impact the growth and development of our great state as well as impact the security and safety of our citizens. This is not a form letter signed by hundreds of people, although I encourage you to consider all of those communiqués' as well.

The City of Frisco Texas is noted, has been described, and surely will be referenced in the future as one of the most highly sought after locations for residents and businesses alike. Our growth record is indicative of those facts. The reason we are this apex of growth and the dynamic and prosperous community is the quality and involvement of citizens and companies that are attracted to us. People and business leaders are choosing Frisco over other locations throughout the nation. Why? Because of the quality of life we offer and our commitment to protect our City with the vigor symbolic of the Alamo.

I cannot remember a more polarizing issue than the one floated by the citizens of Frisco by Brazos Electric wanting to take the cheap way of distributing electricity to the growing areas of our great city. Cheaper is not inherently better and in the long run is often the most illogical of the choices before a public policy body. I respectfully use the term "polarizing" because it galvanized the entire community against Brazos even to the point of having approximately 1,000 citizens stand in the hot weather for hours to be briefed by Brazos. Some were in wheelchairs; some were on crutches; some had young children and all were furious about even the thought of attempts by an outside group to destroy the very fabric of a well planned community that prides itself on environmentally pleasing esthetics and individual residential communities that take pride and spend funds to maintain our beautiful city.

To trash Frisco with these high power lines that cast an abominable shadow of "ugly" is not something the citizens will let slide by. In fact, I am sure Frisco will put up the fight of its life

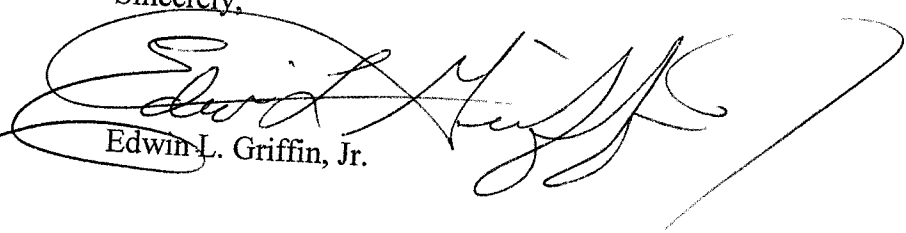
in every public and private forum available to stop this ridiculous proposal from moving forward. The City, County and the ISD all need tax funds generated from high value land, homes and buildings. To take away this vital revenue that allows us to move forward on creative and innovative ways to better serve our citizens would be a travesty that I doubt we would allow, down to the last ounce of our breath. I have not mentioned the number of pacemakers and other highly sensitive medical devices used by residents of Frisco Lakes Community that may be interfered with by the use of these super power poles carrying massive amount of electrical current. Unfortunately, we would only know for sure once the structures were in place and incidences occur. I raise this issue because the Brazos proposal wants to cut across and affect one area of Frisco Lakes, a retirement community.

I have tried to give you a sense, as well as the other Commissioners, of the seriousness with which we take this environmental and potential health invasion by Brazos here in Frisco. The City leaders are working with an engineer and others to offer different proposals as well as the most obvious, BURY IT. If you amortize the devaluation of property values and the loss of needed taxes one can easily see that this method would eliminate the issues noted above. We all recognize the cost, but I would suggest to you that no definitive cost estimates have been developed as I spoke with eight different Brazos' representatives and they all said it is not possible because "it costs too much". Their estimates ranged from ten times more to sixty times more. They did not have a clue. In fact they appeared not even to have had a dress rehearsal before the citizen briefing as most of the responses to most of the questions were not consistent.

I am sure you will have the opportunity to hear from many residents and I urge you to take into consideration our sincere concerns. We, the citizens, appreciate the work of our Mayor, Council Members and especially State Representative Pat Fallon who is leading the efforts on a statewide basis to garner a great deal of Texas Legislators who understand that this too could happen to their respective communities. Our elected officials and staff are closest to our community and they will work cooperatively with you and others, but their first commitment is to those of us who will be adversely affected by the Brazos proposal. Please do not accept their proposal and help us bring solutions that are long-term and realistic, as well as practical and safe.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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