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**Dear Commission:** 

My family and I just recently moved on April 12, 2013 from the Plano area to a new home in Frisco in a subdivision called Park Place Estates. It would be a huge understatement to say that we were shocked to receive an email on Sunday, August 25, 2013 that informed us of a proposed electrical line project by Brazos Electric that might run directly behind our backyard on Ferndale Lane on the currently undeveloped street Citation Lane. The email told us about an informational meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 to be run by Brazos Electric discussing the project. We attended this meeting and it clearly seemed like it was being held just so Brazos could say they had a meeting and check it off of their list of things to do to try to move their project forward. It was held on such quick notice in a forum that in no way could accommodate the large number of people that turned out for it, including us. We stayed and came away with more questions than answers and were quite frustrated with the feeling that this project was being rammed down our throats and was not well thought out or planned at all.

On September 3, 2013, we attended the Frisco City Council meeting and we were encouraged by the City of Frisco's response in opposing the two currently proposed routes by Brazos Electric. Both of those routes, including the one proposal that would be squarely in our backyard, would be detrimental to the city and to us in so many ways. We would never have bought the house we did if we would have known that there was even a slight possibility that an electric company would have the right to put in an electric line project in what amounts to our backyard. After discussing this with several well-respected real estate agents in our area, the consensus is that this would result in an expected drop in our home value of about 15% and that it would drastically impact the amount of prospective buyers that would even now look at our home. This widespread drop in home values would certainly cause a significant drop in property values in the area and would mean a large drop in property taxes that could be collected. There are also many, many studies that show that these electric projects are a health hazard and we would not stay in our current home, or Frisco, if this electric project is approved for some reason. The financial loss it would take for us to sell would be devastating at this point for our family so we hope and pray that Frisco's new proposal for other alternatives will be acted on by the appropriate parties involved with this decision.

My family and I are very active members of whatever community we live in and have been very pleased with Frisco so far. Please help us and the other leaders involved with this situation in coming up with a fair and equitable solution to this matter!

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this,

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