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September 18, 2013

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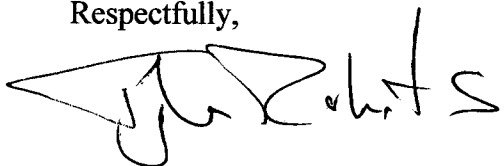
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Respectfully,


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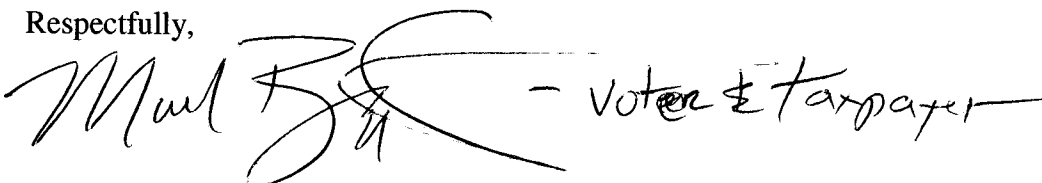
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September 21st, 2013

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Dear Chairman Nelson:

I am writing in strong opposition to the planned Brazos Electric transmission line and substation expansion project currently planned for Frisco, TX. An initial plan and application was submitted by Brazos to use U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land and was denied, requiring Brazos to look at other routes. The proposed route on Main Street is in a established populated area. An alternative route that was recently proposed that runs north on FM-423 also passes through and along a large number of established housing as well as adjacent to or within Corp of Engineering land. The proposed route along Stonebrook Parkway runs through and area that is planned to also have a large number of homes built. These proposed routes are not viable and pose risks to existing resident's health, property taxes, and the overall aesthetics of the area. Four schools, elementary through high school, exist or are planned along the proposed Stonebrook Parkway transmission line route. Our children's entire K-12 education would take place in an electromagnetic field with known evidence of dangerous health consequences such as significant increases in cancer in children. In addition, historical evidence shows an expected decrease in home values all on these types of power lines in the range of 30%. This will have a negative impact on tax revenue collected by the City of Frisco, Denton County, and Frisco ISD, not to mention established resident's personal loss in home value. It is one thing to buy a home knowing the lines are planned and a completely different, and unacceptable thing to have these lines run across homes, and power substations installed next to homes after the fact.

It appears that the bulk of the expected future power needs are within the Cities of Hackberry and Little Elm. Yet, the burden, exposure, risk, and loss of value is proposed to affect the citizens of Frisco. The City of Frisco, TX has established transmission lines and substations that feed the majority of the City of Frisco's residents. It stands logically that the City of Hackberry and the City of Little Elm also bear the same burdens for their residents and that the City of Frisco should not.

As a resident directly impacted by the Brazos Electric Plan, I request your immediate action. Brazos Electric should first be required to disclose proof that there is indeed a true need for a new 138,000 volt transmission line. Has an environmental impact study been conducted concerning the impact on the wetlands and wildlife in the Corp

of Engineering land? Has due diligence been taken as to the potential risks associated with a proposal to install a power substation in the flood plane?

If Brazos can prove there is indeed a need for what they are proposing, they need to consider all potential routes. We are one of the fastest growing cities, and there is a reason for it. As a master planned community, Frisco has given much thought and taken great care in the development of our beautiful city. If additional infrastructure is needed within and for the City of Frisco, the lines should be buried in compliance with existing City of Frisco ordinances. If additional infrastructure is needed for other cities then the infrastructure should be built in the cities it is intended to server. There are many benefits to burying lines such as fewer outages due to inclement weather and tornadoes, less maintenance, less street congestion, and a reduction in the negative impacts to the home values and tax base along the route. In addition, we would not have to look at the monstrous eyesores created by huge transmission towers all the time. There are research results out that show the cost to bury lines has significantly decreased as well as that maintenance costs are substantially lower. I believe that, when you examine the benefits, you will see that burying the lines is a better investment in the long run. The citizens of Frisco would like to work with Brazos, but we have been told "No" with every compromise we suggest. I promote compromise but I also encourage doing the right thing and not just the expedient thing. If the power transmission lines and substations are not located in the area they are intended to server now, we will all have to go through this again in future years in order to get the power to where it is needed.

Chairman, I encourage you and the Commissioners to strongly influence Brazos and CoServ to do the right thing for Frisco! I also ask that all public hearings on this issue be conducted in Frisco to accommodate the many residents who will want to speak on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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September 22, 2013

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Madam Chairman,

This letter is to inform you that I am opposed to both of the proposed transmission routes cutting straight through the middle of Frisco. We are asking you to seek an alternate, or **BURY THE LINES**, if it is deemed the transmission routes are absolutely necessary.

*There is not an immediate need for these lines. Current projections show that this area will be at 73% capacity by 2018.

*There are alternatives to erecting these huge, 12-story transmission lines. I propose the time be used for Brazos to work to find better alternatives such as:

- Using existing utility lines and corridors
- Using undeveloped Corp of Engineers' land and partnering with the City of Frisco and State of Texas to gain approval for its use
- Selecting routing that does not impact an area population of over 35,000
- Avoid impacting built-out residential areas and businesses along Main Street
- And, the best option of all: Bury the Lines!

*It is unacceptable to have transmission lines in such a densely populated area

*The Frisco City council officially and publicly opposes the current Brazos Plans

There are clearly financial implications spanning from the individual to state level. Not only have local residents have already absorbed the cost of adhering to and enforcing the local ordinance of burying lines (e.g., developers pass along costs to home owners)—but now we are to pay the price several times over again with decreased property values, transmission lines near schools and green space. In addition, this will clearly decrease the tax base on a city, county and state level.

I ask that you hold public hearings in Frisco to accommodate the thousands of residents who will want to speak regarding this matter. Frisco residents are adamantly opposed to Brazos' proposed transmission lines.

Sincerely,

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As a Frisco resident I'm greatly concerned about the major impact of our area including that fact that:

- A Thousands of residents already own homes in the proposed impact area.
- B The City Of Frisco's aesthetics have already been set up to make our city an attractive one to live in by burying many of these lines.
- C The Install of these proposed High Voltage Lines WILL directly impact our home values by decreasing them by up to 30% according to realtors.
- D The EMF affects on our Families and our Children during their growing years and the potential for cancer couldn't be higher.

As a homeowner myself I'm greatly concerned about the financial and health concerns this additional expansion will bring to our clean city. I would kindly ask why if we're clearly

no wear near the demand, why is there a need to add this electrical infrastructure now?

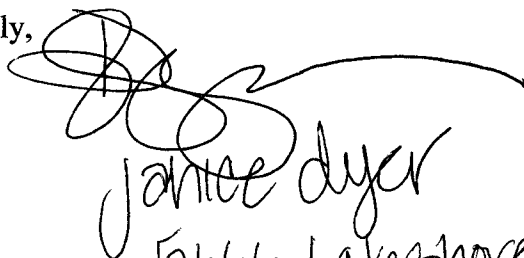
If we absolutely have to have this running through our city why aren't we environmentally doing

what is right by burying these lines instead for weather and aesthetic reasons?

Chairman Nelson we the citizens of Texas & Frisco simply want what is best for our families and the community we love. We encourage you and the Commissioners to strongly influence Brazos and CoServ to do the right thing for Frisco! I also ask that all public hearings on this issue be conducted in Frisco to accommodate the many residents who will want to speak on this important issue.

Thank you for your time

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