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## Jack & Adams Bicycles Fredericksourg



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Dear Commissioners of the Public Utilities Commission,

It has come to my attention that LCRA has plans to put a high-voltage power line along Hwy 1888 in Kendall and Gillespie counties.

Thousands of cyclists, both local and visiting, use Hwy 1888 between Blanco and Fredericksburg for recreational cycling. In my opinion, this would ruin the scenic beauty and enjoyment of this road by cyclists who travel from all over the world to ride the great roads and unique scenery that the Texas Hill Country has to offer.

Last year alone (2014), the Fredericksburg Convention and Visitors Bureau estimated lodging receipts for organized bicycle tours at \$250,000 according to Ernie Loeffler, director. And that doesn't include the spending of thousands of individual cyclists who visit the area and use Hwy 1888.

Several large cycling events, with thousands of riders, use Hwy 1888. Many have returned year after year and look forward to the challenging hills and scenic beauty of this highway. To place a high-voltage line along this highway would significantly decrease the desirability of this route and endanger their future return. During the building phase, Hwy 1888 would be unusable for cyclists due to the increased volume of heavy construction trucks.

Please consider an alternate route that does not include Hwy 1888.

Sincerely.

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