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To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to the PUC, in regards to the proposed Ramhorn Hill - Dunham 345 kV Project initiated by ONCOR, Docket no. 55067, LINK J3.

As a resident of Legacy Ranch Neighborhood, located in Justin, TX, we have learned that the proximity of these high voltage transmission lines to our homes, will have serious adverse effects on our community in the manner of potential health risks to our families, our children, our pets and chickens, as well as our gardens, due to the continued exposure to EMF and ELF frequencies. These frequencies are well documented to be harmful to both humans and plants, in studies throughout the United States as well as other countries. Upon further research, we have discovered the added risks of nuisance electric shocks from our metal fences, parked vehicles, bbq grills, metal around pools and lawn mowers, and how they can deliver shocks if located too close to an extra high voltage line. This poses even more risk and predicting the likelihood of the shocks is impossible and should not even be considered when our children are outdoors engaging in activities and normal play. For those residents with chickens, evidence has even presented a link between the EMF frequencies and death in these birds, raised for eggs and natural pest control for the snakes and mice that creep into our yards along the greenbelt and drainage ditches. This proposal by ONCOR, to place such a high amount of voltage as 345 kV directly over yards with young children, shows a complete lack of concern for mankind, and is quite frankly very disturbing.

For several of us in Legacy Ranch, the LINK J3 transmission lines, should they proceed, will only be a mere 65 feet or less from the metal fence that outlines all of our properties. Honestly, it is completely difficult to understand how this proposed route would pass any *prudent avoidance* protocols, since children and pets will be playing directly under these lines, under the constant hum, under the constant emission of the harmful electromagnetic field.

The visual eyesore of these high towers, reaching approximately 145 feet in the air, along with arms spanning 20-30 feet, with a base of 100 feet, are another added headache to each resident. However unsightly, the Cranes and their babies, Egrets,

Hawks and countless other types of wildlife in their natural habitat, will be decimated. We will be seeking advice from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department who have recommended using the LINK I-37 route, rather than disrupting this vast greenbelt, that is a well known home to many species. It is generally full of water and is home to many birds, lizards, toads, turtles, crawdads, snakes, rodents, rabbits, coyotes, armadillos, raccoons, skunks, fish and hoards of others animals. Even the trees, plants and grasses are a natural resource for the wildlife and our community takes its preservation very seriously, as discussed in past HOA meetings. It is truly amazing to watch life in the greenbelt, and how much nature has matured in just a few short years.

It would also be nearly impossible to recoup the loss in value in our homes. We all purchased these properties with the understanding there would be nothing built in the greenbelt, since drainage is extremely important. On occasion, the water levels have approached each properties fence, and for some, the overflow completely breached the fence line, leaving the metal fence in water for a period of time. No one signed up to have an electric fence, with the possibility of an unpredictable electric shock.

While we all purchased our homes for different reasons, the proposed LINK J3 transmission line will have a tremendous negative impact on the quality of life for our 75 residents, and especially for those 20 residents whose backyards will very nearly be directly under the arms of LINK J3, carrying high voltage. We intend to intervene and strongly oppose this proposal through any and all means necessary to prevent this transmission line from being considered behind our homes. We implore ONCOR and the Public Utility Commission and its leaders to please choose a safer route that will not effect families, or, bury the lines as many other companies across the nation have done. We have watched for months, as drones, parked utility vehicles and inspectors of all sorts have scoured and monitored the LINK J3 Route land through Legacy Ranch. We all spend a lot of time outside, we don't miss much. We are asking you to inquire on our behalf, (Legacy Ranch, Justin, TX) that ONCOR Electric Delivery Company STOP the LINK J3 segment from being considered in their proposed Ramhorn Hill - Dunham 345 k/V Project.

Thank you for your time and support in this matter.

Sincerely,

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