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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing to express my grave concerns and register my strongest objection to a project your company has planned called *Ramhorn Hill-Dunham*, scheduled to be operational in 2025.

First, my property at 12760 Helen Road, Justin, Texas 76247 is directly adjacent to the land being considered. To date. I have received no direct contact regarding this project by U.S. Mail or any other means. Because of this I was not invited or notified of any public discussions or informational meetings. I believe this to be a violation of my rights as an adjacent landowner and hope it was not an intentional act that this notice was never provided. Thank goodness for neighborhood awareness that gives me an opportunity not afforded to me by Oncor.

Being directly adjacent, I have grave concerns regarding the effect of the electromagnetic fields generated from those overhead lines, known to be dangerously unsafe, especially in the nearest proximity. Multiple peer-reviewed studies have cited the negative impact to persons and animals in close proximity of these power lines. I've learned in discussion with my fellow neighbors of the 2016 Research titled, "Exposure to electromagnetic fields of High Voltage Overhead Power Lines", by Ezmailzehdeh et al., concluded that "The current safety guidelines for electromagnetic fields exposure seems to be not adequate for protecting people from the hazardous effects of the field". M8 Leg of the transmission line project violates Prudent Avoidance Requirement of Electromagnetic Radiation Exposure as it exposes my residence and family to this radiation 24 hours a day. This danger is reiterated in an article published by Brightsandz titled "What is the safe distance of living near high voltage power lines."

I will add to those concerns that the property being considered has an out-flow of rainwater directly to my property and those of us in the Guy James Ranch (GJR) development. As both of us are aware, water and electricity do not mix. This presents an extreme hazard to the residents of GJR. Further, gas wells are scattered near and far on this proposed path, another hazard to consider. Guy James Ranch is a family community with residents of all ages, from newborn children through we senior citizens. We enjoy our community and utilize our neighborhood, from walking our pets to riding horseback, from visiting neighbors by bike, golf carts, etc., to enjoying special days like Halloween where all ages walk our streets to visit home after home, collecting their treats. Many of us use our property for agriculture and livestock, all in directly adjacent proximity to the areas designated for Ramhorn Hill-Dunham. We are alarmed for the danger being brought literally to our back door, along with the negative impact on our health and well-being.

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Additionally, a serious concern is the location of the lines relative to the Propwash public airport. With nothing except normal residential power lines in place, are you aware that there have been three separate planes crash within the GJR and its immediate proximity within the last 15 years, including injuries and fatalities? That is well beyond normal odds of happenstance, so how much does that risk increase based on this proposal and accept the liability for choosing this site? The homes on Helen Road are in the approach and takeoff pattern of this neighborhood airport. The proposed towers and electrical lines are an obstacle and hazard that should not be placed in proximity to the airport. The potential consequences must be considered. Those pilots, aviation professionals, and their families living on the land that hosts this airport are being subjected to an unnecessary risk by the location and danger it will create for those living there. It is a direct afront to enjoying their rights afforded them to enjoy their homes and the lifestyle they sought in choosing their home. There are many pilots flying in and out of Propwash public airport daily and to add an obstacle to the departure/landing/traffic pattern area is dangerous. An obstacle of any height when we have students training, and novice pilots flying in the area is a disregard for the risk created. We understand there is discussion of lowering the tower height to accommodate this concern, WHICH IS NOT A SOLUTION. This action will only bring this dangerous transmission closer to those of us who live in direct proximity to the property. This is my backvard, where myself and my family spend significant time maintaining and enjoying our property.

Lastly, while it is not a danger or hazard that would directly impact any decision made, I must voice my strongest feelings regarding. Wayne & Norma Wilkerson, and the lifestyle you are stealing from them in the pursuit of enjoyment of their homestead of forty plus years. The Wilkerson's are amazing people, and a good friend to anyone in need. They have shared their fields with neighbors needing a place for their livestock to graze, along with the hay it provides to those in need. They walk the roads, picking up the debris left by unknowns, they've helped many in GJR and we appreciate the beautiful view of their property they share with us every day. The 50 acres belonging to Wayne and Norma are meticulously maintained as a natural habitat shared with many species. We have witnessed their early morning and evening strolls about their land, as well as the labor to have such a beautiful, peaceful home. To desecrate this land and their lifestyle is reprehensible, especially when there are abundant acres and acres of land (including corps of engineer properties already government owned and controlled) being considered that do not present this disregard for the Wilkerson family and the golden years ahead. The Wilkerson's are fighting this hardest of all.

On behalf of myself, my family, my friends and neighbors whom I have spent the last 16+ years with as we grew our special neighborhood to enjoy for a lifetime, I ask that you move your project to another location.

Sincerely,

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