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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the proposed installation of electric transmission lines and the potential exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMFs) in our neighborhood, through the Ramhorn Hill-Dunham Road high-voltage power line project. The M8 Route, specifically, runs parallel to my fence line and my home is considered directly affected land. This would also put us within the 500 feet of the electromagnetic field. While I understand the necessity of such infrastructure for providing electricity, it is crucial to consider the potential adverse effects on our health, property values, and overall quality of life.

This next point is very important to me. There has been extensive research regarding the possible correlation between long-term exposure to electromagnetic fields and various health risks. Nothing is proven yet regarding living in close proximity to electric transmission lines and the associated EMFs could expose us and our families to higher levels of electromagnetic radiation and potential health risks. In May 2018 I lost my husband Edward of 35 years to leukemia. We were both stationed at Camp Lejeune NC. He for six years and I for 2.5 years. We were both unknowingly exposed to toxic water. I worry that 10 years down the road I will be notified that yes the exposure to EMFs do cause significant health risks.

Moreover, the installation of electric transmission lines and the presence of associated EMFs have been observed to decrease property values in numerous studies. Potential homebuyers are often deterred from purchasing properties near high-voltage power lines due to concerns about health risks and aesthetics. This decrease in demand inevitably leads to a decline in property values, affecting not only our immediate neighbors but the entire community. Given the significant investment we have made in our homes, a decrease in property values could have a detrimental impact on our financial well-being and overall stability.

My last point is with Propwash airport. I have lived here 25 years. My property runs parallel to and lies between the southern end of the runway and the proposed line. I have seen a lot of airport traffic over the years. I have 13 acres and it is common to see planes pass over my back pasture. I am deeply concerned regarding the ability for the planes to always safely clear the proposed lines. I am not a pilot but my father was a commercial pilot for 30 years. We had many conversations regarding issues he encountered while flying. In addition to mechanical, pilot and weather related conditions there is a possibility of high power lines directly in the flight path. Within the past two years a plane made an emergency landing on Bill Cook Rd. That road runs parallel to and is approximately ½ mile from the runway.

Furthermore, it is worth considering the concept of prudent avoidance when it comes to the placement of electric transmission lines. Prudent avoidance refers to the practice of minimizing exposure to known or potential hazards when possible, even if the scientific evidence is inconclusive. In light of the existing concerns surrounding the health effects of electromagnetic radiation, it would be prudent to avoid locating these transmission lines in densely populated residential areas. By adopting a precautionary approach and considering alternative routes or technologies, we can protect the well-being of our community and future generations.

In light of these reasons, I kindly request that you consider alternative options for the installation of electric transmission lines and take into account the potential risks and consequences associated with living in close proximity to such infrastructure. It is imperative to prioritize the health, safety, and well-being of the residents who call this neighborhood home.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I believe that through open dialogue and careful consideration, we can find solutions that balance the need for electricity with the concerns of the community.

Respectfully,

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