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Public Utility Commission Of Texas Central Records P. O. Box 13326 Austin, TX 78711-3326

RE: Opposed to Link J3

To: PUCT Commissioners

Commissioners,

My name is Scott Blackburn. I am currently an HOA Board Member at Legacy Ranch-Justin, TX The Homeowners in Legacy Ranch <u>strongly oppose</u> the installation of overhead powerlines included in the Ramhorn Hill – Dunham 345 kV Transmission Line Project. The homeowners have done some extensive research regarding overhead versus underground power lines. Residents have found that cost and not safety is the main factor for a utility company choosing overhead versus underground lines. The Homeowners in our Association are adamantly opposed to overhead powerlines for numerous reasons outlined below.

(A) Decrease Property Values

From studies as far back as 2018, homes near high-voltage power lines sell from

In our Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Legacy Ranch Addition, Denton County, Texas, it states: Whereas, Declarant desires to provide for, among other matters, the preservation of the values and amenities in said community ... etc.

As a Board Member, I feel it is our HOA Board's desire to <u>strongly oppose</u> the Oncor Link 13.

(B) Health Concerns

The health of children and adults being exposed to magnetic fields related to these transmission powerlines. The Commission has concluded there is <u>no conclusive link</u> relating to electric of magnetic fields, however the PUCT did not say <u>no risk</u>. As a HOA Board Member I am concerned about the neighborhood children and my own grandchildren(ages 11 and 13) playing outside, swimming in their pools or even riding their Being less than 200 ft. from a dual 345kV cannot be healthy for any living thing, particularly children.

(C) Flood Plain

Legacy Ranch has a Flood Plain located in the same area of the planned Link J3 greenway area between Denton Creek Dr. and Heritage Dr. During extreme rain down pours, the water has reached our fence and into our yards. We also have a pond with many different kinds of water fowl. Including: ducks, cranes, geese, an occasional deer and many others. As a HOA Board Member, it's my sincere concern the Oncor Link J3, will totally disrupt the pleasure our residents have who enjoy watching this wildlife.

(D) Prudent Avoidance

The PUCT claims to always follow a policy of Prudent Avoidance. Defined as: Limiting exposures to electric and magnetic fields which could be avoided by a different route of the **Ramhorn Hill – Dunham, Link J3**, with reasonable investment of money and effort.

(E) Recommendation

The Legacy Ranch HOA Board would recommend another route...

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Commissioners, thank you for your time in reading these concerns and pray you will remove <u>The Oncor Link J3</u> from further development in our area.

Sincerely,

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