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Statement of Position

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. I own land identified as Tract 2180 that is adjacent to link M8. I object to Routes 1, 65, 67, 68, 69, 72, 96, 142, 143, 191, 192 but do not object to Route 179 which is the Oncor proposed route.

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."

2: I 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. 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. Property owners of Guy James Ranch, especially those like us who are directly adjacent, have the strongest objections to such a blatant disregard for our health, our well being, and our right to the quiet enjoyment of our homestead.

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- 3. 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
- ¹⁴ this airport are being subjected to an unnecessary risk by the location and danger it will create for those
 ¹⁴ 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. Additionally, we have personally observed commercial air traffic fly through this zone in the early morning hours. An obstacle of any height when we have students training, novice pilots and commercial air traffic 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.
- 4. The acreage belonging to Wayne and Norma Wilkerson, which is the exact location of the proposed line and directly adjacent to my property, is meticulously maintained as a natural habitat shared with many species. To descerate this land 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 those of us who have chosen this as our home. Vacant land should be the first choice, not the last, so that those who choose to live adjacent are making a conscious decision to accept the risks involved. The proposed location on this site is forcing it upon those who are already in residence.

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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