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| APPLICATION OF ONCOR | § | BEFORE THE |
| ELECTRIC DELIVERY LLC TO | § | |
| AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF | § | |
| CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY | § | PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION |
| FOR THE RAMHORN | § | |
| HILL – DUNHAM 345 KV | § | |
| TRANSMISSION LINE IN DENTON | § | OF TEXAS |
| AND WISE COUNTIES | § | |

**CITY OF RHOME’S RESPONSE TO EDGAR BRENT WATKINS AND MARY ANN
LIVENGOOD’S FIRST SET OF REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

COMES NOW the City of Rhome (“Rhome”) to file its RESPONSE TO EDGAR BRENT WATKINS AND MARY ANN LIVENGOOD’S FIRST SET OF REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, and states as follows:

REQUESTS

Watkins RFI No. 1-1. Please provide a complete copy of the fully-executed Joint Resolution passed by the City Council of the City of Justin, Texas, on the 11th day of July, 2023, the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas, on the 13th day of July, 2023, and the City Council of the City of New Fairview, Texas, on the 17th day of July, 2023, including a complete color copy of Exhibit “A” (and any other attachments) to said Joint Resolution. For reference, an incomplete copy of the Joint Resolution was filed as Item No. 1105 in this docket.

RESPONSE: See attached Exhibit A.

Response prepared by: Shaina Odom, City Secretary, City of Rhome
 James Donovan, Attorney for the City of Rhome

Sponsoring Witness: N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTORNEYS FOR
CITY OF RHOME, TEXAS**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument was served on J. Tyler Topper, attorney for Edgar Brent Watkins and Mary Ann Livengood, and all parties or other person(s) requesting notice and service of pleadings, by filing same through the PUC Interchange Filer System on this 9th day of August, 2023:

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JOINT RESOLUTION

2023-16

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF NEW FAIRVIEW CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF RHOME CITY COUNCIL ADDRESSING THE RAMHORN HILL-DUNHAM 345 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT PROPOSED BY ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC ("ONCOR"); EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THIS PROJECT ON EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; SEEKING A MORE COLLABORATIVE REGIONAL PLANNING EFFORT BETWEEN ONCOR, THE CITIES OF JUSTIN, NEW FAIRVIEW AND RHOME, RESIDENTS; AND SEEKING CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRANSMISSION LINE ALONG A REGIONALLY PREFERRED ROUTE.

WHEREAS, the Cities of Justin, New Fairview and Rhome are governmental entities engaged in the protection and preservation of their community and its citizenry, which is a recognized governmental function; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Justin (the "City"), Texas is a Home Rule municipality acting under its charter pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code; and,

WHEREAS, the City of New Fairview (the "City"), Texas is a Type A, General Law municipality acting under _____ of the Texas Local Government Code; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Rhome (the "City"), Texas is a Type A, General Law municipality acting under Chapter 6 of the Texas Local Government Code; and,

WHEREAS, Oncor has proposed the Ramhorn Hill-Dunham 345 kV Transmission Line Project, which is to consist of a new double-circuit transmission line beginning near the City of Rhome, passing through the Cities of Rhome, New Fairview, and Justin and ending within the Town of Flower Mound; and,

WHEREAS, as responsible representatives of our cities, we understand the importance of reliable and efficient energy infrastructure. However, after careful consideration and consultation with our constituents, we believe that the proposed construction of the 345 kV circuit through our cities poses significant risks and challenges that cannot be overlooked; and,

WHEREAS, the City Councils of Justin, New Fairview, and Rhome strongly oppose any proposed Oncor 345 kv transmission line route through our communities that has a negative impact to our residents, businesses, public infrastructure, open space/parks/trails, and quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, any decision regarding the routing of transmission lines should be made only after thorough and collaborative discussion between Oncor, impacted residents, businesses, and the Cities of Justin, New Fairview, and Rhome; and,

WHEREAS, the presence of high-voltage power lines can have a detrimental impact on property

values, potentially affecting homeowners, businesses, and future development plans; and,
WHEREAS, residents have expressed concerns about the projects impact upon their property and general well-being; and,

WHEREAS, Oncor has proposed multiple possible routes for construction of the project, none of which satisfy the significant personal and financial concerns of our impacted residents and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, a less-disruptive route, attached as Exhibit "A" to construct the transmission line provides the best possible route scenario for our region; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary and proper to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare by formally addressing the project; and,

WHEREAS, the City Councils of Justin, New Fairview, and Rhome have determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the public to adopt this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCILS OF THE CITIES OF JUSTIN, NEW FAIRVIEW, AND RHOME TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The City Councils formally express strong concern over Oncor's proposed transmission line routes, which pose substantial material and personal risks to the Cities of Justin, New Fairview, and Rhome residents and businesses.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective from and after its date of passage in accordance with law.

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Justin, Texas, on the 11th day of July, 2023.

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Rhome, Texas, on the 13th day of July, 2023.

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of New Fairview, Texas, on the 17th day of July, 2023.

FOR THE CITY OF JUSTIN

ATTEST :

James Clark, Mayor

Brittany Andrews, City Secretary

Jarrod Greenwood, City Manager


APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Matthew Boyle, City Attorney

FOR THE CITY OF RHOME


ATTEST :


Shaina Odom, City Secretary


Patricia Mitchell, Mayor


Amanda DeGan, City Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Carvan E. Adkins, City Attorney

FOR THE CITY OF NEW FAIRVIEW

ATTEST :

John R. Taylor, Mayor

Brooke Boller, City Secretary

John Cabrales, City Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robin Cross, City Attorney

