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I am NOT requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As a PROTESTOR, I understand the following:

- I am NOT a party to this case;
- My comments are not considered evidence in this case; and
- I have no further obligation to participate in the proceeding.

Please check one of the following:

- ☐ I own property with a habitable structure located near one or more of the utility's proposed routes for a transmission line.
- ☐ One or more of the utility's proposed routes would cross my property.
- ☒ Other. Please describe and provide comments. You may attach a separate page, if necessary. \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of person submitting comments:

Date: 7.14.23

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Ramhorn Hill-Dunham 345 KV Transmission Line Project

Austin, we have a problem. Squirrels are chattering up a storm in tall trees overhead. A newly elected Mayor of Justin put on his red cape and whipped the townsfolk into frenzy with a recent 'Special' Town Hall Meeting. During this grand performance Mayor Clark called for his villagers to storm the evil PUC castle & drive off the big bad electrical towers. This invective was followed by a stylized raise of the hand and a Louisiana preacher's skyward gaze, "Monster towers are invading - negative financial impacts, destruction of land, businesses and future plans...danger is at hand!!!"

I realize that you at the PUC have a job to do. I also realize that no matter what you decide, where you decide and how you decide - *somebody* is going to complain. Homeowners, property owners, business owners, developers and tree huggers can all have legitimate arguments and in a perfect world one would hope that PUC decision makers would be able to come up with a perfect solution. Relative to crossing Justin, there is no perfect route. Any route, in the end, is much more than just a line on a map. With that in mind let's take a moment and discuss one of your route options:

As presented, your Northernmost Route option cuts through Justin's Bishop Park. This namesake Park on the banks of Trail Creek contains one of the few remaining stands of mature oaks in Justin. This area, once used as a rest stop during cattle drive days, has been studied by the Texas State Historical Society and proudly displays a Texas Historical marker at its heart. Another memorial, honoring American Veterans of War stands proudly at attention nearby. As we speak a 31 acre Justin Towne Center project (including a modern City Hall, Fire Department, Community Center and Library) is under construction on the surrounding hills. A 100 ft. wide clear-cut in this area would be catastrophic, costly, contentious and counterproductive on all levels.

For these reasons I respectfully request that you **remove the route thru Bishop Park** from your list of options.

In the end, all I ask is that you identify a less disruptive route - *following existing highways, railways and undeveloped open spaces instead of zigzagging to & fro through already developed land*. From this perspective it makes more sense for PUC to **focus on a route with easier access to construct, fewer obstacles to overcome and a lesser cost to construct, operate and maintain in years to come.**

Thank you for your consideration,



Robert Van Audenhove