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Signature of person submitting comments:

Madalyn Waller

Date: 6-15-2023

See Attached Comments!

Dear Members of the Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a high-voltage power line that is planned to run through Justin, TX, specifically route J4. Specifically, I urge you to reconsider the chosen route, which passes through sensitive areas such as an Early Childhood Development School, baseball/soccer fields, child outdoor facilities, the backyard of a brand new neighborhood, and a creek and nature preserve. This project poses significant risks and potential harm to the well-being and safety of the community.

First and foremost, the proximity of the proposed power line to an Early Childhood Development School is deeply concerning. The health and safety of our children should always be a top priority, and introducing high-voltage power lines in such close proximity to a facility catering to young children is simply unacceptable. Research has consistently shown potential health risks associated with prolonged exposure to electromagnetic fields generated by power lines, including an increased risk of cancer and other adverse health effects. It is our responsibility to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our children, and this project directly contradicts that principle.

Furthermore, the planned route passes through multiple recreational areas, including baseball/soccer fields and child outdoor facilities. These spaces are vital for the physical and mental well-being of our community's children. Introducing a high-voltage power line into these areas not only poses a safety hazard but also negatively impacts the overall aesthetics and appeal of these recreational spaces. It is crucial to preserve these areas for the enjoyment and development of our children, ensuring they have access to safe and unencumbered spaces to play and grow.

In addition, the proposed power line would pass through a recently developed neighborhood comprising over 400 new homes. The residents of this community invested their time, money, and aspirations into establishing a safe and serene environment for their families. The construction of a high-voltage power line would not only devalue their properties but also create a constant source of concern and worry regarding potential health risks and the visual impact on their daily lives. It is unjust to disregard the rights and well-being of these homeowners, whose trust in local authorities and planning procedures is being challenged.

Moreover, the chosen route passes through a creek and nature preserve, endangering the delicate balance of the local ecosystem. This area is home to a diverse range of flora and fauna, which are essential for maintaining biodiversity and supporting the natural beauty of our region. Introducing a power line into this environment could disrupt animal habitats, contaminate water sources, and ultimately degrade the natural integrity of the area. We have a moral obligation to protect and preserve our natural resources for future generations, and the construction of this power line contradicts that commitment. This creek not only is for nature, but a natural drain for our community. With the construction of the power line that could cause future drainage and water flow issues.

Given these concerns, I implore you to reconsider the chosen route for the high-voltage power line in Justin, TX. I urge the Public Utility Commission to explore alternative routes that prioritize the safety and well-being of our community, ensuring that high-voltage power lines are kept at a safe distance from sensitive areas such as schools, recreational spaces, and residential neighborhoods.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully consider the implications of this project and make a decision that reflects the best interests of the community.

Sincerely,

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