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HB 5066 was passed by the Legislature, in part, because of the urgent need to extend electrical transmission in the Permian Basin, our state's most important center of economic development. As the House sponsor, I am pleased to see the PUC and ERCOT address this need in a timely manner.

I understand ERCOT is also exploring the costs and benefits of EHV's for a larger statewide plan, and that the PUC is considering options for 345 kV or 765 kV lines for import paths in the Permian. While I agree a thorough examination of the costs and benefits of 765kV lines is an important one to have, I also know that a robust stakeholder engagement process is necessary to establish successful steps forward.

Therefore, I want to make it clear that it is my legislative intent that HB 5066 be fully implemented and should not be held up or delayed by the discussion of higher voltage lines for the state. The Permian Basin Reliability Plan should be kept separated from the larger state plan and should not be the trigger for such a state plan without robust stakeholder and legislative input.

If the legislature has determined EHV's should be a part of a larger statewide plan on or before May 1st, it is appropriate for the PUC to consider if EHV's should be included in the Permian Basin Plan. If not, however, the PUC should move forward with the recommended 345 kV lines.

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