

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is pursuing an aggressive strategy to increase the electricity generating capacity from renewable energy technologies; and,

WHEREAS, a plan was developed by the Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUC) to construct transmission capacity to deliver generated power from the five designated Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ's) to electric customers in the metropolitan areas, said plan containing massive structures and transmission lines that are proposed to cross over several portions of Gillespie County; and,

WHEREAS, the PUC has selected the Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC) to construct and operate the segments of the transmission line plan that may be located in Gillespie County; and,

WHEREAS, these transmission lines with their massive structures will create a visual scar across our county and will constitute a permanent disfigurement of the scenic Texas Hill Country landscape, and will potentially have dramatic, negative economic consequences for our residents by affecting tourism and devaluing property; and,

WHEREAS, three segments of the proposed high voltage transmission lines would likely cut through Gillespie County which would forever damage the beauty of the county; and,

WHEREAS, the LCRA TSC specified the use of various tower structures in its bid to the PUC, and that such structures have a huge footprint and will maximize the negative visual impact and economic consequences of the transmission lines in our beautiful Hill Country county; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Fredericksburg City Council supports the pursuit of renewable energy sources and recognizes the need to deliver the energy to market; and,

WHEREAS, pre-existing transmission lines owned and operated by LCRA already cross-cut many of the pristine areas to the detriment of Gillespie County; and,


WHEREAS, recent developments in the Gillespie to Newton case have shown that finding suitable transmission line routes through the Texas Hill Country is extremely difficult.

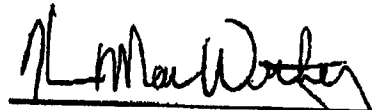
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG:

1. That the City of Fredericksburg City Council opposes the construction of the CREZ transmission line plan through Gillespie County and requests the PUC to thoroughly re-evaluate the need for the three segments that will potentially impact Gillespie County, namely the Gillespie to Newton project, the Kendall to Gillespie project, and the McCamey D to Kendall project.

2. If the McCamey D to Kendall segment is found to still be needed and will pass through Gillespie County, then it should follow the Interstate 10 corridor.

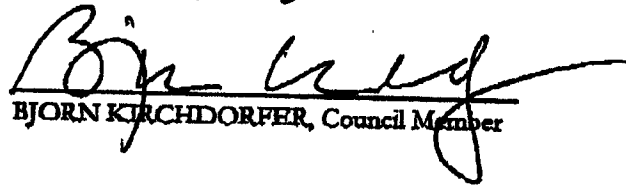
Passed and approved this 21st day of June, 2010.


TOM MUSSELMAN, Mayor

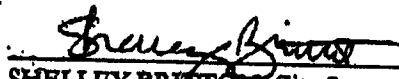

KEVIN MAC WITHEY, Council Member


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Attest:


SHELLEY BRITTON, City Secretary