

RESOLUTION # 10-260

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is pursuing an aggressive strategy to increase the electricity generating capacity from renewable energy technologies, and a plan was developed by the Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUC) to construct transmission capacity to deliver power from the designated Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) to electric customers in the metropolitan areas; and,

WHEREAS, the PUC has selected the Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Service Corporation (LCRA TSC) to construct and operate the McCamey D to Kendall segment of a double circuit transmission line with a possible routing through Mason County; and,

WHEREAS, the Mason City Commission recognizes that such a project will have a significant detrimental impact on the environment, historical and cultural values, along with an adverse effect on our local economy, and that any project that affects the "quality of the human environment" and is "likely to be highly controversial" requires the agency involved to fall under the guidelines of the National Environmental Policy Act for a full and rigorous Environmental Impact Statement; and,

WHEREAS, the land, rivers, natural habitat and aesthetic beauty of Mason County constitute one of the most scenic and unspoiled counties in the State of Texas, and this natural beauty would be forever altered and damaged by the construction of such a transmission line; and,

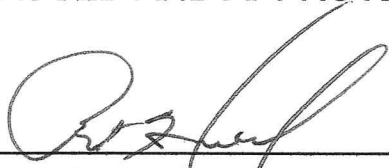
WHEREAS, the route crossing Mason County has a negative impact on every factor identified in Texas Utilities Code, Chapter 37 that guides the PUC in granting a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity based on factors such as: "community values; recreational and park areas; historical and aesthetic values; environmental integrity; the probable improvement of service or lowering of cost to the consumers in the area if the certificate is granted" and therefore the CCN should not be granted for this routing; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Utility Commission approves the final route of the proposed LCRA TSC transmission line, and there has been significant public input and concern about this project and possible routing of the line; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this day, the 17th of May, 2010 the Mason City Commissioners have considered and strongly opposes the McCamey D-Kendall 345KV transmission line alternative through Mason County and requests that the Public Utilities Commission follow the recommendations of many property owners and residents of the Hill Country, and the proposal presented by Rep. Harvey Hilderbran

(Dist. 53) Texas House of Representatives, and require the LCRA TSC to follow the US277 – I-10 highway route that would create the least impact on property values, and the aesthetics and beauty of the Texas Hill Country and protect the natural environment, history and culture of Mason County.

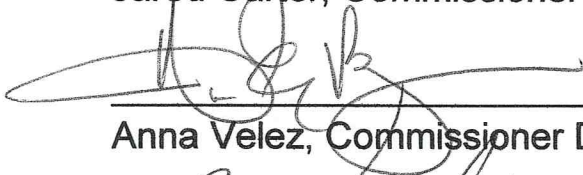
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 17TH DAY OF MAY, 2010.



Brent Hinckley, Mayor City of Mason



Jared Carter, Commissioner District 1



Anna Velez, Commissioner District 2




Bob Vacek, Commissioner District 3



William Beaty, Commissioner District 4

ATTEST:



Pattie Grote, City Secretary