

RESOLUTION #09-246

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 (CEWZ's) to electric customers in the metropolitan areas, said plan includes massive structures and transmission lines that could cross over portions of Mason County; and,

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

WHEREAS, the LCRA TSC specified the use of lattice structures in its bid to the PUC, and that such lattice structures have a huge footprint and will maximize the negative visual impact and economic consequences of the transmission lines in our beautiful Texas Hill Country and specifically in close proximity to the City of Mason; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Mason City Commission acknowledges that construction cost is a factor in determining the selected routes; however, it should not necessarily be one of the primary factors as there are long term impacts to the community and region based on the selected routes; and,


WHEREAS, the Mason City Commission strongly encourages City of Mason residents to make their public comments concerning the routing of the CREZ right-of-way to LCRA TSC and the PUC prior to the October 28, 2009 deadline;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this day, the 14th of September, 2009, Mason City Commissioners has consolidated the various opinions of city of Mason Citizens, and the Commissioners wish to express this both to LCRA and the Public Utility Commission concerning the routing of the CREZ right-of-ways and transmission lines.

1. That the Mason City Commission request PUC to consider a route plan that would bypass Mason County;
2. That many of our citizens are extremely concerned with health issues that may result or increase over time from the operation of a 345 KVA transmission line in the proximity of their homes or businesses; and,
3. That, if a route is selected that crosses Mason County, that land owners be fully compensated for their easements for the construction and operation of transmission line, including some future consideration based on an incremental value of the transmission line, production, or some other criteria;
4. That the use of monopoles be part of any plan as an alternative to lattice structures;
5. That any route selected should consider the long term negative impact on tourism, and be planned to minimize the loss of value of property, tourism, and aesthetics to the City of Mason our Texas Hill Country;

6. And, for the PUC to consider public comment as an extremely high priority in selection or development of any transmission route or plan choice that goes through Mason County.

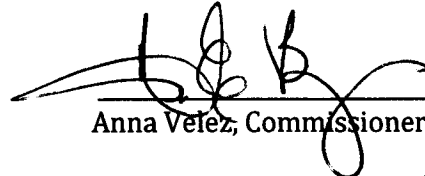
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009.



Brent Hinckley, Mayor



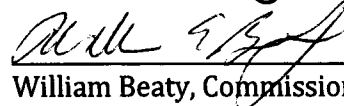
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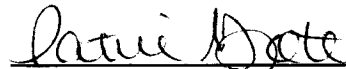


Bob Vacek, Commissioner Dist. 3



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ATTEST:



Pattie Grote, City Secretary

