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Chairman's Office

Mr. Barry Smitherman  
Chairman  
Public Utility Commission of Texas  
Post Office Box 13326  
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Dear Chairman Smitherman:

I am writing you in regard to the route selected for the McCamey-Kendall-Gillespie transmission line project that is part of the statewide wind-power initiative referred to as Competitive Renewable Energy Zones.

Based on the many vociferous objections I am hearing from my constituents in Senate District 25, I believe there is enough controversy around the route selected to delay selection until the 82nd Legislature convenes in January and is given the opportunity to review the parameters for route selection.

In this case, the route selected does not follow existing rights-of-way to the extent they could be used. In addition, I believe added consideration should be given to existing residences when choosing a route outside an existing right-of-way.

It is not my intention to discourage the use of renewable energy; however, I would encourage the use of route selection policies that are more respectful of property rights and look forward to the opportunity to address that matter in the upcoming legislative session.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Wentworth".

Jeff Wentworth

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