

ERATH COMERVELL SUB-REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Dear Mr. Taylor,

We wish to thank you and Mr. Thomas Yamin for attending our Erath-Somervell Sub-Regional Planning Commission (ESSRPC) meeting of May 27, 2026.

During the discussion, you and Mr. Yamin heard testimony from multiple Erath and Somervell Counties' residents and our Commission informing you of issues that should have been included in your Environmental Assessment (EA) or submitted in another form with your CCN application seeking approval from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Failure to acknowledge and advance these conflicts deprives the PUC from considering a robust and accurate analysis of the conflicts this project creates impacting our communities, citizens and local governments in the Sub-Regional Planning Commission's jurisdiction.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Lack of due diligence in applying for an amended Incidental Take Permit knowing species not covered by the existing permit are present in the project area
- Failure to analyze the impacts the project will have on Erath County's emergency management communication system
- Failure to include Erath County Historical Commission's documented cemeteries and burial sites in the EA, and later actively opposing their inclusion during the PUC hearing
- Failure to provide adequate notice and time for the local governments to respond to the request for potential impacts at the start of the project. (Counties were requested to respond in 21 days over the Christmas holiday season)
- Failure to provide specific details to firefighters and first responders regarding a 765-kV power line so they could adequately access the impacts and provide meaningful analysis to be considered during the PUC process
- Failure to provide specific analyses of the effects a 765-kV line has on agriculture, including dairy and milk production, organic farming and cattle operations
- Failure to adequately address the anticipated 40% uncompensated property loss landowners will be forced to absorb if the project is approved

- Failure to adequately address the potential groundwater contamination issues construction of the transmission line may create

As these concerns were raised during the meeting, your response was to direct the Commissioners back to the PUC hearing for answers instead of providing substantive answers, precluding the ability to resolve potential conflicts between your project and the harm it will create to our community.

It is important to note that coordination between Oncor and the Commission requires the project developer to do more than attend a meeting. It requires that Oncor provide the Commission with detailed potential impacts so that we can adequately identify the conflicts the PUC should consider when determining whether to approve the CCN.

We understand that Oncor may prefer not to have these issues brought to the PUC's attention, nevertheless the law requires their inclusion. Under PURA § 37.056, the PUC is required to consider the effect of a proposed transmission project on community values, including impacts on residences, property use, agricultural operations, businesses, recreational areas, and public health and safety. This requires more than compiling information found in online databases and returned survey letters where local governments were given 21 days to respond over the December holiday period.

Being informed by you that this was the extent of your analysis before filing the CCN, it is no surprise to us the actual direct negative impacts that will occur to our community were never advanced by you to the PUC for consideration.

Additionally, during the meeting, you were asked about the 2012 Incidental Take Permit (ITP) signed with US Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). That permit gives Oncor permission to incidentally take 12 listed endangered species through transmission line construction and maintenance. However, your Environmental Assessment (EA) confirms there are several endangered or threatened species known to be present by your company within the jurisdiction of the ESSRPC for which you do not have coverage. You were asked how Oncor would proceed should a new 765 transmission line directly affect one of those listed species not covered under Oncor's 2012 Take Permit.

Your response was that Oncor was operating under "one or two" other permits, leading us to believe these gave Oncor "permission" to proceed with your transmission project and there was no need to amend the existing permit.

We requested that you provide those to us, which you agreed to do, but as of this date, we have not received that information. Therefore, we are reiterating our request to review these permits, if they do exist, prior to proceeding with any further work on this project in our jurisdiction.

During our meeting with the Service we learned that it will be necessary for your company to apply to amend your existing ITP and Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) if endangered or threatened species not covered may be harmed. Please be aware that the current EA filled with your CCN application is insufficient and does not properly consider the impacts the project will have on our jurisdiction. It will not meet the requirements of a Federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which is required to amend your HCP. The existing EA does not include a robust analysis of the alternatives, nor does it consider the local impacts at the level required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

Please also be aware that the development of the Federal EIS is required to be coordinated with our 391 Commission, and inconsistencies with our plans resolved prior to Federal approval of the EIS and HCP.

We look forward to receiving the additional permits Oncor is operating under and any additional studies or information you can provide to help us further assess the impacts a 765 kV Transmission line will have on our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Huckabee', with a stylized, flowing script.

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