



August 4, 2026

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Tamara Smith - Chief
Office of the Attorney General of Texas
Open Records Division
300 W. 15th Street
Austin, TX 78701

Re: ***Open Records Request for LCRA communications with various domains***

LCRA Open Records Request No. 2026-0277

Dear Ms. Smith:

On July 7, 2026, Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) received an open records request from Robert Montoya with Texas Scorecard for the communications of LCRA employees and board members with entities with specific domain names. On July 21, LCRA received a clarification request from Texas Scorecard, which provided a list of specific search terms, and narrowed the scope of domains from which the communications were sought. The original request and the clarified request are attached as Exhibit A.

LCRA has determined that the requested information may be excepted from disclosure under the *Texas Public Information Act*, Chapter 552 of the *Texas Government Code* (*the Act*). As such, LCRA is asserting exceptions §§ 552.101, 552.104, 552.107, 552.110, 552.111 and 552.133 of the Act.

Pursuant to §552.301 of the Act, LCRA is exercising its right to request an opinion from your office and decline to release certain information requested for the purpose of requesting an Attorney General decision. In accordance with §552.301(e), LCRA shall submit a brief containing written comments stating the reasons why the exceptions asserted apply allowing for certain requested information to be withheld and copies of representative samples of the information requested. Accordingly, LCRA requests your decision under §§ 552.301(a), (b) and (e) of the Act.

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Chief, Open Records Division
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Please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED] you should have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vic", on a light yellow background.

Vic Ramirez
Sr. Associate General Counsel

cc: Texas Scorecard (via email: inquiries@texasscorecard.com)

TEXAS SCORECARD

REAL NEWS  FOR REAL TEXANS

July 7, 2026

From:
Texas Scorecard

To:
Lower Colorado River Authority

This letter ("Document Request") shall serve as a public information request under the Texas Public Information Act, Tex. Gov't Code §552.001 et seq., for copies of records in their *original (electronic/paper) format*. We agree to mandatory redactions. We do not agree to discretionary exceptions.

REQUESTED RECORDS:

From March 1, 2025 to the date a search is conducted,

- All communications in the possession of the Lower Colorado River Authority with the following email domains: @aep.com, @aeptransmission.com, @cpsenergy.com, @aect.net, @512strategies.com, @lgbs.com, @oncor.com, @decuebaz.com, @lcra.org, @puc.texas.gov, @ercot.com.

Communications includes but is not limited to emails, text messages, messages on social media, Slack or whatever other internal messaging services your government uses, postal mail, and/or handwritten notes. This includes all email addresses and smartphones used by any or all of these parties for official business, whether they are personal or government owned.

Please provide text messages, including messages on any text messaging application used by the custodian including but not limited to, iMessage, Google Messages, SMS, Facebook Messenger, Confide, Signal, WhatsApp, Dust, Threema, Telegraph, or other similar messaging application, in the possession of any of the following individuals:

Chairman Stephen F. Cooper, Vice-Chairwoman Martha Leigh M. Whitten, Secretary Joseph M. Crane, Matthew L. Arthur, Melissa K. Blanding, Curtis E. Ford, Carol Freeman, Thomas L. Kelley, Aden Lasseter,

Robert Lewis, Mark Mayo, Margaret D. Voelter, David R. Willmann, Nancy Eckert Yeary, Acting General Manager Jim Travis, Executive Vice President Kristian Koellner, and Chief Administrative Officer Jenna Adams.

Please provide the metadata, including all file attachments, associated with the incoming and outgoing email logs for the following individuals, showing the metadata associated with the correspondence, including the to, from, cc, date and time, and subject fields but not the body of the email. Please also provide any attachments to emails. An example of a similar FOIA that was completed, although with inappropriately truncated fields, can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/ywpph5vm>

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We request a waiver of all fees as we are a 501(c)3 non-profit news media organization, and the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the LCRA. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The Texas Public Information Act requires that you "promptly produce" the requested records unless, within 10 days, you have sought an Attorney General's Opinion. If you expect a significant delay in responding to this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert Montoya

Investigative Reporter

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888-410-1836 ext 710

From: [Texas Scorecard](#)
To: [Elizabeth Ray](#)
Subject: Re: Open Records Request No. 2026-0277 [Hunter Fletemeyer]
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2026 3:46:25 PM

CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL
Phishing? Click the fish in Outlook

We are seeking communications in the possession of the individuals listed with all the provided domains except for @lcra.org.

We are targeting communications that include the following keywords:

"765-kV," "765 kilovolt," "Permian Basin Reliability Plan," "Permian Basin," "Strategic Transmission Expansion Plan," "Texans for Responsible Infrastructure Investment," "Texas Public Policy Foundation," "Texas Scorecard," "non-partisan Texas coalition," "responsible infrastructure investment," "responsible grid investment," "strategic 765kV transmission investment," "TRII," "dispatchable generation," "energy independence," "manufacturing associations," "landowner engagement and compensation," "lower long-term cost," "long-term property tax revenue," "land impact," "grid doesn't need more capacity," "policy research institutions," "landowner engagement and compensation," "advancing the factual, economic, and public interest case," and "the energy future of Texas depends on getting this right."

Thanks,
Texas Scorecard

On Tue, Jul 21, 2026 at 1:07 PM Elizabeth Ray <Elizabeth.Ray@lcra.org> wrote:

Hello Texas Scorecard,

We attempted to contact you through our public information records portal. We have not received a response, so we are also sending this message to the email address provided with the information request.

Lower Colorado River Authority has received your July 7 request for information filed under the Texas Public Information Act. As written, your request is very broad and we are reaching out to ask you to consider clarifying and/or narrowing your request so we can efficiently gather the information you are seeking.

We note that your request does not refer to a topic or subject matter. Is there a specific search term, topic or subject matter for the requested communications?

Your request seeks records from March 1, 2025, to July 7 for all communications in the possession of LCRA with the following email domains:

[@aep.com](#)

[@aeptransmission.com](#)

[@cpsenergy.com](#)

[@aect.net](#)

[@512strategies.com](#)

[@lgbs.com](#)

[@oncor.com](#)

[@decuebaz.com](#)

[@lcra.org](#)

[@puc.texas.gov](#)

[@ercot.com](#).

Your request also states that you are seeking communications with the following LCRA Board members and employees: Chairman Stephen F. Cooper, Vice-Chairwoman Martha Leigh M. Whitten, Secretary Joseph M. Crane, Matthew L. Arthur, Melissa K. Blanding, Curtis E. Ford, Carol Freeman, Thomas L. Kelley, Aden Lasseter, Robert Lewis, Mark Mayo, Margaret D. Voelter, David R. Willman, Nancy Eckert Yearly, Acting General Manager Jim Travis, Executive Vice President Kristian Koellner, and Chief Administrative Officer Jenna Adams.

Please clarify whether you are seeking all communications to the individuals listed above, from the specified domains related to a specific search term, topic or subject matter.

Also, as your request is currently worded, you have requested all email to and from a number of domains, including “@lcra.org.” That will result in many thousands of responsive records, as you have not provided a term, topic, or subject matter. Based on the currently

worded request, the estimated costs and time to compile and review such records will be significant. Would you consider limiting your search to a specific search term, topic or subject matter?

If a response to this written request for clarification is not received 61 days after receipt of this message, the underlying request for public information is considered withdrawn pursuant to Texas Government Code §552.222(d).

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Regards,

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Elizabeth Ray

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