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The Honorable Bryan Wilson, Burnet County Judge
The Honorable Commissioners of Burnet County
Burnet County Courthouse
220 S. Pierce Street
Burnet, TX 78611

RE: Public Comment Regarding Burnet County Intervention in Bell County East to Big Hill Transmission Project

Good morning Judge Wilson and County Commissioners, my name is Mia Sarot, and I live on County Road 203 in Precinct 2.

I am here today as a concerned landowner and member of the Hill Country Land & Legacy Alliance, to voice concerns we have over the 765-kV high power transmission lines proposed for our county, known as the "Bell County East to Big Hill" project.

Over the past 2 months, I have studied the filings with the PUC, met with neighbors along the G6 line, as well as many others, and reviewed the environmental and safety implications for our community, and while my concerns about this project are many, today I will focus on three.

First, I am deeply concerned that the proposed G6 route runs through some of Burnet County's most historically significant and scenic lands – areas rich with artifact sites, early homesteads, and multigenerational family ranches that have shaped this region for over a century. Once these lands are cleared for massive steel towers and right-of-way corridors, that history is gone forever. This project would permanently scar the landscape that tells our county's story and that our children should inherit intact.

Secondly, I consider the safety risk of these lines unacceptable. These 765kV lines would traverse regions with frequent seasons of extreme drought, high winds, and dense cedar growth – conditions which make our area prone to wildfire. Any arcing, equipment failure, or downed line in those conditions could be catastrophic. My own insurer noted that much of this G6 region is among the farthest points in the county from most emergency resources. This is not a safe or responsible place for industrial-scale transmission infrastructure.

Finally, Burnet County residents receive no direct benefit from this line. The power transmitted will pass through us, not serve us. Meanwhile, property values will fall, reducing both individual

wealth, and the county's tax base that funds our schools, roads, and emergency services, and our energy costs will rise, as we the ratepayers across this region will share in funding this project.

So, today I am respectfully asking this Court to stand with the residents you represent and formally intervene in the PUC docket. Intervening doesn't mean taking sides – it means ensuring our county has a voice in the process, by giving you legal standing to request data, question routing decisions, and advocate for our residents' welfare.

We need your leadership and your voice in this fight. We need the county to ensure transparency, environmental responsibility, and meaningful alternatives that protect our land, our people, and our legacy. We're asking for partnership, not protest. Please stand with your constituents so Burnet County is not just a corridor for utility companies, but a community whose voice truly matters.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Mia Sarot