

To: Burnet County Commissioners Court, November 11, 2025.

Greetings Judge Wilson and a commissioners. My name is Tom Green, and I thank you for this opportunity to share information about the 765,000 volt transmission lines proposed for Burnet County and throughout Texas. You may see me here again. Just sayin'.

Let me start by sharing my appreciation for this body's activities to date on the 765 topic. Your having engaged Counsel is an important piece of the support you have shown and is greatly appreciated. The PUCT workshop you sponsored was informative, and the Resolution captured many of the issues related to the citizen's concerns of the proposed lines.

My reasons for speaking today centers around what *more can you do*, and *what more is being planned*. Some specific questions currently include:

1. To what extent has the Resolution been proactively shared for effective dissemination for **citizens throughout the County**? I ask because the vast majority of interactions I have are not even aware of the 765 kv concerns.
2. To what extent has the Resolution been proactively shared for effective dissemination to **other counties throughout Texas**? I ask because the lines will indisputably and irreparably cause environmental damages during BOTH construction and operation, each way beyond their rights of way. I ask also because the immense expense to construct and maintain and repair and operate the lines will be for the benefit of a precious few "billion dollar" utility customers, but the expense will be shouldered predominantly from the general public ratepayers, who will receive little to no benefit from their construction.
3. To what extent has the County pursued **coordinating with other counties to present a unified approach to the PUCT and Legislature** for the opposition of the lines? I ask because this is NOT a county only issue, but a statewide one, especially but not exclusively: all those counties contained in the study areas of the currently proposed three (3) westbound "import paths;" AND all those central and eastern counties beyond the initial westbound import paths affected by the next wave of these transmission lines.
4. To what extent have the issues regarding the **immense data center water consumption been disseminated** to the local residents and those beyond the county lines (e.g., throughout Texas)? I have seen projections indicating that, by 2030, data center water consumption will equal to that of about ½ the Texas households. Regardless of the precision of the projection, the message is data centers will further deplete the weakening water supplies for the state.

"Burnet County Runs on Water..." may become Burnet County Once Ran on Water..

5. To what extent have the issues regarding the **unprecedented increases in consumer electrical bills been disseminated** to the local residents and those beyond the county lines (e.g., throughout Texas)? I have seen projections that they will increase 5 fold to 10 fold, in large measure because the both the construction costs and the operating costs of the the lines will be shouldered by the general public, which, again, receives little to no benefit.
6. To what extent has the high probability of **data centers springing up along the transmission lines** been communicated to County residents and Counties beyond? I ask because that is exactly the Virginia experience, which occurred because the citizens were inadequately informed until all the repercussions were experienced. Too late. When it happens here... Good-bye Hill Country quiet. Good-bye Hill Country starry night skies. Good-bye Hill Country life as we know and love it.

Burnet County has been a leader in this transmission line challenge, one from which other counties may well benefit. I ask the County to continue that role with all measures available to it. And, **please provide updates to that leadership** as an agenda item in future meetings.

My background summary for today, which will be similar should I again be in front of you, is that the central generation and transmission approach to future electrical service for an unprecedented and constantly changing demand is an unnecessarily costly legacy approach which may well be obsolete before it is even placed into service. And the legacy approach will not serve the general public. Self-reliant power for these billion-dollar industries is THE path for the future. And yes, there are heaps of information which attest to the same, including information from the oil and gas and the data center industries.

The backup for the information offer is available to any of you, if presented in person. I simply would not like to have the entities and people we are opposing in these lines to have information that we are developing. They denied through technicalities Freedom of Information requests counsel made, underscoring the *total lack of transparency* from those who are supposed to be serving us... and you.

Information and opinions respectfully submitted,
Tom Green