

To: Burnet County Commissioners Court, November 25, 2025.

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

Let me reiterate my appreciation for this body's activities to date on the 765 topic: engaging counsel, hosting the PUCT workshop, and creating the Resolution.

I'd like to start with another Winston Churchill quote. Please read it in your package... over and over again.

See attached, please.

I'd offer that his quote boils down to doing the right thing is rarely done when doing the right thing can make a difference. We, you, have the rare opportunity to influence doing the right thing. But it must be done now.

If we do not prevail in having the State agencies who are supposed to work for us change their collective course, we can say our good-byes, while at some point asking ourselves why did we not do more?

Good-bye Country quiet. Good-bye Country starry night skies. Good-bye Country daytime vistas. Good-bye Hill Country life as we know and love it.

There are also hellos. Hello more water shortages. Hello skyrocketing electric bills. Hello sending our dollars to inflated profits for utility companies, for transmission lines companies, and for data centers companies (e.g., for ai and for crypto mining).

At some time, soon, please again review the attached copy of my previous time in front of this body. I attached a copy for your convenience.

Today, I am attempting to build more awareness of a small set of realities of these lines.

The sole purpose of these lines is for "large loads," the vast majority of those loads being for data centers, ai, and other digital technologies. The purpose is **NOT** to serve us general public consumer ratepayers. In fact, we consumers will subsidize the billion dollars industries with our paying for the construction, operation, maintenance, and repairs of these lines for literally generations to come.

Let's stop there for a moment. We are irrevocably costing consumers for generations for data technologies that double in speed and capacity every 3 to 6 months. And that's just for the lines, themselves. IN ADDITION, We the People will also be subsidizing the billionaires

by virtue of the highly favorable rates they receive in their electric bills...while we get saddled with highly unfavorable rates.

But wait, there's more. The energy production technologies which will power these demands are also changing at an unprecedented pace, and most especially in the modular and microgrid systems *already being deployed* for data centers. These solutions create way less (net) environmental impact, are nimble and can respond to the crazy pace of changes to the loads they serve, and are economically superior to the outdated, obsolete and legacy approach to providing power to big industries.

And in case you were not aware, the projected growth in "data centers" underscores the urgency of what we do now. Currently, there are about 430 in the state. By 2030, the "projected" time the lines will be placed into service, **there will be about 4000**, a 10X growth rate. Some of those will site in Burnet County.

Extending the benefit of the doubt, perhaps in 2023 there were some valid reasons for the HB5066 and this legacy plan. Perhaps the huge inertia of government could not foresee or adapt to the unprecedented realities we are currently experiencing. Perhaps it was a simple matter of the right questions not being asked. And, sadly, perhaps it a simpler matter of money... the legislators and agencies being benefactors in one way or another of the lobbyists and their great dollars from utility industries with an interest in making a guaranteed return at the expense of us regular folks.

But now, sitting at the cusp of 2026, those and other "perhaps" excuses cannot be validated. These lines, today, are a bad approach in every way one can think: bad technically, bad economically, bad environmentally, bad culturally, and bad for the Texas consumer.

We lose. The entire State loses. Big.

The billion dollars utilities and end user corporations win. Again.

Other approaches DO exist that are win-win.

I implore you, please, do **EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO STOP THE CURRENT APPROACH.**

Information and opinions respectfully submitted,
Tom Green

On Inaction and Consequences

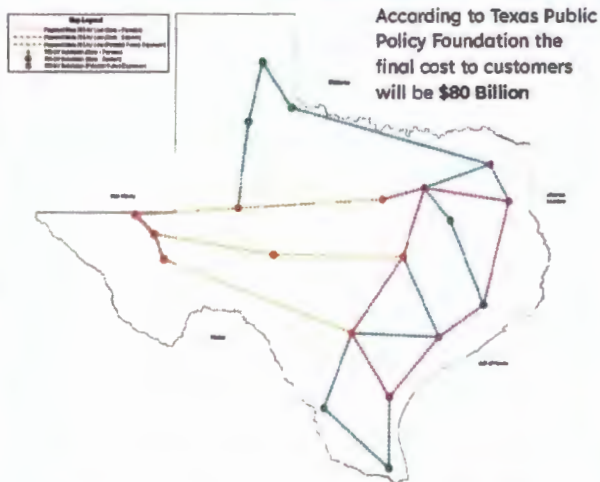
“When the situation was manageable, it was neglected, and now that it is thoroughly out of hand, we apply too late the remedies which then might have affected a cure.

There is nothing new in the story. It is old as the Sibylline books. It falls into that long, dismal catalogue of the fruitlessness of experience and the confirmed unteachability of Mankind.”

Winston Churchill

May 2, 1935

\$33.1 BILLION DOLLAR PLAN FOR THE STATE – WE WILL BE PAYING! ONCOR NOR ERCOT HAVE BEEN CONVINCING YET THAT THIS IS NECESSARY TO TAKE CONTROL OF OUR LAND FROM US



Texas 765-kV Strategic Transmission Expansion Plan (STEP)

765 kV x 200 ft – 2,468 miles – 59,830 acres
 345 kV x 150 ft – 649 miles – 7,866 acres
 138 kV x 100 ft – 324 miles – 3,778 acres
TOTAL – 71,474 ACRES

All information from ERCOT files
https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/Documents/55718_17_1414013.PDF
https://www.ercot.com/files/docs/2025/01/27/EHV%20765-kV%20ERCOT%20Workshop_01_27_2025.pdf

765-kV Import Paths Option for 2038

