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Dear RRR Members-

This mailing is to inform you of proposed construction that may affect RRR property owners.

Opposing Oncor's Proposed Towers – No YY, No SS. We need to oppose Oncor's proposed 100-150 foot power line tower routes. Route YY runs west from near the river and the highway 195 bridge, crossing RRR Road and visible to anyone as we all drive in, and along our southern boundary and the property lines and trails easements behind some properties along Sunset and Crestwood Drives. Route SS runs along the northern side of the river, not along anyone's RRR property, but it obscures the views.

We are drafting a letter for Oncor from the board, and will send it on email for your comments (so make sure Jennifer has your proper email address). But it is imperative that Oncor receives individual comments from all of us. Everyone impacted by these proposed tower routes is arguing NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard), so we need to articulate why the towers should not go here, (and that someone else's back yard is better).

Write early and often to oppose these two routes. We cannot stop this transmission line project (the lines must go somewhere), but by objectively and passionately informing Oncor and the Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUCT) about the impact routes YY and SS would have on RRR and your specific property, we can convince Oncor and PUCT to build the towers elsewhere.

Recommend suggesting that Oncor use 1) existing easements that are farther north of the river, or 2) the alternate route proposed by Bell County Commissioner John Fisher that runs from the north end of route PP east to the existing Killeen Switching Station near the Fort Hood boundary and Chaparral Road.

Please send individual comments, be specific about how this will impact you, your lives, and your property (make it personal), and include photos if you wish. Thanks to Dan Kittredge for assembling the contact info.

You can mail your comments to:

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Email comments to transmissionprojects@oncor.com.

Learn more from Oncor's site at www.oncor.com/transmissionprojects. Ours is called the Newton-Killeen Project.

Contact PUCT at www.puc.state.tx.us, email "open.records@puc.state.tx.us," or write PUCT, 1701N. Congress Ave, Austin 78711-3326. The website discusses the process and how you can provide input.

Keep a copy of what you send and when.

Timelines. Oncor will file its application and recommended order of proposed tower routes with the PUCT around September 30th - write now, before the end of July, so your comments will be considered. Oncor has hired a firm called URS to assess each route and make recommendations to Oncor before then. By commenting now, we can convince URS to recommend routes other than YY or SS. URS, Oncor, and the PUCT will consider many factors such as homes within 500 feet of tower routes, parks and recreational areas (like our trails and parks and river), environmental concerns (wildlife, endangered species, and water basin impacts), historical and archeological sites, and other factors besides just property values.

The PUCT will assess Oncor's recommended routes and decide on an approved route sometime around March 30th. Impacted landowners will be notified and get a second chance to comment before the PUCT decides. We all need to comment again then, too (more to follow on that, Phase 2). Construction will begin shortly after the PUCT decision in March. It is too late to object then.

Oncor Committee Volunteers - If someone wants to volunteer to honcho the RRR "No YY No SS" Oncor Committee, please step up. This is clearly the biggest threat to our quality of life that RRR has faced. For starters, we need to know who else, besides the RRR POA, received a notice from Oncor about the transmission line routes. Notices were supposed to go to anyone with property within 500 feet of a proposed route (since YY passes over our POA road, the POA received a written notice). We don't even know how many RRR residents received written notices, or who should have but did not. Please tell us if you received a notice from Oncor.