

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-25

**RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF SAN SABA, TEXAS**

**REGARDING THE BELL COUNTY EAST - BIG HILL
765-kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of San Saba, Texas, the "Pecan Capital of the World" and the county seat of San Saba County, is known throughout the Texas Hill Country as a charming, quintessential small town that enjoys a wonderful reputation for historic charm, outdoor activities and local amenities such as the San Saba River Nature Park and Mill Pond Park; and

WHEREAS, Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("ONCOR") and the Lower Colorado River Authority Transmission Services Corporation ("LCRA TSC") have announced their intention to construct a 765-kV electrical transmission line over multiple possible routes across the Texas Hill Country, including a route that will traverse San Saba County causing a detrimental effect on the overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the project would cross the properties of numerous landowners in San Saba County, requiring a minimum permanent easement of 200 feet in width to accommodate the transmission line infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, ONCOR and LCRA TSC have not publicized a comprehensive Environmental Impact Study evaluating the potential impacts to properties near or adjacent to the project, including probable impacts to the San Saba River, its tributaries, and the surrounding community of San Saba County; and

WHEREAS, one or more of the possible routes for the 765-kV electrical transmission line cross or run alongside the San Saba River and through its watershed in San Saba County; and

WHEREAS, the San Saba River is a crown jewel of the Texas Hill Country- one of the state's rare Pristine Streams, possessing unique natural beauty, outstanding water quality, and ecological significance, remaining largely undeveloped and unburdened by major impoundments; and

WHEREAS, the construction and ongoing maintenance of a 765-kV electrical transmission line crossing or running alongside the San Saba River and through its valley would have an adverse effect on the natural habitat, native vegetation, and wildlife associated with the river, would increase the risk of flash flooding during significant rain events, introduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, and substantially impair the value of land throughout San Saba County to the detriment of its residents and property owners; and

WHEREAS, several freshwater mussel species found in the San Saba River are listed as endangered or threatened by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the Endangered Species Act, including the Texas Pimpleback, Texas Fat mucket, Texas Fawnfoot, "False Spike," and Texas Homshell; and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has further proposed protecting additional Central Texas mussel species found in the San Saba River under the Endangered Species Act; and

WHEREAS, the San Saba River is a vital economic and cultural asset for the City of San Saba and San Saba County, supporting tourism, recreation, agriculture, ranching, and the overall quality of life that defines this community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of San Saba and the residents of San Saba County have expressed strong concerns and opposition to the proposed routes of the 765-kV Transmission Line due to its potential negative impacts to soil integrity, land values, water systems, wildlife, the environment, and the risk of wildfires and flooding; and

WHEREAS, the 765-kV Transmission Line would not provide the City of San Saba or San Saba County with any additional or improved electric service, meaning that the burdens borne by local landowners, residents, and the natural environment would yield no direct benefit to the local community; and

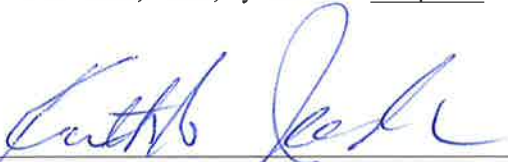
WHEREAS, the City Council of San Saba, Texas, has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of San Saba and San Saba County to formally express its opposition to any route for this project that crosses, runs alongside, or otherwise impacts the San Saba River or its watershed;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of San Saba, Texas, is formally and unequivocally **OPPOSED** to the construction of a 765-kV electrical transmission lines through San Saba County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of San Saba, Texas, calls upon ONCOR and LCRA TSC to avoid any routing for the Bell County East - Big Hill 765-kV Transmission Line Project that crosses, runs alongside, or otherwise adversely affects the San Saba River or its watershed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of San Saba calls upon the Texas Legislature to reconsider the need, the impact and the cost of the proposed transmission line and requests the Public Utility Commission of Texas to allow more time to fully study the potential impacts of these projects and to evaluate possible alternative routes to address these concerns.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the City Council of San Saba, Texas, by a vote of 4 for and 0 against, on this the 12th day of May, 2026.



The Honorable Kenneth G. Jordan, Mayor
City of San Saba, Texas

ATTEST:



Sabrina Maultsby, City Secretary
City of San Saba, Texas