

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS, IN COORDINATION WITH TEMPLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ACADEMY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, INDICATING SUPPORT FOR THE BELL COUNTY EAST TO BIG HILL 765-KV TRANSMISSION PROJECT WHILE EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO ROUTE ALTERNATIVES A-4 AND A-6 DUE TO THEIR NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON EXISTING AND PLANNED RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS, SCHOOLS, AND PARKS; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, the City of Temple, Temple Independent School District (TISD), and Academy Independent School District (AISD) recognize the need for the Bell County East to Big Hill 765-kV Transmission Project to support reliable power delivery and economic growth across Texas;

WHEREAS, the Public Utility Commission of Texas requires that routing of electric transmission lines consider impacts on single-family dwellings, schools, parks and recreational areas, historical and archeological sites, environmentally sensitive areas, and related community investments;

WHEREAS, route alternatives A-4 and A-6 would significantly negatively impact existing and planned single-family dwellings, existing and planned schools, and existing and planned parks and recreation areas within the City of Temple, TISD, and AISD service areas;

WHEREAS, the City of Temple, TISD, and AISD have invested significant public resources in planning, infrastructure installation, land purchases, and the development of schools and neighborhoods to support the continued residential growth of the community;

WHEREAS, the proposed route alternatives A-4 and A-6 are incompatible with the long-term community development vision and would reduce the quality of life for residents and students while undermining the strategic and financial investments made by the City and the districts;

Whereas, the City Council has considered the matter and deems it in the public interest to authorize this action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS, THAT:

Part 1: Findings. All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council of the City of Temple, Texas, and they are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if copied in their entirety.

Part 2: The City of Temple, in coordination with Temple ISD and Academy ISD, express support for the Bell County East to Big Hill 765-kV Transmission Project to meet Texas' growing energy needs while expressing strong opposition to the use of route alternatives A-4 and A-6 due to their significant negative impacts on existing and planned single-family dwellings, schools, and parks and recreation areas.

Part 3: The City Manager is authorized to communicate this resolution to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, LCRA TSC, Oncor, and other appropriate stakeholders, and to take all necessary steps to advocate for the consideration of alternative routes that avoid the negative impacts of routes A-4 and A-6.

Part 4: It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public as required and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the ____ day of _____, **2025.**

THE CITY OF TEMPLE, TEXAS

TIMOTHY A. DAVIS, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jana Lewellen
City Secretary

Kathryn H. Davis
City Attorney