

COUNTY OF CALLAHAN

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March 19, 2026

**Members of the
Public Utility Commission of Texas**
1701 North congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 787001

Re: Docket No. 59315

Dear Commissioners,

I respectfully submit a Resolution in Opposition to Oncor Dinosaur-Longshore 765 kV Transmission Line Routes that were passed by the Callahan County Commissioners' Court on March 19th, 2026.

My office has received numerous communications from landowners, residents, and local stakeholders expressing concerns related to the proposed transmission line routes through Callahan County. The concerns include, but are not limited to, impacts on private property and landowner rights, property values, agricultural operations, environmental and scenic resources, and the availability of feasible alternative route options.

The Commissioners' Court represents individuals and entities located within Callahan County who live, work, and own property in areas that would potentially be impacted by the proposed project and will experience long-term detrimental effects of any routing or site decisions. My office respectfully requests that the local perspective and concerns be considered as the Commission evaluates the necessity of the project and the potential impacts associated with the proposed routes.

My office remains available to provide additional local context or to facilitate communication with impacted property owners as proceeding moves forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicki Harle".

Nicki Harle
Callahan County Judge
Callahan County, Texas



RESOLUTION
of the
CALLAHAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
OPPOSING THE PROPOSED ONCOR
"DINOSAUR- LONGSHORE" 765 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT ROUTES
GOING THROUGH CALLAHAN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the State of Texas is pursuing a strategy to move electricity from the State to the Permian Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utility Commission of Texas approved a plan through the year 2038 to accommodate growth around the State; and

WHEREAS, the Public Utility Commission of Texas selected ONCOR to build a 765kV transmission line from Somervell County to Howard County, with four possible routes going through Callahan County; and

WHEREAS, the Callahan County Commissioners' Court is committed to protecting the health, safety, property, infrastructure, and overall wellbeing of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Callahan County Commissioners' Court is opposing ONCOR bringing the 765kV line through Callahan County because the proposed placement of 765 kV lines through Callahan County can significantly degrade or disrupt signal performance of our county-wide emergency communications;

1. Callahan County's VHF network relies on precise and unobstructed line-of-sight between communication sites; and,
2. The placement of tall transmission structures within these pathways can significantly degrade or disrupt signal performance that can have an effect on communications between law enforcement, fire, EMS, emergency management and dispatch operations across the region; and,
3. Primary risk arises from the physical placement and height of the transmission towers, which if located near existing VHF lines will obstruct, scatter, or attenuate crucial communication signals; and,
4. Callahan County has an obligation to ensure that public-safety communications remain reliable, resilient, and uninterrupted, particularly during emergencies when system failure could place lives at risk.

WHEREAS; the Callahan County Commissioners' Court is opposing ONCOR bringing the 765kV line through Callahan County because the construction and proposed placement of 765kV lines through Callahan County will damage County infrastructure and personal property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 19TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026 that the Callahan County Commissioners' Court formally opposes the proposed routing of the ONCOR 765kV "Dinosaur-Longshore" transmission project through Callahan County until such time as:

- ONCOR responds to all the aforementioned concerns raised by the Callahan County Commissioners' Court;
- ONCOR sufficiently considers alternate routes outside of Callahan County, Texas;
- ONCOR gives proper notice to, and works with, Callahan County landowners (in direct line of both routes and adjacent to both routes) to understand and abide with their requests relating to their land; and
- ONCOR provides Callahan County with sufficient detail regarding the precise locations, heights, and configurations of the proposed transmission structures necessary to confirm that all critical communication paths will remain fully protected; and
- ONCOR addresses all construction damage concerns in Callahan County, Texas caused by building the transmission lines that will harm County infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Callahan County Commissioners' Court urges the Public Utility Commission of Texas, state legislators, and regional transmission planning authorities to:

- Require transparent and complete engineering disclosures prior to route approval;
- Prioritize the protection of public-safety communication infrastructure; and
- Support alternative routes, undergrounding, or technology solutions where necessary to maintain critical infrastructure reliability.
- Provide environmental impact studies regarding the potential construction impact and potential impact of the high voltage lines to humans, livestock, and wildlife.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Callahan County Commissioners' Court requests that ONCOR delay their filing of the Application until after ONCOR has time to address the concerns and provides new and better alternate routes and segments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Callahan County Judge is directed to submit this Resolution to the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible with copies mailed to:

Governor Greg Abbott

US Senator John Cornyn

US Senator Ted Cruz

US Representative Roger Williams

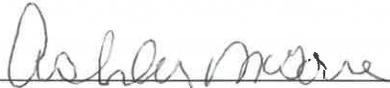
Texas State Senator Phil King

Texas House of Representatives Stan Lambert

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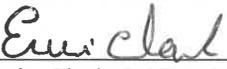
UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND APPROVED this 19TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026.


County Judge, Nicki Harle

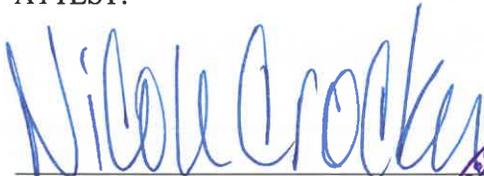

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ATTEST:


Nicole Crocker, County Clerk

