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Mr. Thomas Gleeson, Chairman
Public Utility Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 13326
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Mr. Pablo Vegas, President and Chief Executive Officer
Electric Reliability Council of Texas
8000 Metropolis Drive, Building E, Suite 100
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Dear Chairman Gleeson and Chief Executive Officer Vegas:

On August 19, 2026 the House Committee on State Affairs heard hours of testimony regarding data centers and 765kv transmission lines. During this meeting, hundreds of Texans showed up to express their concern over the direction that the state is moving, and I write to you today to express my intent to work together to find the solutions that our constituents deserve.

Witnesses from across the state shared their reasonable hesitance to the data center boom. While Senate Bill 6 is the first step in regulations for these large loads, there are still many policy questions left to answer. Some communities are not the right fit for a data center, while others welcome them with open arms. The testimony from our local officials showed that each community is unique, and those differences are what makes Texas great. Accordingly, I would like to work with both the PUCT and ERCOT to find ways to empower our communities, allowing local officials to have the tools necessary to make the right decision for the families and businesses in their area. Additionally, I welcome any guidance on legislative guardrails that ensures these data centers are not placed in residential areas and have proper buffer zones to account for noise and light pollution. I recommend implementing measures that hold data center companies accountable for the long term local involvement that they have promised these communities. I welcome innovation and technology, but Texas resources cannot be sold in exchange for development.

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Texans also came out in force to express their frustration with the current CCN process for transmission lines, and it is time for us to take action. The CCN process is flawed. Understanding that the PUCT is currently limited on its options while complying with state law, I implore both the PUCT and ERCOT to work with the committee to develop legislative fixes to the current process that ensures landowners have an equitable seat at the table. Testimony showed that Oncor left 1,400 landowners out of public meetings until the last minute, only to file an application with a route that had not been shared with the “lucky” few that have been fighting this process from the beginning. There should be no argument, West Texas and the Permian Basin need power, but not built on the backs of thousands of farmers and ranchers that were not given proper notice, an opportunity for adequate representation or a voice in the case as it progressed through the regulatory process.

I look forward to working with both of you to find a way forward that answers the ultimate question: What is best for all Texans? Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken King".

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