



TO: Town Council and the Argyle Community

FROM: Bryan Livingston, Mayor

REF: Oncor Proposed Ramhorn Hill-Dunham Transmission Line

Date: December 14, 2022

1. This afternoon, Mayor Rettig and Argyle Town Administrator Erika McComis joined me for a call with Oncor engineering and legal staff, including the project manager for the proposed Dunham – Ramhorn Hill transmission project. The proposed 345 KV project study includes several potential routes that could have severe negative impacts on Argyle, Northlake, Justin, and Flower Mound. Argyle and Argyle Extraterritorial Jurisdiction residents and other stakeholders have been mobilizing to oppose the routes that traverse Argyle and the ETJ. The discussion included the following:
 - A. Possibility of an extension to the comment submission deadline of December 31, 2022. Oncor representatives disclosed that the report update using the comments is a rolling process that will begin in January. Mayor Rettig and I were able to secure a commitment that comments received by January 20 would all be included in the study and would affect decisions about which routes are ultimately proposed.
 - B. Availability of segment maps. The Oncor project manager will visit Town Hall tomorrow, December 15, to work with staff to upload the files. We will then be able to make the large files available using a method that the staff selects.
 - C. Discussion of the southern alternative route. Oncor representatives were highly interested in the sketch of the alternative route jointly developed by Northlake and Argyle and presented during the Argyle special meeting on December 13, 2022. We sent the sketch to Oncor for early consideration and will follow up with more precise information by the end of this week. The southern route the two cities proposed will hinge on elected official support above the municipal level. Oncor does not have the authority to propose a route that crosses US Army Corps of Engineers land, as the alternative route does at two locations. Oncor acknowledged that if Argyle and Northlake secure Federal political support, consent by the Corps would become possible. Oncor will begin early engineering and environmental work based on our commitment to move ahead with contacting our elected representatives in Washington, with the support of

the Denton County and State elected representatives who have already pledged their support to work with us on a solution.

- D. Discussion of comparable projects. We discussed the large area and impact of the Ramhorn Hill – Dunham project and requested information on comparable projects. The only recent project with comparable impact disclosed by Oncor is the so-called Ivy League transmission project in the Princeton area, docket number 53053. We will look at this project to compare the relative sizes of the projects, which will inform our point of view and next steps.
2. Argyle and Northlake have worked with our staffs and Representative-elect Richard Hayes to identify legal support for our efforts to prevent a route that affects our cities. We identified several candidates today and will move ahead with interviews of these qualified attorneys tomorrow.
 3. Today, Mayor Rettig spoke with Mayor Elizabeth Woodall of Justin, who will review the proposed southern alternative and discuss supporting the Argyle-Northlake effort with her council. The Argyle Town Council will deliberate a resolution opposing the northern routes through Argyle and our neighboring cities and urging that the project application adopt the southern alternative on December 19, 2022. Oncor representatives will attend the meeting to respond to questions. Denton county and state elected officials plan to attend.
 4. With the extended “soft” deadline, we have sufficient time to develop strong messaging to be used in the Oncor questionnaire forms that are available in fillable pdf form on the Town of Argyle website at <https://www.argyletx.com/374/Oncor-Transmission-Line-Information-and->.
 5. Concerned citizens will again meet on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at Town Hall to share concerns and continue developing neighborhood and individual responses to share with Oncor via the public comment process.