



TO: Town Council and the Argyle Community

FROM: Bryan Livingston, Mayor

REF: Oncor Proposed Ramhorn Hill-Dunham Transmission Line

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1. Southern Alternative Transmission Line Route. The ice storm slowed down the process of engagement between Oncor Electric Delivery and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) that both organizations committed to pursue during the January 19th meeting called by Congressman Michael Burgess. Last Monday, February 6, weather conditions allowed representatives of Oncor and USACE to walk the potential transmission line crossings of the USACE property between I-35W and US 377. There are two necessary crossings, one near the Northwest Regional Airport and one just west of US 377, south of FM 1171. The good news is that the western crossing can be accomplished without incurring delays that would push back the May 2025 in service date for the new line targeted by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT). The eastern crossing poses more challenges and may be subject to an environmental assessment (EA). On the other hand, the eastern crossing, at slightly more than 1,000 feet at its narrowest point, may be achievable in ways that would make an EA process, if required, shorter than 12 months. Congressman Burgess has called for a follow up meeting between local leaders, Oncor and USACE for February 14th to encourage ongoing engagement by all parties on the southern alternative route.
2. D3 and D4 Segments and Threatened Loss of Homes in the Settlement Neighborhood. Also on January 19th, an Oncor representative made a blanket statement before the Flower Mound Town Council. I quote: "We (Oncor) have no routes that would require the condemnation of a home." Through our attorney Mr. Thomas Brocato, Argyle has asked Oncor for a written confirmation and explanation of the January 19th statement, which flies in the face of the facts on the ground in the Settlement neighborhood. Last week, Oncor reached out to the town to request information on the town's easements and right of way standards. Oncor's public statement on January 19th clearly relied upon the assumption that the town would permit encroachment on existing town roadway easements or rights of way. Our town engineer will provide detailed information in response to the Oncor request. Under no foreseeable circumstances, however, will the leadership of the town support encroachments on town rights of way or easements that would lead to the construction of a transmission line in an established Argyle

neighborhood. We are also committed to protecting Argyle residents from EMF exposure under the state's policy of prudent avoidance.

3. Comments Submitted to Oncor. Feedback from Oncor and messages copied to the town suggest that the comment tally will exceed 2,000 submissions. I do not have the breakdown by location yet, but Argyle residents make up a very large share of the comments. It is not too late to Speak Up, Argyle by sending your comments to transmissionprojects@oncor.com.