## CITY OF BANDERA RESOLUTION 2025-031 OPPOSING THE HOWARD-TO-SOLSTICE TRANSMISSION LINE

WHEREAS, the City of Bandera, known as the "Cowboy Capital of the World," is located in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, a region renowned for its scenic beauty, cultural heritage, environmental significance, and rural character; and WHEREAS, the proposed Howard-To-Solstice transmission line project poses significant environmental, economic, and aesthetic threats to the Texas Hill Country and the Bandera community; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction and presence of large-scale transmission infrastructure would permanently alter the landscape, negatively impact wildlife habitats, threaten water resources, and degrade the natural beauty that defines Bandera and attracts residents and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, tourism is a vital component of Bandera's economy, and the potential visual and environmental degradation resulting from the proposed transmission line could deter tourism, harm local businesses, and reduce economic activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed transmission line offers little to no direct benefit to the residents or businesses of Bandera, who would bear the burdens of the project without receiving improved energy service, reliability, or affordability; and

**WHEREAS**, significant public opposition has been expressed by residents and stakeholders throughout the Hill Country, including in Bandera County, and the City Council finds that outreach efforts and stakeholder engagement related to this project have been insufficient and lacking in transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Bandera believes that the values of environmental stewardship, community integrity, and sustainable development must be upheld in all infrastructure planning and implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bandera City Council hereby formally opposes the proposed Howard-To-Solstice Transmission Line project in any part of Bandera County.

Dated this day, the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2025

BANDERA CITY COUNCIL

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