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Barry Smitherman, Chairman  
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Public Utility Commission of Texas  
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

Many thousands of my constituents receive energy from the City of Garland's municipally-owned utility - Garland Power and Light. I understand that the City of Garland is now seeking authorization from your agency to own and operate additional transmission lines that would link to Competitive Renewable Energy Zones. Over the years, I have come to regard Garland Power and Light as an electric utility always committed to excellence. For example, my power was out like tens of thousands of other North Texans for more than a day during the recent heavy snowstorms here in North Texas, but only a few hundred GP&L customers were out, and those were out for less than an hour. As such, I am confident in Garland's ability to build and operate these additional CREZ lines, and I endorse its efforts before your agency.

Please note that Garland Power and Light has a wealth of experience in this area. Formed in 1923, it has grown from a relatively small enterprise to one that has more than 250 employees and reliably manages 20 substations and more than 135 miles of transmission lines. The Garland system not only serves more than 85% of the 230,000 residents of Garland, but also provides reliable integrated transmission services well beyond its city limits.

Moreover, it should be noted that Garland Power and Light is one of only 13 transmission operators certified by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. As such, it complies with all relevant guidelines as set forth both by ERCOT and the North American Electric Reliability Commission.

I am confident in Garland's ability to contribute to the CREZ effort and endorse its application in the ongoing proceeding at your agency.

Sincerely,

John Carona

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