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Public Utility Commission of Texas
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RE: PUC Docket 46416

Dear PUCT Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for the construction of Montgomery County Power Station (MCPS) at the existing Lewis Creek site near Willis, TX. Proposed by Entergy Texas, Inc., this investment is designed to bring nearly one gigawatt of new electricity supply to Southeast Texas.

With this project, Entergy is investing in a steady supply of power today to keep the lights on for tomorrow. Over the course of 30 years, consumers will see a total savings of \$1.7 billion, instead of relying on the uncertainty of energy markets. But the project is more than that.

The construction of Montgomery County Power Station will be a boon for the local economy in my region. According to an economic impact study from TXP, Inc., the project will generate \$1 Billion in economic activity across Texas, resulting in a \$410 million direct investment in the local area, as well as generating \$307 million in worker earnings and 7,000 total supported jobs (direct, indirect, induced).

Texans know better than anyone the importance of companies who invest in our communities. Entergy is no exception. Entergy, and its predecessors, have been committed to Texas for more than 100 years, powering the eastern part of the state and providing the power that households and businesses – large and small – need each and every day.

This project is also an opportunity to invest in the future of Texas. The industrial complexes along the Gulf Coast power the Texas economy, and more industrial growth is in the pipeline. MCPS can help play a role in making those projects a reality. We can all enjoy more reliable energy in the future, more economic growth and more jobs.

Montgomery County Power Station will be built with the environment in mind, featuring state-of-the-art emission control technology. Natural gas will supply the plant with reliable and affordable fuel.

Given the benefits to Texas, I'm writing not only to express my support for Entergy's project, but also respectfully to ask that you do the same.

Sincerely,



Danny Pierce
County Judge
Walker County

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