



Texas Landowners Opposing Wind

Update On Status of Brown and Coleman County Wind Farm Project

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As many of you are aware, a company from Oklahoma launched an effort in early 2018 to establish a 200MW wind farm project in Southern Brown and Coleman Counties. This company since has been contacting landowners in the target area to solicit the execution of an option for a 60-year lease of property. Among other things, the lease we have been presented, would include full easements for below, surface and above ground. The easement entitles the wind company to full access and rights to establish roads, buildings, clear land and to construct wind turbines on that property. Research shows negative impacts and economics of wind farms will have long-lasting negative impacts on landowners, property values and marketability, our counties economies, job growth and will likely increase our tax rates over time. As a result, residents and landowners of these two counties have come together under the group Texas Landowners Opposing Wind (TLOW) to fight this effort and to save our counties from the damages of wind energy.

In the past 6 months, TLOW supporters have spoken with over 250 landowners in the target area. These landowners represent the vast majority of land in the target area. At this time, we have confirmed over 109,856 acres as opposed to this wind project in Brown and Coleman Counties. Of this, ~46K acres are in the immediate target area and the balance being those owners that will be directly affected. The energy company has leased 12,586 acres of record and their progress has apparently slowed dramatically, recording only 3 leases in October and 2 in November and none in December. This company has stated they need a minimum of 25,000 acres contiguous to the electrical substation that is west of Brookesmith on the Brown/Coleman county line. Today, they have ~2,816 contiguous acres in this area. In a new effort to find a way to connect fragmented leased properties together, the energy company has begun soliciting landowners for an easement for underground transmission lines. Their intent is to overcome the barriers presented by landowners who are opposed to this project. Don't be fooled, landowners should know that by allowing such an easement, they may be enabling the energy company bring turbines to our counties.

We must now turn our attention to our elected Commissioners, Judges and School Boards to ensure they know that their constituents do not want this in our counties. Most important to understand is that registered voters in these counties **Will Not** have the opportunity to vote on this issue. Rather, School Boards and Commissioners may vote on this issue with little public input. Therefore it is imperative that residents and landowners contact these officials by phone, in person, email or letter to voice their positions. We ask you to please reach out to your respective School Board Members, Judges and County Commissioners to let them know your position.

TLOW's purpose is to share the real facts on wind energy, connect landowners and residents to ensure they know of this issue and where their neighbors stand, and finally to raise community awareness as this issue will affect residents of our towns, in some ways, more than rural landowners. We will continue our efforts to oppose this wind project. To date, we have held three public meetings in Brown and Coleman counties. We also have established billboards in both counties, utilized radio and newspaper, established two Facebook Groups (Save Brown and Coleman Counties and Won't Feel Like Home), established a website, started an e-petition which can be accessed from our website and presented earlier letters to residents and landowners. Most



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importantly, we have reached out to and talked with hundreds of our neighbors, local business owners and our public officials.

Our counties are beautiful places that we must protect. We do not want Brown and Coleman Counties to become large industrial wind farms. Please continue to support our efforts to ensure this does not happen.

What you can do:

- 1) Contact your Commissioners, Judges and School Board members to ensure they understand the overwhelming opposition to this project. You can find this contact information on our website.
- 2) If you have not already, let us know if you are a landowner who is opposed to this project. This will help us to understand how much land is not available to this project. You can use the Contact Us link on our website.
- 3) Talk to your neighbors. Share information with them and let them know your position.
- 4) Contact us with questions or suggestions. Again, you can use the Contact Us link on our website.

Thank you for your support.

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