

August 18, 2026

The Honorable Ken King, Chair
Members of the House Committee on State Affairs
Texas House of Representatives
Austin, Texas

Dear Chairman King and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Ovintiv, I am writing in support of the timely implementation of the Permian Basin Reliability Plan (PBRP) and the transmission infrastructure necessary to maintain electric reliability in Texas. As a company that operates extensively in the Permian Basin and invests significant capital in Texas, we rely on dependable electricity every day to safely and efficiently produce the energy that powers homes, businesses, manufacturers, and electric generators across our state and nation.

The Permian Basin is one of the most important energy producing regions in the world and supplies a significant share of U.S. oil and natural gas production. Reliable electricity is essential to modern oil and natural gas operations, supporting drilling activity, production facilities, water management systems, compression equipment, automation technologies, and other critical infrastructure. For Ovintiv, reliable electricity directly supports our ability to safely operate, invest, and grow in Texas. Electricity is no longer simply a supporting utility service. It is a core operational requirement for reliable energy production.

The Permian Basin Reliability Plan was developed to address growing demand for electricity, reliability challenges, and transmission constraints in West Texas. Transmission challenges for the region are not new. It is a decades old problem, and threats of curtailment exist today. A pause or delay of transmission infrastructure for the Permian Basin will only allow these threats to continue. As energy production, manufacturing activity, data infrastructure, and other large electric loads continue to expand, the need for reliable infrastructure will only become more important. The question is not whether additional infrastructure will be needed, but whether it will be available when Texas businesses and communities require it.

From our perspective, this is fundamentally a reliability issue. Reliable generation and reliable transmission are complementary investments, not competing alternatives. Texas will need both to maintain a resilient electric system capable of supporting continued growth and serving customers during changing operating conditions, extreme weather events, and periods of increasing demand.

The proposed transmission infrastructure is also about more than serving a single region. While these projects are critical to reliability in the Permian Basin, they will also strengthen the broader Texas electric grid. Power flows where it is needed most, and these transmission paths can support reliability across the ERCOT system by improving flexibility, reducing congestion, and enhancing the ability to move electricity between regions during periods of changing demand and generation availability. Infrastructure that improves reliability in West Texas ultimately benefits customers throughout the state.

We recognize that transmission infrastructure projects can have impacts on affected landowners and communities. These projects have been subject to extensive planning, public engagement, regulatory review, and stakeholder participation. Texas has a long history of successfully developing critical infrastructure while respecting private property rights, and we believe that approach remains essential to maintaining the reliable electric system that Texans depend upon every day.

Texas has long succeeded by planning ahead and investing in the infrastructure required to support growth. The Permian Basin Reliability Plan reflects that same principle. Reliable electricity is essential to maintaining Texas' position as the nation's leading energy producer and



one of the strongest economies in the country. We respectfully encourage the Committee to support timely implementation of the Permian Basin Reliability Plan and the transmission infrastructure needed to ensure reliable electricity for all Texans.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the State of Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. Felton", followed by the date "9/18/2026" written in a similar cursive style.

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