

LEE COUNTY, TEXAS

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY, TEXAS COMMISSIONER'S COURT REGARDING THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED SANDOW LAKES ENERGY NATURAL GAS POWER GENERATION PLANT.

WHEREAS, the Commissioner's Court of Lee County strives to make sound decisions on issues that affect the quality of life for its constituents;

WHEREAS, Sandow Lakes Energy (SL Energy Power Plant I, LLC) proposes to build a 1,200-megawatt natural gas power generation plant;

WHEREAS, Sandow Lakes Energy proposes to build its power plant in the Blue community in north Lee County;

WHEREAS, the proposed site in Blue is on the far western end of the 33,000 acres of property owned by Sandow Lakes Energy's affiliate, Sandow Lakes Ranch (SL Property I LP);

WHEREAS, the proposed site is an extremely rural area of Lee County and is very close to private farms, ranches, homes, and the Adina Christian Church and Cemetery;

WHEREAS, the allure of living in Lee County includes a slower pace of life, a stronger sense of community, and a close connection to the natural world for the people who live there;

WHEREAS, locating a large industrial facility such as the gas plant would dramatically disrupt and alter the rural nature of the surrounding Blue community;

WHEREAS, locating the gas plant in Blue likely would result in decreased values and marketability of properties; increased noise, lights and traffic; groundwater and surface water impacts; air pollution; and collateral burdens on county infrastructure;

WHEREAS, Sandow Lakes Energy has more suitable and feasible alternative locations for its plant, those being further within Sandow Lakes Ranch and farther from nearby residences;

WHEREAS, locating the proposed gas plant further within Sandow Lakes Ranch would result in far fewer negative impacts than if located in the Blue community;

WHEREAS, Sandow Lakes Energy maintains it prefers to locate its gas plant in the Blue community because it would be closer to the Matterhorn gas pipeline, which crosses north Lee County and would be the fuel source for the proposed plant;

WHEREAS, Sandow Lakes Energy could locate the proposed gas plant further within Sandow Lakes Ranch and include the cost of a longer connection to the Matterhorn pipeline as a necessary cost for its project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioner's Court hereby opposes the location of the Sandow Lakes Energy gas power plant at the current proposed site in the Blue community and requests the company instead locate the plant further within Sandow Lakes Ranch;

FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioner's Court hereby requests that if Sandow Lakes Energy maintains it cannot re-locate its power plant or cannot absorb the cost of such relocation as a cost of doing business, then it should abandon the project.

Dated this ??? day of February, 2025

(Signatures of Judge and Commissioners)

