

Proposed by Move the Gas Plant Steering Committee, Blue, Texas

## **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 a more suitable and feasible alternative location its plant, that being the site of the old Alcoa smelter and coal plants, some 15 miles away and where Sandow Lakes Ranch intends to locate other industry;

WHEREAS, the Alcoa industrial site is situated in the midst of the Sandow Lakes Ranch and is distant from any private farms, ranches and homes;

WHEREAS, locating the proposed gas plant at the Alcoa industrial site 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 at the old Alcoa industrial site 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 in north Lee County and requests the company instead locate the plant at the old Alcoa industrial site;

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 September, 2024

(Signatures of Judge and Commissioners)

