

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the mission of the Gillespie County Economic Development Commission (EDC) is to encourage, enhance, and promote managed economic development in Gillespie County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the EDC has always focused on managing growth, promoting responsible development, and maintaining outstanding quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the EDC recognizes that reliable, sustainable, and affordable energy is necessary to accommodate economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. government offers major renewable energy incentives such as the Investment Tax Credit and the Production Tax Credit designed to boost solar, wind, storage, and other energy production regardless of the genuine economic benefit or long-term contribution to our power grid; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these renewable energy projects are neither green nor environmentally friendly and are overall detrimental to the rural communities in which they are deployed; and

WHEREAS, there are utility scale battery energy storage or solar facilities currently proposed within the boundaries of Gillespie County; and

WHEREAS, the EDC has significant concerns regarding the development of such facilities because of the potential ignition of fires, release of toxins, and contamination of streams and groundwater; and

WHEREAS, the EDC believes that most renewable energy projects are incompatible with the elements that make Gillespie County and the Texas Hill Country special, that their presence will cause irreversible harm, negatively impact property values, and generally thwart smart economic growth.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GILLESPIE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

That the Gillespie County Economic Development Commission strongly opposes the sighting, construction, or operation of utility scale battery energy storage, solar, or wind farm projects in Gillespie County and encourages the State of Texas to pass legislation that would enable rural communities to protect themselves from such unwanted threats.

Passed and approved this 16th day of January, 2026.



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