

Date: 9/11/2024

RE: Resolution for the City of Glen Rose

Reviewed By GO

To Whom It May Concern:

Please see the attached resolution passed on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, 2024 at the Gen Rose City

Council meeting.

Please let me know if there is any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Thank you,

Veronica Welch

Administrative Services Manager

City of Glen Rose

254.897.2272 ext. 201

### RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL DECLARING THE HARM TO THE CITY OF GLEN ROSE AND SOMERVELL COUNTY THAT WOULD BE CAUSED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF EIGHT (8) ADDITIONAL NATURAL GAS-FIRED PEAKING COMUSTION TURBINE GENERATORS AT THE EXISTING WOLF HOLLOW II POWER PLANT IN HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS.

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Reviewed By 1/8

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That this resolution will be mailed to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality office of the Chief Clerk, PO BOX 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, the office of Senator Birdwell and Representative Burns and the Glen Rose Reporter.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:

Emily Holder, Deputy City Secretary

Joe Boles, Mayor



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Texas Commission on Evironmental Quality
Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105
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Sent:

Thursday, September 12, 2024 11:28 AM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD

Subject:

FW: City of Glen Rose

Attachments:

resolution2024.R.08.pdf

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Office Phone: 512-239-3319

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From: CHIEFCLK <chiefclk@tceq.texas.gov> Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 8:06 AM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

Subject: FW: City of Glen Rose

From: Veronica Welch < veronica.welch@glenrosetexas.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 2:07 PM

To: CHIEFCLK < <a href="mailto:chiefclk@tceq.texas.gov">chiefclk@tceq.texas.gov</a>>

Cc: Demetra Conrad < demetra.conrad@glenrosetexas.org >

Subject: City of Glen Rose

Please see the attached copy of the resolution that was passed at the Glen Rose City Council meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September, 2024.

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September 9, 2024



### Wolf Hollow II Power, LLC Proposed Air Quality Permit Nos. 175173, PSDTX1636, & **GHGPSDTX238**

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Phys	sical Address (if different):
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CHIEF CLERKS OFFICE

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Re:

Proposed Air Quality Permit Numbers 175173, PSDTX1636 and GHGPSDTX238

Wolf Hollow II Power LLC

#### Dear Chief Clerk:

Earthjustice submits this letter to raise concerns regarding proposed permits for Wolf Hollow II Power, LLC, which seeks to add eight turbines at the Wolf Hollow site (sometimes referred to as Wolf Hollow III).

In 2022, Wolf Hollow II increasingly began using significant amounts of the energy it generates to fuel cryptocurrency mining operations on-site. The proposed permit in question seeks to allow Wolf Hollow II to expand substantially and significantly increase its air pollution.

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Respectfully submitted,

Celine Busnelli Mandy DeRoche Rodrigo Cantu Earthjustice 845 Texas Avenue, Suite 200 Houston, TX 77002

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Sent:

Monday, September 9, 2024 1:33 PM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-APD; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC

Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

Attachments:

2024.09.09 Earthjustice Comment Letter WHIII1.pdf

From: cbusnelli@earthjustice.org <cbusnelli@earthjustice.org>

Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 1:16 PM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

**REGULATED ENTY NAME** WOLF HOLLOW II

**RN NUMBER:** RN108779729

PERMIT NUMBER: 175173

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

**COUNTY: HOOD** 

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

NAME: Celine Busnelli

EMAIL: cbusnelli@earthjustice.org

**COMPANY:** Earthjustice

**ADDRESS:** 1001 G ST NW 1000 WASHINGTON DC 20001-4545

PHONE: 8058633754

FAX:

**COMMENTS:** See attached file below.



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September 9, 2024

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Mailing Address: 9902 AIR PARK DR
Physical Address (if different):
City/State: GRANRYRY TX Zip: 760 49
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September 9, 2024

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PLEASE PRINT	
Name: Demetra Conrad	
Mailing Address: 307 Codar St	GlonRose Tx 76043
Physical Address (if different):	
City/State: Glan Rose	Zip:
**This information is subject to public disclosure un	der the Texas Public Information Act**
Email: demetra Conrada Co	tot glenrose texas com
Phone Number: (214) 284 8637	
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From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Thursday, August 22, 2024 3:01 PM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD

Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

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From: amcrawford63@gmail.com <amcrawford63@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2024 12:03 PM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

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**PERMIT NUMBER: 175173** 

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

**COUNTY: HOOD** 

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

NAME: Alan Crawford

EMAIL: amcrawford63@gmail.com

COMPANY:

**ADDRESS: 215 HIDDEN OAKS DR** 

**HUDSON OAKS TX 76087-8649** 

PHONE: 8174223109

#### FAX:

**COMMENTS:** I own property in Somervell County, about 10 miles from the Plant Site. I support the construction of additional electric generation capacity. We need the energy! Nat gas generation is very clean and we won't even notice any "air pollution", but I do notice that every time it gets hot, we are warned that there may not be enough power to keep the AC running. This proposal is a very effective way of increasing the reliability of our electric grid, which should be high priority with the growth in our area.

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September 9, 2024

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Name: WARD DUND
Mailing Address: 9910 Hopsewee CT
Physical Address (if different):
City/State: COLANBURY TX Zip: 76049
**This information is subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act**
Email: WOUNN OLO ATT. NET
Phone Number: (919) 260-859
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Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 2:12 PM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

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**PERMIT NUMBER: 175173** 

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

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PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

NAME: Lori Durbin

EMAIL: loridurbin10@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1301 COUNTY ROAD 414

GLEN ROSE TX 76043-6091

PHONE: 8179995535

#### FAX:

**COMMENTS:** Hood and Somervell Counties do NOT need any crypto mining at all. The addition of more is beyond heinous given that there are people living in close proximity to Wolf Hollow that are suffering unimaginable health and emotional challenges. This is just unacceptable.



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Name: DAVE EAGLE
Mailing Address: Po Box 1496
Physical Address (if different):
City/State: Stanburg JZ zip: 76048
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From: Gertrisha@me.com <Gertrisha@me.com>

Sent: Friday, September 6, 2024 12:53 AM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

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**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

NAME: Gertrisha Farmer

EMAIL: Gertrisha@me.com

**COMPANY:** 

ADDRESS: 6416 BUENA VISTA DR

GRANBURY TX 76049-4313

**PHONE:** 5169608303

#### FAX:

COMMENTS: The Granbury area surrounding this plant and its expansion includes ranches, farms, homes, and churches. It is not an industrial area. Residents near Wolf Hollow already suffer from illnesses related to the pollution from a cryptocurrency mine (a \$6 billion company), that resides on Wolf Hollow's property. With the health of this community already compromised, to introduce high levels of air pollution into this area is unconscionable. The historic town of Granbury has the honor of being the Celebration Capitol of Texas. Many of our celebrations and festivals revolve around our lake. As Pecan Plantation residents, we enjoy Lake Granbury. With Wolf Hollow II located close to Lake Granbury, residents will further suffer, along with our natural resources, not limited to Lake Granbury or the Brazos River. If the Wolf Hollow facility is allowed to expand, it will be a detriment to our community. Sincerely, Gertrisha Hunter

From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Tuesday, June 4, 2024 3:49 PM

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Subject:

FW: Comment for Wolf Hollow Proposed Permit 175173

Attachments:

Hood County Clean Air Coalition Signed Wolf Hollow Comment Letter 5.24.pdf

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From: CHIEFCLK <chiefclk@tceq.texas.gov> Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 9:42 AM

**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov > **Subject:** FW: Comment for Wolf Hollow Proposed Permit 175173

From: Michelle McKenzie < mmckenzie@Granbury.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 4, 2024 9:41 AM **To:** CHIEFCLK < chiefclk@tceq.texas.gov>

Subject: Comment for Wolf Hollow Proposed Permit 175173

Hello,

Please find attached a comment letter from the Hood County Clean Air Coalition regarding the Wolf Hollow proposed permit number 175173. If you would please add me to the notification list for this proposed permit, I would appreciate it.

Thank you,

Michelle McKenzie Air Quality Program Manager Hood County Clean Air Coalition Ph: 817-573-7275 Ext. 1355



Hood County Clean Air Coalition P.O. Box 743 220 North Travis Street Granbury, Texas 76048 Phone 817-573-7275

May 1, 2024

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of Chief Clerk P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

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#### **Vincent Redondo**

From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Friday, March 1, 2024 4:39 PM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD

Subject:

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From: Hollyhasfleas@yahoo.com <Hollyhasfleas@yahoo.com>

Sent: Friday, March 1, 2024 1:11 PM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

**REGULATED ENTY NAME** WOLF HOLLOW II

RN NUMBER: RN108779729

**PERMIT NUMBER: 175173** 

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

**COUNTY: HOOD** 

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

CN NUMBER: CN604679639

NAME: DR. Holly Haefele

EMAIL: Hollyhasfleas@yahoo.com

**COMPANY:** 

**ADDRESS: 2312 COUNTY ROAD 301** 

GLEN ROSE TX 76043-5667

PHONE: 9782572235

FAX:

**COMMENTS:** As a close neighbor to Wolf Hollow I oppose approval of this permit. The noise and pollution form another gas plant are a threat to our health and property values. Additionally the use of the current gas plant to power bitcoin mining is a major environmental travesty with immediate repercussions to Somervell and Hood Counties. The noise is horrendous. Another power plant would only add to the noise. Do not grant this permit.

## **TCEQ** Registration Form

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September 9, 2024

### Wolf Hollow II Power, LLC Proposed Air Quality Permit Nos. 175173, PSDTX1636, & GHGPSDTX238

PLEASE PRINT
Name: CLINT HELTON
Mailing Address: 8605 ASH LAND CT GRANBURY TX 76549
Physical Address (if different):
City/State: 6 RANBURY TX Zip: 76049
**This information is subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act**
Email: CLINTHELTON @ PROTONNAIL. COM
Phone Number: (972) 965-3099
• Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group?   Yes No  If yes, which one?
Please add me to the mailing list.
I wish to provide formal <i>ORAL COMMENTS</i> at tonight's public meeting.
☐ I wish to provide formal WRITTEN COMMENTS at tonight's public meeting.  (Written comments may be submitted at any time during the meeting)

From:

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Sent:

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 12:54 PM

To:

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Subject:

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From: jill40dfl@gmail.com <jill40dfl@gmail.com> Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 8:55 PM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

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PERMIT NUMBER: 175173

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

**COUNTY:** HOOD

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

NAME: Jill Henriksen

EMAIL: jill40dfl@gmail.com

**COMPANY:** 

**ADDRESS: 8503 WEEMS ESTATES DR** 

GRANBURY TX 76048-7752

PHONE: 2532267507

FAX:

**COMMENTS:** If this permit is approved, will there be requirements for Wolf Hollow to mitigate the impact on traffic in the area? For example, installing a traffic light at the intersection of FM 2425(Mitchell Bend highway) and highway 144 and resurfacing FM 2425 due to the resulting heavy equipment damage?

### **Vincent Redondo**

From:

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Sent:

Thursday, February 29, 2024 4:39 PM

To:

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Subject:

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From: jill40dfl@gmail.com <jill40dfl@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 10:47 AM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

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**PERMIT NUMBER: 175173** 

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

**COUNTY: HOOD** 

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER: CN604679639** 

**NAME: Jill HENRIKSEN** 

EMAIL: jill40dfl@gmail.com

**COMPANY:** 

**ADDRESS: 8503 WEEMS ESTATES DR** 

GRANBURY TX 76048-7752

PHONE: 2532267507

FAX:

**COMMENTS:** I live about 1500 yards away from the Wolf Hollow II Power plant. When I purchased and moved into my home, there was a greenbelt of trees between the plant and the residential neighborhood I lived in. The trees not only partially blocked the view of the plant from my home, it also provided a noise barrier. I could barely hear the plant operations unless some unusual activity was happening. Unfortunately, the plant has now leased the former greenbelt land to a bitcoin mining facility. The greenbelt was destroyed along with the sound barrier and habitat for wildlife it provided. As a result I can see and hear the power plant much more clearly. In addition, the bitcoin mining facility makes so much noise that it wakes me up at nights, gives me headaches and adds additional stress in my life. I have purchased a professional decibel meter and and recorded decibel levels up to 86.1 in my backyard at 2 AM in the morning. I cannot go outside to enjoy my garden, my family or my animals during the day because I cannot hear anyone approach or speak without yelling. As I understand it, the Wolf Hollow plant land that is being leased, is land for which they receive a tax abatement. That is outrageous. The bitcoin facility is purchasing power from the Texas grid at no benefit to the citizens of Texas. They have increased the demand on the power grid as this application for increased production proves. They have increased the noise pollution. They have increased the cost of power to the average citizen by buying large amounts of power at a low cost then selling it back to the grid at a higher cost. The requested increase in power plant operations to provide power for this bitcoin facility will increase the air pollution and the demands on the limited water supplies that Texas already experiences. I will not benefit in any way by the increased production of power from Wolf Hollow. My neighbors will not benefit in any way by the increased production of power from Wolf Hollow. The citizens of Texas will not benefit in any way by the increased production of power from Wolf Hollow. The only benefit to increased power from Wolf Hollow will be the millionaires who own the bitcoin mining facility. I urge you to not approve this application.

From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Thursday, September 12, 2024 11:25 AM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD

Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number PSDTX1636

Jesús Bárcena

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From: Daphnekanas@gmail.com < Daphnekanas@gmail.com >

Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 10:45 PM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

Subject: Public comment on Permit Number PSDTX1636

#### **REGULATED ENTY NAME WOLF HOLLOW!**

**RN NUMBER: RN108779729** 

**PERMIT NUMBER: PSDTX1636** 

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

**COUNTY:** HOOD

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

NAME: Daphne D Kanas

EMAIL: Daphnekanas@gmail.com

COMPANY:

**ADDRESS: 7619 RAVENSWOOD RD** 

GRANBURY TX 76049-4746

PHONE: 4699337440

#### FAX:

**COMMENTS:** I am writing to express my strong opposition to the PSDTX1636 permit application for the Wolf Hollow II facility, which is under consideration for operations in Hood County, Texas. As a member of the affected community, I have serious concerns about the negative environmental and health impacts that this facility is already causing and potential future harm if the permit is approved. Based on news reports and growing community outcry, such as the case highlighted by CBS News in their article about a North Texas community facing continuous noise and declining health due to a crypto mining facility, I believe that the same risks are present with Wolf Hollow II. Key concerns include: Noise Pollution: The loud, never-ending noise from similar facilities has significantly disrupted the lives of residents in other areas, leading to sleepless nights, heightened stress levels, and overall reduced quality of life. Residents of Granbury and Hood County already experience this type of noise from industrial sources. Allowing Wolf Hollow II to operate will only increase this disruption. Health Risks: Prolonged exposure to noise pollution has been linked to various health issues, including cardiovascular problems, increased anxiety, and other stress-related ailments. In the CBS report, community members spoke about worsening health conditions, and I am concerned that similar health issues will occur in Hood County if the permit is approved. Environmental Concerns: In addition to noise, crypto mining facilities use a significant amount of energy and water, which can lead to further strain on local resources and contribute to environmental degradation. Hood County, like much of Texas, already faces challenges with water conservation and energy demands, and adding a high-energy use facility will exacerbate these issues. Community Well-being: The long-term well-being of the community should be the TCEQ's top priority. Approving this permit would not only burden the community with more environmental and health risks but also erode the trust between residents and regulatory bodies tasked with protecting them. I respectfully urge the TCEQ to consider these points and deny the permit for Wolf Hollow II. Protecting the health, safety, and environment of Hood County residents should take precedence over the operations of a crypto mining facility that poses known and severe risks. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Daphne Kanas Granbury, Texas

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Sent:

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 1:35 PM

To:

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Subject:

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**Attachments:** 

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From: janetLkeel@gmail.com < janetLkeel@gmail.com >

Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 7:32 PM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

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PERMIT NUMBER: 175173

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

**COUNTY: HOOD** 

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

NAME: Janet Keel

EMAIL: janetLkeel@gmail.com

**COMPANY:** 

**ADDRESS: 2804 WIND MILL CT** 

TOLAR TX 76476-5074

PHONE: 6083545610

FAX:

**COMMENTS:** Please see attached comments. We are local residents that recreate and shop in the affected area, such as Lake Granbury; our family has health conditions affected by air quality; we previously moved away from an area and to this area for the purpose of being in an area with better

quality; and we have concerns about the connection between the need for increased power and how that power is being used, be it the bitcoin mine or other purposes.

September 9, 2024

To: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

From: Janet and Seth Keel 2804 Wind Mill Ct Tolar, TX 76476

Re: Wolf Hollow II, RN108779729, application for air quality permits Permit Nos. 175173, PSDTX1636, AND GHGPSDTX

I'm sorry I was unable to attend the public meeting tonight due to work and family commitments (I have young children). I am a concerned citizen residing in Hood County Texas. Our family frequents Lake Granbury for recreation regularly as well as the surrounding area for shopping, recreating, and other living needs.

I am concerned with the request for air quality permits and the expansion of Wolf Hollow II for multiple reasons.

The effects of an expansion at Wolf Hollow II will influence my family's choices as our family moved to this area particularly to avoid the air pollution associated with larger power generating facilities and air pollution such as areas that may not reach attainment standards. Our family includes individuals with health conditions that are affected by air pollutants, organic compounds, sulfur dioxide, sulfur hexafluoride, and sulfuric acid mist. We previously lived by a large power facility and moved to our current location in part due to it not being near such a facility. At our previous location, we experienced ill health effects with days when we were unable to be outside due to a noticeable decline in air quality. This also has affected our recreating in the past as larger facilities have had (accidental) incidents contaminating waterways. Given that the facility is located very near Lake Granbury as well as the City of Granbury and adjacent communities, any incident, even accidental, and any increase in emissions is sure to affect the population.

An additional concern I have is the timing of the request given the publicity and public health effects from the Marathon BitCoin Mine facility. It's my understanding the bitcoin mining facility uses power generated by Wolf Hollow II. It would seem that expansion of Wolf Hollow II would also pave the way for expansion of the bitcoin mine facility. While I have a law license, I'm by no means knowledgeable about how permitting may consider the connection between these two facilities and the combined effect they would have on the quality of life in this area. It also calls into question the need for a larger generation facility, and such need and the connection between these two facilities should be explained to the public with plain language. Air quality standards themselves are not typically written in a way that is readable for the public, nor is the connection between power usage for businesses such as bitcoin and the need for increased power generation.

It seems to me that in an election year, in an area with a growing population, located in the middle of residential areas already experiencing health effects, that an increase in generation should be further studied. Air quality issues are already expanding out from the metroplex. Further, the air quality standards are typically minimum standards and do not reflect "good" air quality.

I would appreciate this letter being considered a formal comment and to receive a written response. Please also include me on the mailing list for this permit application. My mailing address is Janet Keel, 2804 Wind Mill Ct, Tolar, TX 76476.

Thank you

-Signed by:

9/9/2024

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Janet and Seth Keel

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# CHRISTINE C. LEFTWICH, COUNTY CLERK

DATE: Thursday, September 05, 2024

Via Certified Mail 7019 2280 0002 8731

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CHIEF CLERKS OFFICE

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find a Resolution of the Hood County Commissioners' Court, approved and adopted unanimously on August 27, 2024.

This is a Resolution Declaring Harm to Hood County with the construction and operation of eight (8) additional natural gas-fired peaking combustion turbine generators at the existing Wolf Hollow II Power Plant in Hood County, Texas.

The Hood County Commissioners' Court urges TCEQ to deny the issuance of proposed State Air Quality Permit 175173, issuance of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air quality Permit PSDTX 1636, and issuance of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) PSD Air Quality Permit GHGPSDTX238.

Respectfully.

Christine C. Leftwich, M.Ed.

Hood County Clerk

CountyClerk@hoodcounty.texas.gov

www.hoodcounty.texas.gov

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1200 W. Pearl St.

Granbury, Texas 76048

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cc:

County Judge and Hood County Commissioners Senator Brian Birdwell Representative Shelby Slawson Reviewed By SEP 10 2024

# **Hood County Commissioners' Court**

## RESOLUTION

Declaring the harm to Hood County that would be caused with construction and operation of eight (8) additional natural gas-fired peaking combustion turbine generators at the existing Wolf Hollow II Power Plant in Hood County, Texas.

Whereas, Wolf Hollow II Power, LLC, 8787 Wolf Hollow Court, Granbury, TX 76048-7736 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of proposed State Air Quality Permit 175173, issuance of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permit PSDTX 1636, and issuance of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) PSD Air Quality Permit GHGPSDTX238 for emissions of GHGs, which would authorize construction of the Wolf Hollow II located at 8787 Wolf Hollow Court, Granbury, Hood County Texas 76048; and

Whereas, according to the executive director of TCEQ in a letter entitled "Combined Notice of Public Meeting and Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision for Air Quality Permits", dated July 30, 2024, "The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants in a significant amount: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less. In addition, the facility will emit the following air contaminants: hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds, sulfur dioxide, sulfur hexafluoride, and sulfuric acid mist. The proposed facility will also emit greenhouse gases"; and

Whereas, the increases in particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds, sulfur hexafluoride, sulfuric acid mist, and greenhouse gases may result in Hood County being included in the North Texas non-attainment area for ozone pollution. As of 2024, the Dallas-Fort Worth area has been re-classified from moderate to serious non-attainment, requiring more stringent emission control strategies; and

Whereas, a non-attainment area is a geographic region that fails to meet the national Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for one or more criteria pollutants, such as ozone, particulate matter, lead, carbon monoxide, sulfur oxides, and

nitrogen oxides. Being a non-attainment area affects existing local businesses by imposing stricter environmental regulations and increasing costs. Businesses planning to locate or expand in such areas must apply rigorous pollution controls and may need to obtain emission offset credits. This may lead to increased costs and potentially discourage new investments; and

Whereas, the fuel source for the eight (8) additional natural gas-fired peaking combustion turbine generators will be natural gas, which can contain mercury of up to 5mg/m³. Mercury has significant environmental impacts. It can contaminate ecosystems, posing risks to human and wildlife health through bioaccumulation in food chains. It is especially damaging in aquatic systems, where it converts to toxic methylmercury. Elemental mercury exposure through inhalation can lead to tremors, emotional changes, and neuromuscular issues. Inorganic mercury can cause kidney and gastrointestinal damage. Methylmercury usually enters humans through consumption of fish. It can cause neurological impairments, such as loss of peripheral vision, lack of coordination, and muscle weakness. It is especially harmful to developing fetuses, potentially leading to cognitive deficits and developmental problems in children. Wolf Hollow II is in close proximity to the Brazos River, Squaw Creek Reservoir, and Lake Granbury; and

Whereas, on May 1, 2024, the Hood County Clean Air Coalition Executive Board sent a letter (EXHIBIT "A") to TCEQ voicing concern regarding the issuance of the proposed air quality Permit Numbers 175173, GHGPSDTX238, and PSDTX1636 for Wolf Hollow II Power, LLC and the potential impact on the region that is already struggling to meet the ozone standards further threatening the health of Hood County residents and their environment; and

Whereas, Hood County Commissioners' Court is concerned that the emissions resulting from this project will be detrimental to the air quality in Hood County, impact the well-being of our citizens as well as be detrimental to economic growth of Hood County and surrounding communities.

### Now, LET IT BE HEREBY RESOLVED,

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That this Resolution will be mailed to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality office of the Chief Clerk, PO BOX 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, the office of Senator Birdwell and Representative Slawson and the Hood County News.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of August, 2024.

Ron Massingill, Hood County Judge

Nannette Samuelson, Commissioner Pct. 2

Kevin Andrews, Commissioner Pct. 1

Jack Wilson, Commissioner Pct. 3

Attest:

Christine C. Leftwich, County Clerk

## **EXHIBIT "A"**



Hood County Clean Air Coalition P.O. Box 743 220 North Travis Street Granbury, Texas 76048 Phone 817-573-7275

May 1, 2024

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Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 6:43 PM

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**PRINCIPAL NAME:** WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

NAME: Jon R Lewis

EMAIL: jonrlewis7@hotmail.com

COMPANY:

**ADDRESS: 7300 STEPHENSON RD** 

GODLEY TX 76044-3978

PHONE: 8179138330

## FAX:

**COMMENTS:** If the project is for the benefit of cryptocurrency, I am very much against it. If it is not, I'm very much for it.

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Sent:

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From: jonrlewis7@hotmail.com <jonrlewis7@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 6:09 PM

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**COMMENTS:** If the project is for the benefit of cryptocurrency, I am very much against it. If it is not, I'm very much for it.

From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 3:15 PM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD

Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

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From: jonrlewis7@hotmail.com <jonrlewis7@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 6:44 PM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

#### **REGULATED ENTY NAME** WOLF HOLLOW II

**RN NUMBER: RN108779729** 

**PERMIT NUMBER: 175173** 

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

**COUNTY: HOOD** 

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

NAME: Jon R Lewis

EMAIL: jonrlewis7@hotmail.com

**COMPANY:** 

**ADDRESS: 7300 STEPHENSON RD** 

GODLEY TX 76044-3978

PHONE: 8179138330

## FAX:

**COMMENTS:** If the project is for the benefit of cryptocurrency, I am very much against it. If it is not, I'm very much for it.

From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Monday, September 9, 2024 12:59 PM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-APD; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC

Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

From: ronliddell@me.com <ronliddell@me.com> Sent: Saturday, September 7, 2024 10:21 AM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

**REGULATED ENTY NAME** WOLF HOLLOW II

**RN NUMBER:** RN108779729

PERMIT NUMBER: 175173

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

**COUNTY: HOOD** 

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

NAME: Ron Liddell

EMAIL: ronliddell@me.com

**COMPANY:** 

**ADDRESS:** 10325 RAVENSWOOD RD

GRANBURY TX 76049-4542

**PHONE:** 2102884742

FAX:

COMMENTS: I strongly opposed any further expansion of Wolf Hollow until such time as the current destructive activities of Marathon Digital Holdings are curtailed. The goal of government is undeniably the protection of its citizens. As such our governing bodies have failed miserably to protect the health and wealth of far too many residents of Hood County who are bombarded both day and night with constant noise from the Marathon Digital Holdings facility. Family home values have been destroyed.

Health has been ruined. The enjoyment of their properties has ceased. All while Marathon Digital Holdings uses huge amounts of needed energy supplied by Wolf Hollow to further their high-tech Ponzi scheme while producing nothing of value and creating minimal jobs. This proposed increase in Wolf Hollow's capacity is nothing more than an attempt to create more energy for Marathon's destructive activities which will leave more and more of our citizens in dire straits with absolutely no recourse. This permit states, "The executive director has determined that the emissions of air contaminants from the proposed facility which are subject to PSD review will not violate any state or federal air quality regulations and will not have any significant adverse impact on soils, vegetation, or visibility." It makes no mention of how this increased capacity will ultimately affect the lives, health and livelihood of our residents. It gives concern to micron sized particulate matter while completely dismissing the incalculably huge effect on our residents. Shame on the executive director for not recognizing the huge negative impact this permit will foster. The Hood County Commissioners' Court is pleading with the Texas Legislature to take up legislative action to provide residents in Texas with relief from noise pollution generated by facilities such as this that are negatively impacting their quality of life, their property values and their right to the peaceful enjoyment of their property. In the next six years the Texas grid needs to grow by almost 100%. It is unfair to the taxpayers to have increased capacity being used to feed bitcoin mining. Protect our citizens and their health! Deny this permit.

#### **Vincent Redondo**

From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 5:28 PM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD

Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

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From: ronliddell@gmail.com <ronliddell@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:43 AM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

**REGULATED ENTY NAME** WOLF HOLLOW II

RN NUMBER: RN108779729

**PERMIT NUMBER: 175173** 

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

**COUNTY: HOOD** 

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER: CN604679639** 

NAME: Ron L Liddell

EMAIL: ronliddell@gmail.com

**COMPANY:** 

**ADDRESS: 10325 RAVENSWOOD RD** 

GRANBURY TX 76049-4542

PHONE: 2102884742

FAX:

**COMMENTS:** I live approximately 5 miles from this facility. I purchased my retirement home 9 years ago to enjoy the quiet community where it is located. My retirement dream has been destroyed by this facility and my property value has been destroyed. The constant noise pollution is unbearable. We do not need more pollution of any kind from this facility. I am very angry with whatever government agency decided this facility was a good idea and I intend to fight with my neighbors to close it. Do not approve further pollution.

From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Monday, September 9, 2024 2:16 PM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-APD; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC

Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

From: greg.s.martin@att.net < greg.s.martin@att.net>

Sent: Friday, September 6, 2024 2:41 PM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

#### **REGULATED ENTY NAME WOLF HOLLOW II**

**RN NUMBER: RN108779729** 

**PERMIT NUMBER: 175173** 

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

**COUNTY: HOOD** 

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

NAME: Gregory Scott Martin

EMAIL: greg.s.martin@att.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 2517 BIRCHWOOD DR

GRANBURY TX 76049-4357

**PHONE:** 8179916222

FAX:

**COMMENTS:** I am deeply opposed to any expansion of this power facility whatsoever, much less by 5 times its present size. I am opposed to any increase whatsoever in polluting emissions, and am more in favor of reducing the amount of pollutants that are presently being emitted. People are having to deal with unexplained illnesses as it is.



# TCEQ Registration Form

September 9, 2024

# Wolf Hollow II Power, LLC Proposed Air Quality Permit Nos. 175173, PSDTX1636, & GHGPSDTX238

PLEASE PRINT	
Name: LASA MODERMOH	
Mailing Address: 2901 Durant Ct.	
Physical Address (if different):	
City/State: Groomy MATY Zip:	
**This information is subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act**	
Email:	
Phone Number: ( )	
• Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group? ☐ Yes ☐ No  If yes, which one?	
☐ Please add me to the mailing list.	
I wish to provide formal ORAL COMMENTS at tonight's public meeting.	
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September 9, 2024

# Wolf Hollow II Power, LLC Proposed Air Quality Permit Nos. 175173, PSDTX1636, & GHGPSDTX238

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Mark McDermott
Mailing Address: 2901 Durant Ct
Physical Address (if different):
City/State: Granbury / Texas Zip: 76049
City/State: Zip:
**This information is subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act**
Email: Mdmcdermo#83@Gmailcom
Phone Number: (909) 857-5002
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From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Monday, September 9, 2024 11:33 AM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-APD; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC

Subject:

FW: Wolf Hollow Gas Plant Expansion

From: Kathryn Miller < <a href="mailto:kathyfm33@gmail.com">kathryn Miller <a href="mailto:kathyfm33@gmail.com">kathryn Miller <a href="mailto:kathyfm33@gmail.com">kathryn Miller <a href="mailto:kathyfm33@gmail.com">kathryn Miller < <a href="mailto:kathyfm33@gmail.com">kathryn Miller < <a href="mailto:kathyfm33@gmail.com">kathryn Miller <a href="mailto:kathyfm33@gmailto:kathyfm33@gmailto:kathyfm3a@gmailto:kathyfm3a@gmailto:kathyfm3a@gmailto:kathyfm3a@gmailto:kathyfm3a@gmailto:kathyfm3a@gmailto:kathyfm3a@gmailto:kathyfm3a@gmailto:kathyfm3a@gmailto:kathyfm3a@gmailto:kathyfm3a@gmailto:kathyfm3a@gmailto:k

To: Info < Info@tceq.texas.gov >; Laurie Walston < Idwalston@hotmail.com >

Subject: Wolf Hollow Gas Plant Expansion

My husband Gary and I are residents of Hood County and are greatly concerned about the application for building an additional facility next to the existing Wolf Hollow I and II and the Bitcoin Mining facility. This area is rural with agriculture, ranching and homes. Nearby residents and livestock are suffering from a variety of pollutants including air, surface water, noxious fumes and noise. All our Hood County Commissioners and Granbury City Council members are opposed to this expansion as are most residents including ourselves. We do NOT want additional air pollutants that will violate Clean Air standards and impose additional restrictions for all Hood County residents. We moved out of the Dallas Ft Worth metroplex for these very reasons! Please reject this Application immediately. Thank you for your consideration.

Kathy and Gary Miller 2224 Vienna Drive Granbury, TX 76048

From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Monday, September 9, 2024 3:27 PM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-APD; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC

Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

From: nichols9932@charter.net < nichols9932@charter.net >

Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 3:24 PM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

**REGULATED ENTY NAME** WOLF HOLLOW II

RN NUMBER: RN108779729

**PERMIT NUMBER: 175173** 

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

**COUNTY: HOOD** 

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

**NAME:** William Nichols

EMAIL: nichols9932@charter.net

**COMPANY:** 

**ADDRESS:** 6512 COLONIAL DR GRANBURY TX 76049-4119

**PHONE:** 8172662210

FAX:

**COMMENTS:** Opposed! Environmental concerns, Health, Home/Property values

From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 2:36 PM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD

Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

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From: j9999961@gmail.com <j9999961@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 6:19 AM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

**REGULATED ENTY NAME WOLF HOLLOW!** 

RN NUMBER: RN108779729

**PERMIT NUMBER: 175173** 

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

**COUNTY: HOOD** 

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

NAME: MS Juan Rincon Juan Rincon Gonzalez, JR

EMAIL: j9999961@gmail.com

**COMPANY:** The.company

**ADDRESS:** 4065 W 106TH ST INGLEWOOD CA 90304-2017

PHONE: 2133794027

FAX:

**COMMENTS:** Opensource

#### **Vincent Redondo**

From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 5:27 PM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD

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From: CHESNEYSAMPSON@HOTMAIL.COM < CHESNEYSAMPSON@HOTMAIL.COM >

Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 8:24 PM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

**REGULATED ENTY NAME WOLF HOLLOW II** 

RN NUMBER: RN108779729

**PERMIT NUMBER: 175173** 

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

**COUNTY: HOOD** 

**PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC** 

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

**NAME: CHESNEY SAMPSON** 

EMAIL: CHESNEYSAMPSON@HOTMAIL.COM

**COMPANY:** 

ADDRESS: 2692 N FM 199 UNIT A4 Unit A4

CLEBURNE TX 76033-9459

PHONE: 2142298044

FAX:

**COMMENTS:** The noise from the bitcoin mine is already too loud and disturbs my family and we are MILES away from it. They should not be allowed to increase the noise pollution. They need to remedy the problem they've created.



# **TCEQ Registration Form**

September 9, 2024

# Wolf Hollow II Power, LLC Proposed Air Quality Permit Nos. 175173, PSDTX1636, & GHGPSDTX238

PLEASE PRINT
Name: Namette Samuelson
Mailing Address: 5802 Hangth (T
Physical Address (if different):
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**This information is subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act**  Email:
Phone Number: $(87)579-3300$
• Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group? Yes \( \text{No}\)  If yes, which one? \( \text{\text{\text{OU}}} \)
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# RESOLUTION

Declaring the harm to Hood County that would be caused with construction and operation of eight (8) additional natural gas-fired peaking combustion turbine generators at the existing Wolf Hollow II Power Plant in Hood County, Texas.

Whereas, Wolf Hollow II Power, LLC, 8787 Wolf Hollow Court, Granbury, TX 76048-7736 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of proposed State Air Quality Permit 175173, issuance of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permit PSDTX 1636, and issuance of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) PSD Air Quality Permit GHGPSDTX238 for emissions of GHGs, which would authorize construction of the Wolf Hollow II located at 8787 Wolf Hollow Court, Granbury, Hood County Texas 76048; and

Whereas, according to the executive director of TCEQ in a letter entitled "Combined Notice of Public Meeting and Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision for Air Quality Permits", dated July 30, 2024, "The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants in a significant amount: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less. In addition, the facility will emit the following air contaminants: hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds, sulfur dioxide, sulfur hexafluoride, and sulfuric acid mist. The proposed facility will also emit greenhouse gases"; and

Whereas, the increases in particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds, sulfur hexafluoride, sulfuric acid mist, and greenhouse gases may result in Hood County being included in the North Texas non-attainment area for ozone pollution. As of 2024, the Dallas-Fort Worth area has been re-classified from moderate to serious non-attainment, requiring more stringent emission control strategies; and

Whereas, a non-attainment area is a geographic region that fails to meet the national Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for one or more criteria pollutants, such as ozone, particulate matter, lead, carbon monoxide, sulfur oxides, and

nitrogen oxides. Being a non-attainment area affects existing local businesses by imposing stricter environmental regulations and increasing costs. Businesses planning to locate or expand in such areas must apply rigorous pollution controls and may need to obtain emission offset credits. This may lead to increased costs and potentially discourage new investments; and

Whereas, the fuel source for the eight (8) additional natural gas-fired peaking combustion turbine generators will be natural gas, which can contain mercury of up to 5mg/m³. Mercury has significant environmental impacts. It can contaminate ecosystems, posing risks to human and wildlife health through bioaccumulation in food chains. It is especially damaging in aquatic systems, where it converts to toxic methylmercury. Elemental mercury exposure through inhalation can lead to tremors, emotional changes, and neuromuscular issues. Inorganic mercury can cause kidney and gastrointestinal damage. Methylmercury usually enters humans through consumption of fish. It can cause neurological impairments, such as loss of peripheral vision, lack of coordination, and muscle weakness. It is especially harmful to developing fetuses, potentially leading to cognitive deficits and developmental problems in children. Wolf Hollow II is in close proximity to the Brazos River, Squaw Creek Reservoir, and Lake Granbury; and

Whereas, on May 1, 2024, the Hood County Clean Air Coalition Executive Board sent a letter (EXHIBIT "A") to TCEQ voicing concern regarding the issuance of the proposed air quality Permit Numbers 175173, GHGPSDTX238, and PSDTX1636 for Wolf Hollow II Power, LLC and the potential impact on the region that is already struggling to meet the ozone standards further threatening the health of Hood County residents and their environment; and

Whereas, Hood County Commissioners' Court is concerned that the emissions resulting from this project will be detrimental to the air quality in Hood County, impact the well-being of our citizens as well as be detrimental to economic growth of Hood County and surrounding communities.

### Now, LET IT BE HEREBY RESOLVED,

That Hood County Commissioners' Court urges TCEQ to deny issuance of proposed State Air Quality Permit 175173, issuance of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permit PSDTX 1636, and issuance of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) PSD Air Quality Permit GHGPSDTX238 for emissions of GHGs; and

That this Resolution will be mailed to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality office of the Chief Clerk, PO BOX 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, the office of Senator Birdwell and Representative Slawson and the Hood County News.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of August, 2024.

Ron Massingill, Hood County Judge

Kevin Andrews, Commissioner Pct. 1

Jack Wilson, Commissioner Pct. 3

Christine C. Leftwich, County Clerk

Attest

Nannette Samuelson, Commissioner Pct. 2

Dave Eagle, Commissioner P



Hood County Clean Air Coalition P.O. Box 743 220 North Travis Street Granbury, Texas 76048 Phone 817-573-7275

May 1, 2024

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of Chief Clerk P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Hood County Clean Air Coalition wishes to offer this letter to identify our concerns associated with the proposed air quality Permit Numbers 175173, GHGPSDTX238, and PSDTX1636 for Wolf Hollow II Power, LLC. These permits would authorize construction of eight new natural gas-fired peaking combustion turbine generators at the Wolf Hollow II Power Plant in Granbury, Texas. While this project proposes to use dry low NOx burners to help control NOx emissions, the increase in NOx emissions and VOC emissions will be substantial for the county. As NOx and VOC emissions are precursors to ozone formation, this causes great concern for us regarding keeping the county in attainment status for the EPA ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The local monitor in Hood County had a design value over the EPA 2015 NAAQS for 2023 and had high ozone readings in 2022. Additionally, the increases in emissions related to particulate matter, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and greenhouse gases are also concerning, especially with the recent strengthening of the PM2.5 standard. There are additional concerns for the North Texas region as the DFW nonattainment area has struggled to meet the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards and now faces the possibility of new nonattainment designations for the strengthened PM2.5 standard.

The Hood County Clean Air Coalition is a proactive organization comprised of businesses, schools, local government, and citizens whose goal is to promote clean air in Hood County. While the control efforts for the proposed new power plant are appreciated, the increases in emissions that will result from this project will likely be detrimental to the air quality for Hood County and the DFW region. Additional control measures may be beneficial to further reduce the emissions that will likely result in increased ozone formation in a region already struggling to



meet the ozone standards further threatening the health of Hood County residents and their environment. Thank you for the opportunity to offer our concerns regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Hood County Clean Air Coalition Executive Board

Mark Franco, Chairman

Hood County Clean Air Coalition

Ron Massingill, Hood County Judge

John Campbell, Diamond C

Brian Caruthers, Granbury ISD

Jim Jarratt, Mayor of Granbury

Lisa Clement, City of Cresson

Council Member

e Drew, Vista Minerals

Chuck Licata City of Granbury

#### **Christina Bourque**

From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Friday, March 22, 2024 5:06 PM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD

Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

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From: Nsamuelson@co.hood.tx.us <Nsamuelson@co.hood.tx.us>

Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 8:50 AM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

**REGULATED ENTY NAME WOLF HOLLOW II** 

RN NUMBER: RN108779729

**PERMIT NUMBER: 175173** 

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

**COUNTY: HOOD** 

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER: CN604679639** 

NAME: MS Nannette Samuelson

EMAIL: Nsamuelson@co.hood.tx.us

**COMPANY:** Hood County Commissioner Pct 2

ADDRESS: 5417 ACTON HWY 106

GRANBURY TX 76049-2994

**PHONE:** 8177713571

FAX:

**COMMENTS:** I am requesting a public meeting for Wolf Hollow II Power LLC permit # 175173.

#### **Christina Bourque**

From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Friday, March 22, 2024 5:06 PM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD

Subject:

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From: Nsamuelson@co.hood.tx.us <Nsamuelson@co.hood.tx.us>

Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 8:50 AM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

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PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER: CN604679639** 

NAME: MS Nannette Samuelson

EMAIL: Nsamuelson@co.hood.tx.us

**COMPANY:** Hood County Commissioner Pct 2

**ADDRESS: 5417 ACTON HWY 106** 

GRANBURY TX 76049-2994

PHONE: 8177713571

FAX:

**COMMENTS:** I am requesting a public meeting for Wolf Hollow II Power LLC permit # 175173.

March 20, 2024

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality
Office of the Chief Clerk
MC – 105
PO Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Requested Permits:

Permit 175173 Permit PSDTX 1636

Permit GHGPSDTX 238

#### Dear TCEQ:

The Mitchell Bend Community and other areas in Precinct 2 of Hood County request a public hearing as to the issuance of permits allowing construction at 8787 Wolf Hollow Court. There are concerns about the construction of an additional generating plant at the Wolf Hollow complex. At present, there is Wolf Hollow I, Wolf Hollow II, and a Bitcoin mining operation owned by Marathon Digital. The residents in this part of Hood County have become sick ranging from hearing loss to hypertension and cardiac events that have required hospitalization. Effective resolution of this issue has been lacking.

Residents are concerned about the combined emissions from the three facilities in close proximity to one another that include products of incomplete combustion, dioxins, furans, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, sulfur hexafluoride, sulfuric acid mist, and particulates. During each quarter of 2023, violations were documented at the Wolf Hollow II complex. Residents do not have trust in operators at Wolf Hollow due to refusal to act on long standing noise that has caused health issues and violations documented by TCEQ. This warranted mistrust results in suspicion about any new pollution generating facility.

#### Residents request the following:

Stack test measurements for Wolf Hollow I and Wolf Hollow II since inception.

Readings from continuous emission monitoring for Wolf Hollow I and Wolf Hollow II.

Projected increase in emissions from the proposed project.

Dispersion modeling of emissions for existing Wolf Hollow I and Wolf Hollow II combined. Dispersion modeling for existing Wolf Hollow I and Wolf Hollow II and proposed project combined.

Combustion temperature ranges of existing and proposed equipment.

Answers as to whether stack heights are adequate.

Test protocols and sampling of incoming combustion streams.

Are emissions being filtered/scrubbed?

The main purpose of this letter is to request a public meeting so that TCEQ and the applicant can provide residents a forum for their concerns and questions.

Thank-you.

John W. Highsmith <a href="mailto:ihcurbman@gmail.com">ihcurbman@gmail.com</a>
9712 Bellechase Road Granbury, Texas 76049
832 335-9365

#### Jennifer Cox

From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Thursday, September 12, 2024 8:34 AM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-APD; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC

Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number PSDTX1636

From: concernedcitizensofnavarro@gmail.com <concernedcitizensofnavarro@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 4:23 PM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

Subject: Public comment on Permit Number PSDTX1636

**REGULATED ENTY NAME** WOLF HOLLOW II

RN NUMBER: RN108779729

**PERMIT NUMBER: PSDTX1636** 

DOCKET NUMBER:

**COUNTY: HOOD** 

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

NAME: MRS Jacqulyne Cleo Sawicky

EMAIL: concernedcitizensofnavarro@gmail.com

**COMPANY:** Texas Coalition Against Cryptomining

**ADDRESS: 818 SE COUNTY ROAD 2260** 

CORSICANA TX 75109-0629

**PHONE:** 2146849809

FAX:

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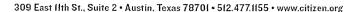
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The design value is calculated by averaging three years of weighted annual means.

At the Dallas Hinton (481130069) site, we have three monitors with data sufficient to calculate design values for the period 2021-2023. They are:

Monitor 1: 8.5 μg/m³
 Monitor 2: 8.6 μg/m³
 Monitor 4: 10.3 μg/m³





At the Convention Center (481130050) site, the most recent calculable design value is at monitor no. 5 for the period 2020-2022, which has a design value of 9.2  $\mu$ g/m³. Monitor No. 3 has been in operation for only two years and has a two-year average of 10.4  $\mu$ g/m³.

Granted, these monitors are in metropolitan Dallas approximately 50 miles from Granbury. But there are no closer PM2.5 monitors. Note also that some of this data (marked with an asterisk in the tables above) did not meet EPA's data completeness requirements. This affects their use for regulatory purposes, but they can still serve our purpose of using the best available data to inform us about the potential design value in Granbury.

We admit the paucity of nearby data, but this only increases the burden on the permit applicant to demonstrate the validity of their available increment calculation. The permit application must show why the available increment is so much lower than that of the closest available data. To reiterate, an available increment of 4.0  $\mu$ g/m³ for the annual NAAQS suggests background of no more than 5.0  $\mu$ g/m³. The closest monitors show significantly more pollution.

### The existence of other polluting facilities suggests this community should not face additional pollution.

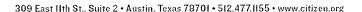
Granbury is already home to the Wolf Hollow gas-fired power plant and the Marathon Digital bitcoin mine. The mine especially has been the subject of national attention due to severe health and quality of life impacts to neighbors.<sup>2</sup>

Residents are quite concerned that this proposal could be a back door to more electricity availability for the neighboring Marathon Digital bitcoin mine. Right now Marathon Digital has a behind-the-meter power purchase agreement with Wolf Hollow. Although the proposal is for a "peaker plant" that will only operate when demand is high, residents believe this could change. Once the plant is built, the financial incentive could become for it to run more hours of the year. This incentive might be stronger with a neighboring source of demand, the bitcoin mine, that is also a lessor of land from the company operating the power plant. The bitcoin mine in turn might have an incentive to expand due to the availability of additional power.

We have repeatedly suggested that individual permit applications cannot be considered in a vacuum. The Commission claims that because it "does not do siting" that it cannot consider local community context when issuing a permit.<sup>3</sup> But the policy and purpose of the Texas Clean Air Act plainly states that:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See, e.g. <u>https://time.com/6982015/bitcoin-mining-texas-health/</u>, <u>https://time.com/6982015/bitcoin-mining-texas-health/</u>, <u>https://time.com/6982015/bitcoin-mining-texas-health/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The agency would assert that existing permitting procedures do account for community context and cumulative impacts. We disagree.





The policy of this state and the purpose of this chapter are to safeguard the state's air resources from pollution by controlling or abating air pollution and emissions of air contaminants, consistent with the protection of public health, general welfare, and physical property, including the esthetic enjoyment of air resources by the public and the maintenance of adequate visibility.

Health and Safety Code § 382.002(a). It seems plain from this intent that the Commissioners have authority to reject a permit that contravenes the intent of the Act. We believe this is one such permit and we urge the Commissioners to reject it on those grounds.

### A new peaker plant must stay under 40% capacity factor if it is not going to comply with the new EPA rule to limit greenhouse gas pollution from new gas plants.

The new EPA rule for Carbon Pollution Standards for Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Plants will not apply to a peaker plant that operates under a 40% capacity factor.<sup>4</sup> We are concerned that, once this plant is built and operating, it will have an incentive to extend its hours of operation. If this happens, the plant could go above the 40% capacity factor and have to comply with the new greenhouse gas pollution limits for gas plants.

It is unclear to us who will monitor this facility to determine whether and when it goes above that 40% capacity factor. This should be done at the local, state, and national level in order to ensure that this plant never operates improperly without the required greenhouse gas pollution limits.

# <u>Demographic and pollution data shows a vulnerable community that should not face additional pollution.</u>

Using the EPA's Environmental Justice Screening Tool, EJSCREEN, we see a demographic profile of a potentially vulnerable community.<sup>5</sup> Within one mile of the existing footprint of Wolf Hollow, we see:

- 691 people in 189 households.
- 13% low income.
- 46% Hispanic.
- 32% with less than a high school education.
- \$31,776 per capita income.
- 42% aged 18 or less.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/cps-111-fact-sheet-overview.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See attached EJSCREEN reports based on a one mile buffer around the facility.



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The EJ Indices for this community put it at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile nationwide for fine particulate matter (PM2.5) pollution and 58<sup>th</sup> percentile nationwide for ozone pollution. This is a community that is already bearing more than its fair share of air pollution.

Alarmingly, the community is in the 81<sup>st</sup> state percentile and 83<sup>rd</sup> nationwide percentile for drinking water noncompliance. Whatever the cause of this, the additional water demand of a new gas plant may be more than this community can endure.

### There are serious questions about whether physical posting of notice occurred at the proposed location.

Although this is hearsay on our part, we have heard serious questions raised about whether adequate notice signage was placed at the physical location of the proposed facility. Physical notice posting is an essential element of the public notice procedures.

Unless the applicant can demonstrate to the public and the TCEQ's satisfaction that notice was timely posted at the physical location, then the process should restart with proper notice posting.

#### Conclusion

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments. If you wish to discuss the issues raised, please contact Adrian Shelley at ashelley @citizen.org, 512-477-1155.

Respectfully,

Adrian Shelley

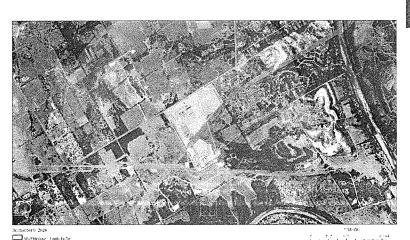
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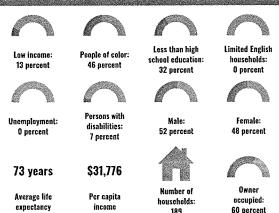
This report provides environmental and socioeconomic information for user-defined areas, and combines that data into environmental justice and supplemental indexes.

### Wolf Hollow - 1 mile buffer



1 mile Ring around the Area Population: 691 Area in square miles: 5.29

#### COMMUNITY INFORMATION



#### LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME

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LANGUAGE	PERCENT
English	74%
Spanish	24%
German or other West Germanic	1%
Total Non-English	26%

#### BREAKDOWN BY RACE

Hawaiian/Pa		Other ra	ice: 0%	Two or races		Hispan	ic: 46%
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From Ages 1 to 4	4%
From Ages 1 to 18	38%
From Ages 18 and up	62%
From Ages 65 and up	9%

#### LIMITED ENGLISH SPEAKING BREAKDOWN

Speak Spanish	0%
Speak Other Indo-European Languages	0%
Speak Asian-Pacific Island Languages	0%
Speak Other Languages	0%

Notes: Numbers may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be of any race. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2018-2022. Life expectancy data comes from the Centers for Disease Control.

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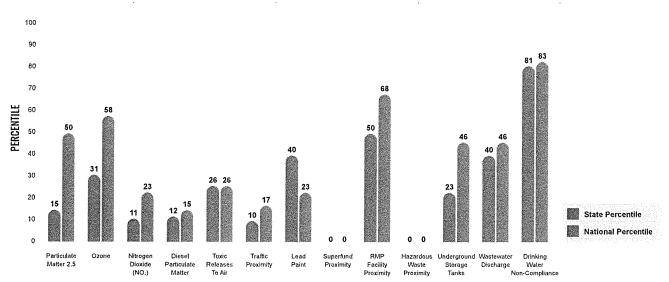
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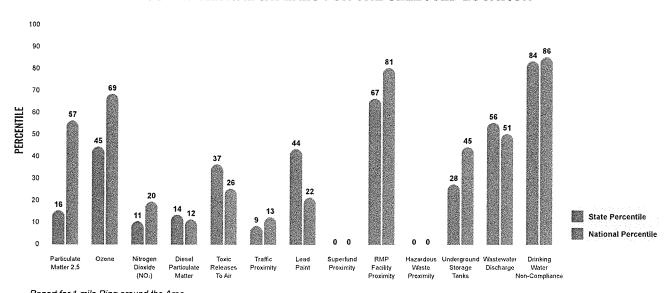
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#### SUPPLEMENTAL INDEXES

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### EJScreen Environmental and Socioeconomic Indicators Data

SELECTED VARIABLES	WALUE	STATE AVERAGE	PERCENTILE IN STATE	USA AVERAGE	PERCENTILE INUSA
ENVIRONMENTAL BURDEN INDICATORS					
Particulate Matter 2.5 (µg/m³)	8.05	8.86	15	8.45	46
Ozone (ppb)	61.8	63	34	61.8	56
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> ) (ppbv)	4,2	9.5	9 .	7.8	15
Diesel Particulate Matter (µg/m³)	0.0568	0.151	12	0.191	10
Toxic Releases to Air (toxicity-weighted concentration)	67	12,000	28	4,600	20
Traffic Proximity (daily traffic count/distance to road)	45,000	1,000,000	8	1,700,000	11
Lead Paint (% Pre-1960 Housing)	0.011	0.16	35	0.3	16
Superfund Proximity (site count/km distance)	0	0.11	0	0.39	0
RMP Facility Proximity (facility count/km distance)	0.97	0.95	64	0.57	80
Hazardous Waste Proximity (facility count/km distance)	0	1.5	0	3.5	0
Underground Storage Tanks (count/km²)	0.12	2.3	20	3.6	34
Wastewater Discharge (toxicity-weighted concentration/m distance)	16	3800	46	700000	40
Drinking Water Non-Compliance (points)	0.9	2.3	80	2.2	77
SOCIOECONOMIC INDICATORS					
Demographic Index USA	1.05	N/A	N/A	1.34	44
Supplemental Demographic Index USA	1.77	N/A	N/A	1.64	63
Demographic Index State	1.07	1.72	27	N/A	N/A
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People of Color	46%	58%	37	40%	63
Low Income	13%	34%	22	30%	24
Unemployment Rate	0%	5%	0	6%	0
Limited English Speaking Households	0%	8%	0	5%	0
Less Than High School Education	32%	16%	83	11%	93
Under Age 5	4%	6%	40	5%	46
Over Age 64	9%	15%	33	18%	21

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Hazardous Waste, Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities	0
Water Dischargers	6
Air Pollution	4
Brownfields	0
Toxic Release Inventory	0

#### Other community features within defined area:

Schools	0
Hospitals	0
Places of Worship	2

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Air Non-attainment	No
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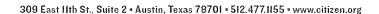
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The design value is calculated by averaging three years of weighted annual means.

At the Dallas Hinton (481130069) site, we have three monitors with data sufficient to calculate design values for the period 2021-2023. They are:

Monitor 1: 8.5 μg/m³
 Monitor 2: 8.6 μg/m³
 Monitor 4: 10.3 μg/m³



At the Convention Center (481130050) site, the most recent calculable design value is at monitor no. 5 for the period 2020-2022, which has a design value of 9.2  $\mu$ g/m³. Monitor No. 3 has been in operation for only two years and has a two-year average of 10.4  $\mu$ g/m³.

Granted, these monitors are in metropolitan Dallas approximately 50 miles from Granbury. But there are no closer PM2.5 monitors. Note also that some of this data (marked with an asterisk in the tables above) did not meet EPA's data completeness requirements. This affects their use for regulatory purposes, but they can still serve our purpose of using the best available data to inform us about the potential design value in Granbury.

We admit the paucity of nearby data, but this only increases the burden on the permit applicant to demonstrate the validity of their available increment calculation. The permit application must show why the available increment is so much lower than that of the closest available data. To reiterate, an available increment of  $4.0~\mu\text{g/m}^3$  for the annual NAAQS suggests background of no more than  $5.0~\mu\text{g/m}^3$ . The closest monitors show significantly more pollution.

# The existence of other polluting facilities suggests this community should not face additional pollution.

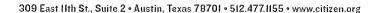
Granbury is already home to the Wolf Hollow gas-fired power plant and the Marathon Digital bitcoin mine. The mine especially has been the subject of national attention due to severe health and quality of life impacts to neighbors.<sup>2</sup>

Residents are quite concerned that this proposal could be a back door to more electricity availability for the neighboring Marathon Digital bitcoin mine. Right now Marathon Digital has a behind-the-meter power purchase agreement with Wolf Hollow. Although the proposal is for a "peaker plant" that will only operate when demand is high, residents believe this could change. Once the plant is built, the financial incentive could become for it to run more hours of the year. This incentive might be stronger with a neighboring source of demand, the bitcoin mine, that is also a lessor of land from the company operating the power plant. The bitcoin mine in turn might have an incentive to expand due to the availability of additional power.

We have repeatedly suggested that individual permit applications cannot be considered in a vacuum. The Commission claims that because it "does not do siting" that it cannot consider local community context when issuing a permit.<sup>3</sup> But the policy and purpose of the Texas Clean Air Act plainly states that:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See, e.g. <u>https://time.com/6982015/bitcoin-mining-texas-health/, https://time.com/6982015/bitcoin-mining-texas-health/, https://time.com/6982015/bitcoin-mining-texas-healt</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The agency would assert that existing permitting procedures do account for community context and cumulative impacts. We disagree.





The policy of this state and the purpose of this chapter are to safeguard the state's air resources from pollution by controlling or abating air pollution and emissions of air contaminants, consistent with the protection of public health, general welfare, and physical property, including the esthetic enjoyment of air resources by the public and the maintenance of adequate visibility.

Health and Safety Code § 382.002(a). It seems plain from this intent that the Commissioners have authority to reject a permit that contravenes the intent of the Act. We believe this is one such permit and we urge the Commissioners to reject it on those grounds.

# A new peaker plant must stay under 40% capacity factor if it is not going to comply with the new EPA rule to limit greenhouse gas pollution from new gas plants.

The new EPA rule for Carbon Pollution Standards for Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Plants will not apply to a peaker plant that operates under a 40% capacity factor. We are concerned that, once this plant is built and operating, it will have an incentive to extend its hours of operation. If this happens, the plant could go above the 40% capacity factor and have to comply with the new greenhouse gas pollution limits for gas plants.

It is unclear to us who will monitor this facility to determine whether and when it goes above that 40% capacity factor. This should be done at the local, state, and national level in order to ensure that this plant never operates improperly without the required greenhouse gas pollution limits.

# <u>Demographic and pollution data shows a vulnerable community that should not face</u> additional pollution.

Using the EPA's Environmental Justice Screening Tool, EJSCREEN, we see a demographic profile of a potentially vulnerable community. Within one mile of the existing footprint of Wolf Hollow, we see:

- 691 people in 189 households.
- 13% low income.
- 46% Hispanic.
- 32% with less than a high school education.
- \$31,776 per capita income.
- 42% aged 18 or less.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See <a href="https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/cps-111-fact-sheet-overview.pdf">https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/cps-111-fact-sheet-overview.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See attached EJSCREEN reports based on a one mile buffer around the facility.



The EJ Indices for this community put it at the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile nationwide for fine particulate matter (PM2.5) pollution and 58<sup>th</sup> percentile nationwide for ozone pollution. This is a community that is already bearing more than its fair share of air pollution.

Alarmingly, the community is in the 81<sup>st</sup> state percentile and 83<sup>rd</sup> nationwide percentile for drinking water noncompliance. Whatever the cause of this, the additional water demand of a new gas plant may be more than this community can endure.

# There are serious questions about whether physical posting of notice occurred at the proposed location.

Although this is hearsay on our part, we have heard serious questions raised about whether adequate notice signage was placed at the physical location of the proposed facility. Physical notice posting is an essential element of the public notice procedures.

Unless the applicant can demonstrate to the public and the TCEQ's satisfaction that notice was timely posted at the physical location, then the process should restart with proper notice posting.

#### Conclusion

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments. If you wish to discuss the issues raised, please contact Adrian Shelley at <u>ashelley@citizen.org</u>, 512-477-1155.

Respectfully,

Adrian Shelley

Texas Director, Public Citizen



# **EJScreen Community Report**

This report provides environmental and socioeconomic information for user-defined areas, and combines that data into environmental justice and supplemental indexes.

### Wolf Hollow - 1 mile buffer



1 mile Ring around the Area Population: 691 Area in square miles: 5.29

#### COMMUNITY INFORMATION



People of color:

school education: 32 percent

Less than high

Persons with Male: disabilities: 52 percent 7 percent

\$31,776

households: 189

Limited English households: O percent

48 percent

occupied: 60 percent

#### LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME

LANGUAGE	PERGENT
English	74%
Spanish	24%
German or other West Germanic	1%
Total Non-English	26%

#### **BREAKDOWN BY RACE**



Unemployment:

0 percent

73 years Average life

expectancy

Hawaiian/Pacific

Islander: 0%

Black: 0%

Other race: 0%

Per capita

American Indian: 0%

Two or more races: 0%

Asian: 0%

Hispanic: 46%

#### **BREAKDOWN BY AGE**

From Ages 1 to 4	4%
From Ages 1 to 18	38%
From Ages 18 and up	62%
From Ages 65 and up	9%

#### LIMITED ENGLISH SPEAKING BREAKDOWN

Speak Spanish	0%
Speak Other Indo-European Languages	0%
Speak Asian-Pacific Island Languages	0%
Speak Other Languages	0%

Notes: Numbers may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be of any race. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2018-2022. Life expectancy data comes from the Centers for Disease Control.

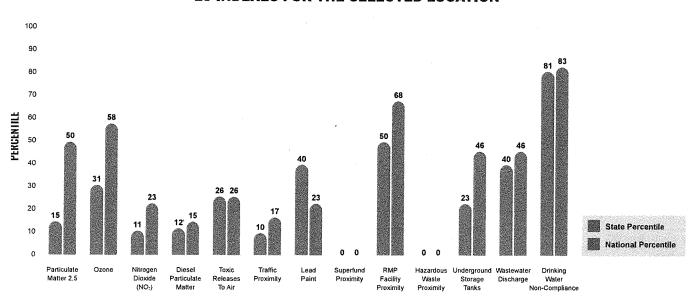
### **Environmental Justice & Supplemental Indexes**

The environmental justice and supplemental indexes are a combination of environmental and socioeconomic information. There are thirteen EJ indexes and supplemental indexes in EJScreen reflecting the 13 environmental indicators. The indexes for a selected area are compared to those for all other locations in the state or nation. For more information and calculation details on the EJ and supplemental indexes, please visit the EJScreen website.

#### **EJ INDEXES**

The EJ indexes help users screen for potential EJ concerns. To do this, the EJ index combines data on low income and people of color populations with a single environmental indicator.

#### **EJ INDEXES FOR THE SELECTED LOCATION**

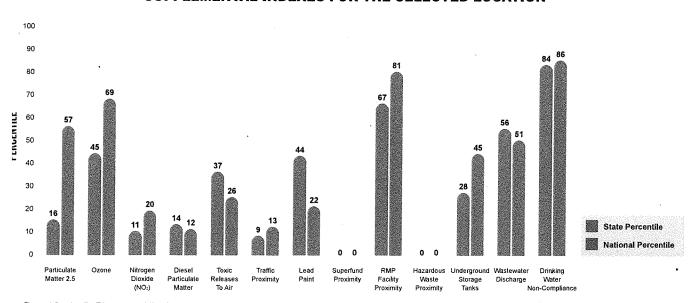


#### SUPPLEMENTAL INDEXES

The supplemental indexes offer a different perspective on community-level vulnerability. They combine data on percent low income, percent persons with disabilities, percent less than high school education, percent limited English speaking, and percent low life expectancy with a single environmental indicator.

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#### SUPPLEMENTAL INDEXES FOR THE SELECTED LOCATION



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### EJScreen Environmental and Socioeconomic Indicators Data

SELECTED VARIABLES	VALUE	STATE AVERAGE	PERCENTILE IN STATE	USA AVERAGE	PERCENTILE IN USA
ENVIRONMENTAL BURDEN INDICATORS					
Particulate Matter 2.5 (µg/m³)	8.05	8.86	15	8.45	46
Ozone (ppb)	61.8	63	34	61.8	56
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> ) (ppbv)	4.2	9.5	9	7.8	15
Diesel Particulate Matter (µg/m³)	0.0568	0.151	12	0.191	10
Toxic Releases to Air (toxicity-weighted concentration)	67	12,000	28	4,600	20
Traffic Proximity (daily traffic count/distance to road)	45,000	1,000,000	8	1,700,000	- 11
Lead Paint (% Pre-1960 Housing)	0.011	0.16	35	0.3	16
Superfund Proximity (site count/km distance)	. 0	0.11	0	0.39	0
RMP Facility Proximity (facility count/km distance)	0.97	0.95	64	0.57	80 -
Hazardous Waste Proximity (facility count/km distance)	0	1.5	0	3.5	0
Underground Storage Tanks (count/km²)	0.12	2.3	20	3.6	34
Wastewater Discharge (toxicity-weighted concentration/m distance)	16	3800	46	700000	40
Drinking Water Non-Compliance (points)	0.9	2.3	80	2.2	77
SOCIOECONOMIC INDICATORS					
Demographic Index USA	1.05	N/A	N/A	1.34	44
Supplemental Demographic Index USA	1.77	N/A	N/A	1.64	63
Demographic Index State	1.07	1.72	27	N/A	N/A
Supplemental Demographic Index State	1.46	1.49	52	N/A	N/A
People of Color	46%	58%	37	40%	63
Low Income	13%	34%	22	30%	24
Unemployment Rate	0%	5%	0	6%	0
Limited English Speaking Households	0%	8%	0	5%	0
Less Than High School Education	32%	16%	83	11%	93
Under Age 5	4%	6%	40	5%	46,
Over Age 64	9%	15%	33	18%	21

<sup>\*</sup>Diesel particulate matter index is from the EPAs Air Toxics Data Update, which is the Agency's ongoing, comprehensive evaluation of air toxics in the United States. This effort aims to prioritize air toxics, emission sources, and locations of interest for further study. It is important to remember that the air toxics data-presented here provide broad estimates of health risks over geographic areas of the country, not definitive risks to specific individuals for locations. More information on the Air Toxics Data Update can be under a control of the country and activities of the country and activitie

#### Sites reporting to EPA within defined area:

Superfund	0
Hazardous Waste, Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities	
Water Dischargers	6
Air Pollution	4
Brownfields	0
Toxic Release Inventory	0

#### Other community features within defined area:

Schools	)
Hospitals	0
Places of Worship	2

#### Other environmental data:

Air Non-attainment	No
Impaired Matera	Vac

Selected location contains American Indian Reservation Lands*	No
Selected location contains a "Justice40 (CEJST)" disadvantaged community	No
Selected location contains an EPA IRA disadvantaged community	No

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### **EJScreen Environmental and Socioeconomic Indicators Data**

HEALTH INDICATORS						
INDICATOR	VALUE	STATE AVERAGE	STATE PERCENTILE	US AVERAGE	US PERCENTILE	
Low Life Expectancy	25%	20%	92	20%	90	
Heart Disease	7.6	5.4	87	5.8	84	
Asthma	9.9	9.8	57	10.3	40	
Cancer	7.9	5.5	91	6.4	81	
Persons with Disabilities	6.5%	12.6%	<sup>*</sup> 14	13.7%	9	

CLIMATE INDICATORS							
INDICATOR VALUE STATE AVERAGE STATE PERCENTILE US AVERAGE US PERCENTILE							
Flood Risk	15%	10%	83	12%	78		
Wildfire Risk	72%	30%	74	14%	88		

CRITICAL SERVICE GAPS						
INDICATOR	VALUE	STATE AVERAGE	STATE PERCENTILE	US AVERAGE	US PERCENTILE	
Broadband Internet	24%	13%	80	13%	84	
Lack of Health Insurance	30%	18%	86	9%	98	
Housing Burden	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Transportation Access Burden	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Food Desert	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

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### **EJSCREEN ACS Summary Report**



Location: User-specified polygonal location

Ring (buffer): 1-miles radius

Description: Wolf Hollow - 1 mile buffer

Summary of ACS Estimates		on de la compania de	2018 - 2022
Population			691
Population Density (per sq. mile)			139
People of Color Population			319
% People of Color Population			46%
Households			189
Housing Units			230
Housing Units Built Before 1950			3
Per Capita Income		*	31,776
Land Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)			4.97
% Land Area			99%
Water Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)			0.04
% Water Area			1%
	2018 - 2022 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
Population by Race			
Total	691	100%	906
Population Reporting One Race	389	56%	628
White	388	56%	554
Black	0	0%	15
American Indian	0	0%	15
Asian	1	0%	14
Pacific Islander	0	0%	15
Some Other Race	0	0%	15
Population Reporting Two or More Races	302	44%	692
Total Hispanic Population	315	46%	699
Total Non-Hispanic Population	376		
White Alone	372	54%	528
Black Alone	0	0%	15
American Indian Alone	0	0%	15
Non-Hispanic Asian Alone	1	0%	14
Pacific Islander Alone	0 .	0%	15
Other Race Alone	0	0%	15
Two or More Races Alone	3	0%	41
Population by Sex			
Male	360	52%	591
Female	331	48%	493
Population by Age			
Age 0-4	30	4%	114
Age 0-17	266	38%	390
Age 18+	425	62%	365
Age 65+	63	9%	138

**Data Note:** Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be of any race. N/A means not available. **Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2018 - 2022.



### **EJSCREEN ACS Summary Report**



Location: User-specified polygonal location

Ring (buffer): 1-miles radius

Description: Wolf Hollow - 1 mile buffer

	2018 - 2022 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
Population 25+ by Educational Attainment			
Total	359	100%	409
Less than 9th Grade	64	18%	189
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	50	14%	145
High School Graduate	115	32%	194
Some College, No Degree	58	16%	127
Associate Degree	22 22 22 22 23 24 24 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25	6%	72
Bachelor's Degree or more	51	14%	99
Population Age 5+ Years by Ability to Speak English Total	661	100%	882
Speak only English		51%	393
Non-English at Home <sup>1+2+3+4</sup>	326	49%	520
<sup>1</sup> Speak English "very well"	223	34%	360
<sup>2</sup> Speak English "well"	6 - 4	1%	62
<sup>3</sup> Speak English "not well"	97.	15%	257
⁴Speak English "not at all"	0	0%	52
3+4Speak English "less than well"	97	15%	262
2+3+4Speak English "less than very well"	103	16%	269
Limited English Speaking Households*		1070	200
Total	0	0%	30
Speak Spanish		0%	15
Speak Other Indo-European Languages	0	0%	15
Speak Asian-Pacific Island Languages		0%	15
Speak Other Languages	0	0%	15
Households by Household Income			
Household Income Base	189	100%	210
< \$15,000	27	14%	83
\$15,000 - \$25,000	0	0%	21
\$25,000 - \$50,000	11	6%	57
\$50,000 - \$75,000	23	12%	76
\$75,000 +	128	68%	234
Occupied Housing Units by Tenure			
Total	189	100%	210
Owner Occupied	113	60%	176
Renter Occupied	76	40%	174
Employed Population Age 16+ Years			
<b>Total</b>	473	100%	573
In Labor Force	281	59%	423
Civilian Unemployed in Labor Force	0	0%	15
Not In Labor Force	192	41%	288

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\*Households in which no one 14 and over speaks English "very well" or speaks English only.



### **EJSCREEN ACS Summary Report**



Location: User-specified polygonal location

Ring (buffer): 1-miles radius

Description: Wolf Hollow - 1 mile buffer

	2018 - 2022 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
Population by Language Spoken at Home*			
Total (persons age 5 and above)	1,366	100%	814
English	1,012	74%	480
Spanish	331	24%	701
French, Haitian, or Cajun	0	0%	15
German or other West Germanic	12	1%	42
Russian, Polish, or Other Slavic	0	0%	15
Other Indo-European	6	0%	28
Korean	0	0%	15
Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese)	0	0%	15
Vietnamese	. 0	0%	15
Tagalog (including Filipino)	0	0%	15
Other Asian and Pacific Island	6	0%	22
Arabic	0	0%	15
Other and Unspecified	0	0%	15
Total Non-English	354	26%	945

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**COUNTY: HOOD** 

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

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Sent:

Friday, September 6, 2024 1:27 PM

To:

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Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

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From: appruett@gmail.com <appruett@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2024 8:55 PM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

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September 9, 2024

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Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:23 AM

To:

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Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number GHGPSDTX238

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From: miketaborstudio@gmail.com <miketaborstudio@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 5:43 PM

**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov> **Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number GHGPSDTX238

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**PERMIT NUMBER: GHGPSDTX238** 

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 

**COUNTY: HOOD** 

PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

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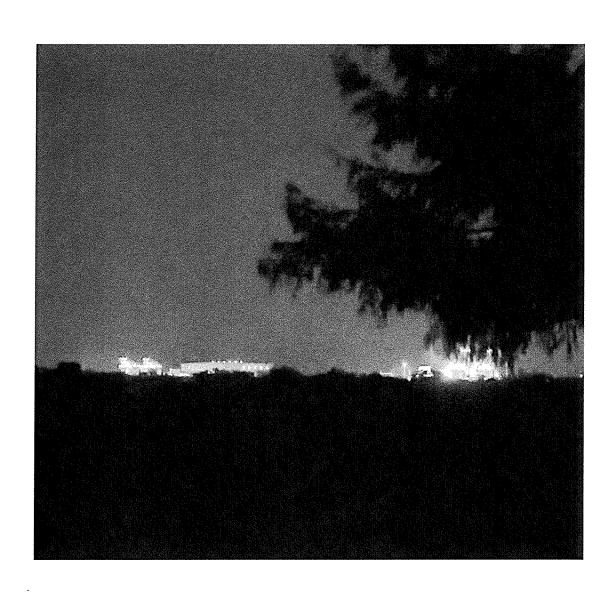
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Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number PSDTX1636

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Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 5:42 PM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

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**PERMIT NUMBER: PSDTX1636** 

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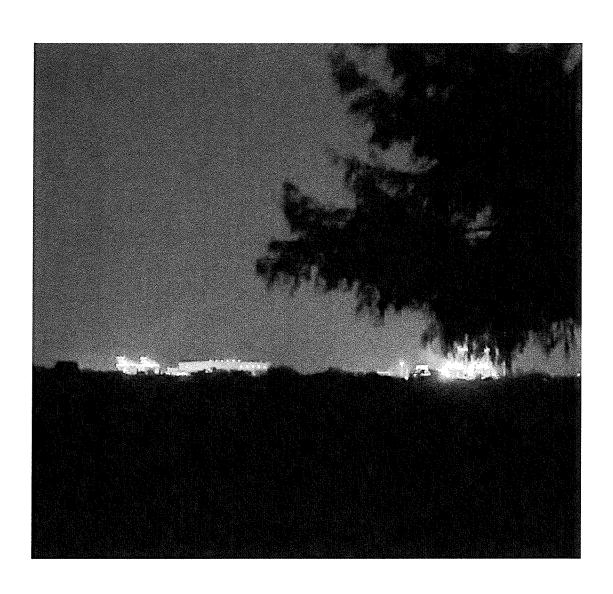
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Monday, September 9, 2024 12:58 PM

To:

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Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number 175173

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From: kiowa155@outlook.com <kiowa155@outlook.com>

Sent: Saturday, September 7, 2024 10:58 AM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC < PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>

**Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number 175173

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PRINCIPAL NAME: WOLF HOLLOW II POWER LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN604679639

NAME: Robert Taber

EMAIL: kiowa155@outlook.com

COMPANY:

**ADDRESS: 9500 BELLECHASE RD** 

GRANBURY TX 76049-4433

**PHONE:** 5125544718

FAX:

**COMMENTS:** Please see attached letter.

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality

Office of the Chief Clerk

MC - 105

PO Box 13087

Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Re: Permit Numbers 175173, PSDTX1636, and GHGPSDTX238

Dear TCEQ:

I am opposed to TECQ granting of the subject permits to pollute for Wolf Hollow II. I am the President of the Board of Directors of a property owners association in Hood County, Texas comprising of approximately 8,000 residents that is expected to grow to 11,000 by the end of 2028. I am very concerned about the potential negative impact for these residents and scores of additional neighbors in Hood County.

Your letter of July 30, 2024, notes the proposed facility will emit significant amounts of various air contaminants and toxic particulates considered harmful to human health. Why in the world would you do that? Further, why would you do that so close to a vulnerable population. Your letter also highlights that the proposed facility will emit pollutants, organic compounds, sulfur dioxide and other harmful gases that will not have any negative effect on soils or vegetation. But what about the human factor here, and other living organisms? Do you have substantial scientific evidence that proves increased volumes of compounds previously noted will not harm people or other living organisms? Have you considered the combined negative impact of the proposed facility in addition to those already existing? I am concerned you are looking to make a decision based on a singular focus vs. a comprehensive environmental assessment and the potential for unintended consequences.

The eight open-cycle gas turbines that are in the permit for Wolf Hollow II are known to be less efficient than the existing combined-cycle turbines. They are more prone to emissions because exhaust gases are released directly into the atmosphere without utilizing waste heat, thereby leading to higher emissions of pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen oxides. Has TCEQ factored in the lower efficiency (and higher pollutants) of these units?

It is frustrating to learn about the horrific sounds and noise pollution our friends and neighbors who live much closer to the Wolf Hollow site have been experiencing for some time now. I am confident you have heard from them loud and clear via letters or public speaking. If you haven't, then maybe someone isn't listening.

I have heard several times from our local and state government that there are no laws to control or regulate or enforce noise or sound pollution. Maybe that is true today, but you do in fact have the

authority to stop the growth of sound pollution by not granting permits for additional gas turbine engines and power generating capacity tied to the permits for Wolf Hollow.

I have worked in the semiconductor industry for three decades and I am familiar with toxic materials and gases. I am also familiar with the level of environmental safety requirements and scrutiny semiconductor firms must comply with. It could be worthwhile to investigate and compare.

My final point is, I am very concerned TECQ is considering issuing permits to a company that has not proven to be a reliable corporate citizen. My understanding is previous commitments were made by Wolf Hollow plant operations to significantly reduce the incredible noise created by the facility's gas turbine engines by constructing sound barriers. The company clearly has not lived up to its commitments because I can still hear today the annoying sounds from my home in Pecan Plantation located miles away from Wolf Hollow. It seems to me TECQ is considering granting an untrustworthy firm with the ability to create a bigger problem relative to air and noise pollution exponentially going forward. Now is your opportunity to protect the citizens of Hood County and those surrounding us.

Sincerely,

Robert M Taber Jr

Kiowa155@outlook.com

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Granbury, Texas 76049

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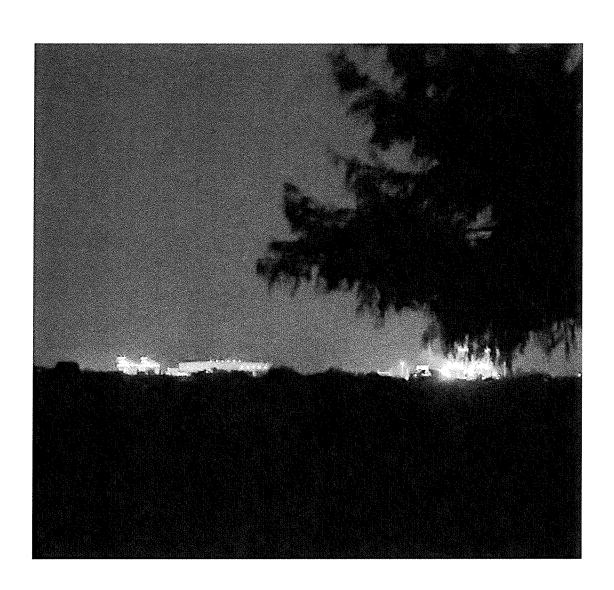
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Date: 9/11/2024

RE: Resolution for the City of Glen Rose

Reviewed By 600

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please see the attached resolution passed on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, 2024 at the Glen Rose City Council meeting.

Please let me know if there is any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Thank you,

Veronica Welch

**Administrative Services Manager** 

City of Glen Rose

254.897.2272 ext. 201

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-08**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL DECLARING THE HARM TO THE CITY OF GLEN ROSE AND SOMERVELL COUNTY THAT WOULD BE CAUSED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF EIGHT (8) ADDITIONAL NATURAL GAS-FIRED PEAKING COMUSTION TURBINE GENERATORS AT THE EXISTING WOLF HOLLOW II POWER PLANT IN HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS.

Whereas, Wolf Hollow II Power, LLC, 8787 Wolf Hollow Court, Granbury, TX 76048-7736 has applied to the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, (TCEQ) for issuance of a proposed State Air Quality Permit 175176, issuance of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permit GHGPSTX238 for emissions of GHGs, which would authorize construction of the Wolf Hollow II located at 8787 Wolf Hollow Court, Granbury, Hood County Texas 76048; and

Whereas, according to the executive director of TCEQ in a letter entitled "Combined Notice of Public Meeting and Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision for Air Quality Permits", dated July 30, 2024, "The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants in a significant amount: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less. In addition, the facility will emit the following contaminants: hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds, sulfur dioxide, sulfur hexafluoride and sulfuric acid mist. The proposed facility will also emit greenhouse gases"; and

Whereas, the increases in particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds, sulfur hexafluoride, sulfuric acid mist, and greenhouse gases may result in Somervell County being included in the North Texas non-attainment area for ozone pollution. As of 2024, the Dallas-Fort Worth area has been re-classified from moderate to serious non-attainment, requiring more stringent emission control strategies; and

Whereas, a non-attainment area is a geographic region that fails to meet the national Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for one or more criteria pollutants, such as ozone, particulate matter, lead, carbon monoxide, sulfur oxides, and nitrogen oxides. Being a non-attainment area affects existing local businesses by imposing stricter environmental regulations and increasing costs. Businesses planning to locate or eland in such areas must apply rigorous pollution controls and may need to obtain emission offset credits. This may lead to increased costs and potentially discourage new investments; and

Whereas, the fuel source for the eight (8) additional natural gas-fired peaking combustion turbine generators will be natural gas, which can contain mercury of up to 5mg/m³. Mercury has significant environmental impacts. It can contaminate ecosystems, posing risks to human and wildlife health through bioaccumulation in food chains. It is especially damaging in aquatic systems, where it converts to toxic tremors, emotional changes and neuromuscular issues. Inorganic mercury can cause kidney and gastrointestinal damage. Methylmercury usually enters humans through consumption of fish. It can cause neurological impairments, such as loss of peripheral vision, lack of coordination, and muscle weakness. It is especially harmful to developing fetuses, potentially leading to cognitive deficits and developmental problems in children. Wolf Hollow II is in close proximity to the Brazos River, Squaw Creek Reservoir and Lake Granbury; and

Whereas, the Glen Rose City Council is concerned that the emissions resulting from this project will be detrimental to the air quality in Somervell County, impact the well-being of our citizens as well as be detrimental to economic growth of Glen Rose, Somervell County and surrounding companying.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLY \_ J BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GL\_N ROSE, TEXAS, THAT:

The Glen Rose City Council urges TCEQ to:

- 1. Deny issuance of proposed State Air Quality Permit 175173;
- 2. Deny issuance of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permit PSDTX 1636; and
- 3. Deny issuance of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) PSD Air Quality Permit GHGPSDTX2338 for emissions of GHGs.

That this resolution will be mailed to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality office of the Chief Clerk, PO BOX 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, the office of Senator Birdwell and Representative Burns and the Glen Rose Reporter.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

Joe Boles, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emily Holder, Deputy City Secretary

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- 2.) Dispersion Model
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- 3.) Site Selection

Las personas con discapacidades que necesiten acomodaciones especiales en la reunión deben llamar a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial al 512-239-3300 o al 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) al menos cinco días hábiles antes de la reunión.

Puede presentar comentarios públicos adicionales por escrito dentro de los 30 días posteriores a la fecha de publicación de este aviso en el periódico de la manera establecida en el párrafo CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA AGENCIA a continuación, o antes de la fecha de la reunión pública, lo que ocurra más tarde. Después de la fecha límite para los comentarios públicos, el director ejecutivo considerará los comentarios y preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos. La respuesta a los comentarios, junto con la decisión del director ejecutivo sobre la solicitud, se enviará por correo a todas las personas que enviaron comentarios públicos o están en una lista de correo para esta solicitud.

OPORTUNIDAD PARA UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO. Usted puede solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado con respecto a las partes de la solicitud para el Permiso Estatal de Calidad del Aire Número 175173 y para el Permiso de Calidad del Aire PSD Número PSDTX1636. No hay oportunidad de solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado con respecto a la parte de la solicitud para el Permiso de Calidad del Aire GHG PSD Número GHGPSDTX238. Una audiencia de caso impugnado es un procedimiento legal similar a un juicio civil en un tribunal de distrito estatal. Una persona que pueda verse afectada por las emisiones de contaminantes atmosféricos, distintos de los GEI, de la instalación tiene derecho a solicitar una audiencia. Una solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado debe incluir lo siguiente: (1) su nombre (o para un grupo o asociación, un representante oficial), dirección postal, número de teléfono durante el día; (2) nombre del solicitante y número de permiso; (3) la declaración "Solicito/solicitamos una audiencia de caso impugnado"; (4) una descripción específica de cómo se vería afectado negativamente por la aplicación y las emisiones atmosféricas de la instalación de una manera que no es común para el público en general; (5) la ubicación y distancia de su propiedad en relación con la instalación; (6) una descripción de cómo utiliza la propiedad que puede verse afectada por la instalación; y (7) una lista de todas las cuestiones de hecho en disputa que envíe durante el período de comentarios. Si la solicitud es hecha por un grupo o asociación, uno o más miembros que tengan capacidad para solicitar una audiencia deben ser identificados por nombre y dirección física. También se deben identificar los intereses que el grupo o asociación busca proteger. También puede presentar sus ajustes propuestos a la solicitud/permiso que satisfagan sus inquietudes. Las solicitudes para una audiencia de caso impugnado deben presentarse por escrito dentro de los 30 días posteriores a este aviso a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial, a la dirección proporcionada en la sección de información a continuación.

Solo se concederá una audiencia de caso impugnado sobre la base de cuestiones de hecho controvertidas o cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho que sean relevantes y materiales para las decisiones de la Comisión sobre la solicitud. La Comisión solo puede conceder una solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado sobre cuestiones que el solicitante presentó en sus comentarios oportunos que no fueron retirados posteriormente. Los asuntos que no se presenten en los comentarios públicos no se pueden considerar durante una audiencia.

ACCIÓN DEL DIRECTOR EJECUTIVO. El director ejecutivo puede emitir la aprobación final de la solicitud para la parte de la solicitud para el Permiso de Calidad del Aire GHG PSD GHGPSDTX238. Si no se recibe una solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado a tiempo o si se retiran todas las solicitudes de audiencia de caso impugnado oportunamente con respecto al Permiso Estatal de Calidad del Aire Número 175173 y para el Permiso de Calidad del Aire Número PSDTX1636 del PSD, el director ejecutivo puede emitir la aprobación final de la solicitud. La respuesta a los comentarios, junto con la decisión del director ejecutivo sobre la solicitud, se enviará por correo a todos los que presentaron comentarios públicos o están en una lista de correo para esta solicitud y se publicarán electrónicamente en el CID. Si se reciben solicitudes de audiencia oportunas y no se retiran, el director ejecutivo no emitirá la aprobación final del Permiso Estatal de Calidad del Aire Número 175173 y del Permiso de Calidad del Aire Número PSDTX1636 del PSD y enviará la solicitud y las solicitudes a los Comisionados para su consideración en una reunión programada de la comisión.

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