



Stop the Attack on Affordable Power for Rural Texans

Legislation in Austin could drive up electricity costs, put safety at risk and harm rural Texans.

Right now, electric cooperatives have a fair agreement with telecom companies to share utility poles. This partnership allows telecom companies to expand services into rural areas, while co-ops can continue providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity.

But three bills being considered threaten to disrupt this agreement in dangerous ways:

- **Higher Electric Bills:** These bills force co-ops to let telecom companies use their poles at rates so low they don't cover costs, shifting the financial burden to hard-working Texans.
- **Unsafe Conditions:** The bills let telecom companies bypass co-op safety standards and hijack private property without the owner's permission — putting reliable electric service at risk.

Electric co-ops are committed to serving our rural communities. But this legislation puts the needs of major corporations above those of everyday Texans.

Tell your representatives to oppose **HB 3445, HB 3448 and HB 5604** and **protect affordable, reliable power in Texas.**