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August 2026 Member Update

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Texas House & Senate Hold Hearings on 765kV Transmission Lines

Over the past month, the proposed 765kV transmission lines for the [Permian Basin Reliability Plan](#) and the regulatory route have been front and center at the Texas Legislature. The Senate [Business & Commerce](#) and House [State Affairs](#) Committees held hearings on the proposed lines, and landowners turned out in droves to detail the shortcomings of the current process.

Following the Senate hearing, Chairman Schwertner issued a [statement](#) calling for denial of all CCNs currently before the Senate. Following the House hearing, Chairman King issued a [statement](#) calling the CCN process flawed and pledging to work with the PUC and ERCOT to improve it for landowners.

Since then, the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) has [recommended](#) denial of the CCN for the Bell County Hill line. Separately, 31 members of the Texas House sent the PUC a letter urging rejection of the application.

The PUC [approved](#) two routes in late August – Dinosaur Switch to Longshore Switch and Longshore Switch to Drill Hole Switch. Attorney General Ken Paxton filed an [amicus brief](#) supporting landowners and a pause of the line buildout after the PUC's decision was made.

TLMA filed [written comments](#) with the House State Affairs Committee outlining the specific issues our members have experienced with the CCN process.

We expect legislation on this issue to come before the 90th Legislature, and we'll keep you updated as it develops. If you have input, about, or experience with, the CCN process, please email execdir@tlma.org — we're always looking for member stories to share in our testimony.

Braun & Gresham is hosting a webinar with an update on the project, the process, and what to expect. Join them live on September 14 at noon. Register [here](#)!

2026 Statewide Members Meeting Update

The [2026 Statewide Members Meeting](#) is almost here, and deadlines start hitting this month:

- **Saturday, September 5** — Hotel room block closes. Reserve your room by using this [link](#).
- **Monday, September 14** — Last day to sponsor and be guaranteed inclusion in printed materials (sponsors after this date will still be recognized, but only in electronic materials)
- **Friday, September 25** — Early-bird [registration](#) deadline

One exhibitor space remains and we'd love to have you! Email execdir@tlma.org to join us this year.

We're excited to welcome this year's speaker lineup, who will bring valuable insight on the issues affecting our members.



Agenda



Date:
October 5, 2026



Time:
8:00 am - 3:00 pm



Location:
McNay Art Museum

Time

Topic

Presenter

8 a.m.

Breakfast and Exhibits Open

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9 a.m.

Welcome

Trey Scott,
Chairman TLMA

9:15 a.m.

Legislative Update

Billy Phenix

9:45 a.m.

Investment Strategies

Todd Brockwell,
1900 Wealth

10:30 a.m.

Break

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10:45 a.m.

Texas Case Law Update

Brandon
Durrett, Jackson
Walker

11:30 a.m.

Lunch

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12:30 p.m.

Introduction to the Estimation
of Oil and Gas Reserves

Nick Gnyra,
Netherland,
Sewell &
Associates

1:00 p.m.

Data Centers

Nathan Yates,
Braun & Gresham

1:30 p.m.

Break

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1:45 p.m.

765kV Routing Process

Anson Howard,
Uhl Fitzsimons

2:15 p.m.

Annual Business Meeting

Trey Scott
Jennifer Owen

2:45 p.m.

Adjournment

Trey Scott



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TLMA Files Amicus Brief Supporting Rehearing in *Family Dollar* Nuisance Case

Following the Texas Supreme Court's decision in the *Family Dollar* nuisance case, TLMA joined the Texas & Southwest Raisers Association and the South Texans' Property Rights Association in filing an amicus brief supporting JLMH Holdings' rehearing and requesting the opportunity for oral argument if the Court grants one. The brief focuses on the harm Part II of the decision poses to landowners and asks the Court to revise Part II and adopt the statute-of-limitations exception outlined in the filing.

You can read the brief [here](#) or view all case documents [here](#).

TLMA Asks Texas Supreme Court to Take Up Lignite Case

TLMA submitted a brief in *Lively Swaim v. SMEC*, asking the Court to “grant review and clarify that a 1931 partition deed reserving rights to “all coal and kaolin” does not also reserve rights to lignite.” The Court of Appeals' decision, left as-is, would erode the line surface-destruction test that has guided mineral-reservation disputes for decades.

TLMA joined the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Agricultural Land Trust, South Texans' Property Rights Association, and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association on this brief.

Read the brief [here](#) or view all case documents [here](#).

RRC Takes Up Several Significant Items at August Open Meeting

At its August 18 Open Meeting, the Railroad Commission of Texas took several notable actions:

New Chairman: Commissioner Christi Craddick was elected Chairman of the Commission and will lead the RRC through the legislative session.

New Public Engagement Policy: The Commission also approved a new [Public Engagement and Participation Policy](#) with Craddick being the lone no vote. Under the new policy, a commissioner must request that public participation be added to the agenda and while listening sessions through the Office of Public Engagement will expand, the standing opportunity to address Commissioners directly has been eliminated. House Energy Resources Chairman Drew Darby has sent Commissioner Wayne a [letter](#) expressing “serious concern” about the policy and stating his intent to place it on the agenda for the September Energy Resources Committee hearing.

Further reading: [Inside Climate News coverage of the new policy](#)

Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR): The Commission approved its [LAR](#) for the next biennium, including a 3% rate increase directed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker, along with funding for IT projects and nine exceptional items. The LAR now heads to the Legislative Budget Board and, eventually, the Legislature.



Legislative Appropriation Request Summary

FY 2028-2029 Exceptional Items

Baseline Request

For the continuation of essential health, safety, and environmental oversight of the state's energy sector, the Railroad Commission's baseline request totals \$376,975,579 (detailed below).

Base level Funding	FY 2028	FY 2029	Total
General Revenue	\$108,232,079	\$100,624,189	\$208,856,268
General Revenue – Dedicated (OGRC)	79,904,306	63,036,547	142,940,853
Federal Funds	10,779,229	10,779,229	21,558,458
Appropriated Receipts	1,547,650	1,549,650	3,095,300
Anthropogenic Carbon Dioxide Fund	262,350	260,350	522,700
Total	\$200,725,614	\$176,249,965	\$376,975,579

Exceptional Items

The LAR includes eight exceptional items totaling \$121.1 million to address the needs of the agency to meet federal and state regulatory responsibilities.

1) Oil and Gas Orphaned Well Plugging - \$100 million

Funding to continue addressing emergency plugging, expensive, high-priority (e.g. H2S, bay and offshore wells).

2) Pipeline and Propane Safety Inspection and Compliance - \$1.1 million and 6 FTEs

Additional FTEs and funding due to growth of the industry and population in Texas and the resulting oil and gas pipeline network.

3) Oil and Gas Staffing - \$3.6 million and 5 FTEs

Additional FTEs and funding for additional district office staff for field inspections and enforcement activities to address the growth of industry..

4) Oil and Gas Produced Water Monitoring - \$3.7 million and 3 FTEs

Additional FTEs and funding for contracts with University of Texas at Austin's Bureau of Economic Geology for produced water and subsurface pressure monitoring.

5) Oil and Gas Monitoring and Inspection Equipment Refresh - \$1.8 million

Funding to replace aging equipment (FLIR cameras, echo meters, etc.) due to aging to ensure accurate and competent inspections occur in the field.

6) Oil and Gas Inspector Electric Safety Training - \$1.1 million

Funding for Oil and Gas inspector training per Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 16, Part 1, Chapter 3, Rule 3.2(l) as a result various bills passed by the 89th Legislature (e.g. HB 145, HB xxxx)

7) STOPTheft Investigation Coordinators - \$2.8 million and 21 FTEs

Additional FTEs and funding for Investigation Coordinators that will be placed within each district office.

8) Oil and Gas Liquid Transportation and Storage Online Tracking and Reporting System - \$3.4 million

Funding for a new online system to track and manage the chain of custody data to combat oil theft.

9) Vehicle Replacements - \$3.5 million

Vehicle replacements for the 2026-27 biennium were funded by the supplemental appropriations bill (HB500, 89th Legislature, Regular Session). RRC needs the funding to replace inspector vehicles based on mileage and repair costs in accordance with Texas Fleet Management Manual.

Do you have a child or grandchild in college interested in learning more about land and mineral ownership? Student members are free and include our electronic communications, along with discounted registration for the Statewide Members Meeting.

Encourage them to join today!

We Still Want to Hear From You!

Has TLMA made a difference for you, your family, or your business?

We're collecting short videos (about 30 seconds) from members sharing how TLMA has helped them. Your story can help us understand why our work matters and encourage more land and mineral owners to get involved.

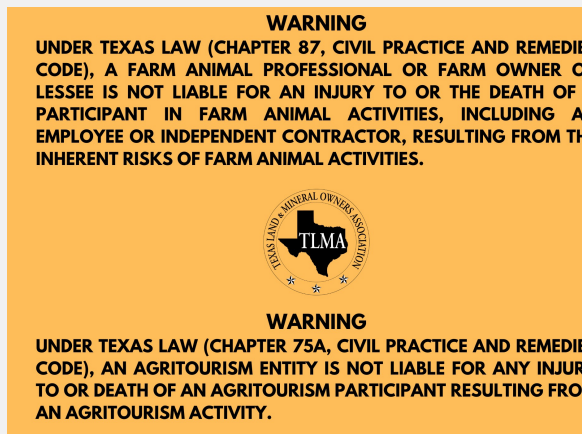
You can email your videos to info@tlma.org.

TLMA Merchandise Available

TLMA YETI Rambler Tumblers are available for purchase. Shipping available at buyer's expense.

Farm Act Liability Signs are also available for preorder. Signs can be picked up at the TLMA office or at the Statewide Members Meeting. Shipping is available at the buyer's expense.

Email execdir@tlma.org to order either option!

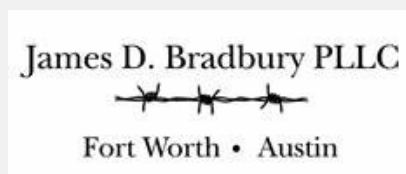


Upcoming Dates of Interest

- Saturday, September 5 – Final Day to Book Hotel Room
- Monday and Tuesday, September 14-15 – House Energy Resources Hearings
- Monday, September 14 – Final Day to Sponsor and Receive Recognition in Print Materials
- Monday, September 14 - [Braun & Gresham 765kV Update via Webinar](#)
- Tuesday, September 15 - RRC Open Meeting
- Tuesday, September 15 - House Environmental Regulation Committee Hearing
- Monday, September 21 - Senate Natural Resources Committee Hearing

- Friday, September 25 - Early Registration Prices End for Statewide Members Meeting

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