## RESOLUTION BY THE PARIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD

A Resolution in support of and urging immediate action for development and implementation of construction improvements by Orsted Onshore North America located West of the City of Paris and within the Chisum and North Lamar School Districts.

Whereas, the approximately 400 Megawatt Mockingbird Solar Center will have the capability to power over 80,000 homes over the course of a year and help meet the energy needs of Texas during peak demand periods by providing reliable and flexible solar-powered electricity; and

Whereas, Orsted will construct, own and operate the Mockingbird Solar Center. The project is a long-term asset for Orsted and the Lamar County community. The solar center will inject new revenue into the tax base which will promote local economic development in Lamar County, and provide long-term financial support for North Lamar and Chisum Independent School Districts; and

Whereas, Strong solar resources during the afternoon and in the summer coupled with significant acreage of continuous flat prairie land and access to Oncor Electric's Transmission system make Lamar County attractive for solar development; and

Whereas, A utility-scale solar energy project can help transform local economies, which enhances the quality of life and opportunities in a community. With millions of dollars in new tax revenue (or directed payments in lieu of taxes) communities can build new school facilities, enhance road and bridges, and expand emergency services – all without increasing local taxes on property; and

Whereas, Orsted's Standard project design, procurement and construction practices include Local procurement of materials and local hiring; and

**Now, therefore, be it further resolved** that the Paris Economic Development Corporation Board hereby supports the proposal for construction of the Mockingbird Solar Center by Orsted Onshore North America.

Approved this Stralay of September, 2020, by the Paris Economic Development Corporation Board.

Josh Bray, Chairman

Shay Bills, Vice-Chairman

Chase Coleman, Board Member

Stephen Terrell, Board Member

Maureen Hammond, Executive Director

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