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Dean Haselhorst
Chairman; Ellis County Commission
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Dear Mr. Haselhorst,

Public and employee safety are Midwest Energy's highest priorities. We are very concerned about the road condition and vehicle speed on 230th Avenue between Interstate 70 and Feedlot Road. Given the number of entrances to this section of road (two of which have great importance to Midwest Energy), and the limited sightlines near some of these entrances, we believe that action must be taken.

Moreover, there is a significant volume of traffic on this road at various times. We are concerned about the safety of our personnel, our contractors and the general public using this rock road. Some traffic is local, i.e. local businesses and residents. But, the road is also carrying traffic using 230th Avenue as a bypass around Hays. Midwest Energy supports the actions of Ellis County to widen the road, improve sightlines and improve the road surface to asphalt or concrete. **Midwest Energy supports Ellis County and its pursuit of grant funding to make these improvements.**

Midwest Energy has a history of support for economic and community development. The area northwest of Hays has seen significant business development in recent years, and improved infrastructure will encourage additional growth.

If you have questions about Midwest Energy's perspective or desire additional information, please call.

Sincerely,