ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS DESIGNATING, CREATING AND ESTABLISHING COUNTY REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 009

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 312, Subchapter C of the *Texas Property Tax Code* and the Fourth Amended and Restated Freestone County Tax Abatement Guidelines, the Freestone County Commissioners Court is authorized to create county reinvestment zones for purposes of allowing for tax abatements to encourage the expansion and/or retention of primary employment, attract major investment to the zone, and contribute to the economic development of Freestone County;

WHEREAS, Avant Prairie ESS is proposing to develop and construct/install facilities and equipment for, and the operation of an approximately 200 MW battery energy storage system and all related equipment in an unincorporated area of Freestone County (hereinafter "Project") on the property described in Exhibit "A" and on Exhibit "B" which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference;

WHEREAS, notice of the consideration by the Commissioners Court of the creation of a County Reinvestment Zone having the same boundaries as the property boundaries set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B" and the public hearing thereon was given in accordance with Section 312.401 of the *Texas Property Tax Code*;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held in accordance with Section 312.401 of the *Texas Property Tax Code*; and

WHEREAS, after considering the information before it, including input from the public hearing, the Commissioners Court finds that creation of the Reinvestment Zone is in the best interest of the County and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS THAT:

1. the above recitals are incorporated herein for all purposes;

2. the Commissioners Court hereby finds that the creation and establishment of a County Reinvestment Zone having the boundaries set forth in Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" would contribute to the retention or expansion of primary employment or would attract major investment in the zone that would be a benefit to the property to be included in the zone, would be a benefit to the taxing units with jurisdiction over the land after expiration of the Zone or any abatement agreements entered into for property within the Zone, would contribute to the economic development and tax base of Freestone County; and would support the Texas economy and the environment by providing clean energy; and

3. County Reinvestment Zone No. 009 having the boundaries set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B" is hereby created, designated and established, which Zone shall be eligible for tax abatement subject to the *Texas Property Tax Code*, the Freestone County Tax Abatement Guidelines, and approval of any applicable Tax Abatement Agreement by this Commissioners Court and shall be Reinvestment Zone No. 009.

PASSED and APPROVED at a meeting of the Freestone County Commissioners Court noticed and held in accordance with Chapter 551 of the *Government Code* on February 19, 2025

Linda K. Grant

Linda K. Grant, County Judge

Attest:

Tam Carruthers

County Clerk

Renee Gregory

COMMISSIONERS COURT FREESTONE COUNTY TEXAS

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At 9 .o'clock A M
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RENEE GREGORY
Clerk, County Court, Freestone County, Texas
By Renee Gregory

EXHIBIT A

Owner: Kent R. Phillips & Jennifer L. Phillips
Legal Description: J.M. Hallmark A-268
Acreage: 36.85
Parcel ID: 11434

EXHIBIT B




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