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Borden 8th Grader Headed to Washington, D.C. Wilson Spells her way to V-I-C-T-O-R-Y

The 2003-2004 school year ends May 28 for most Borden county students, but Rachel Wilson will have one more spelling lesson to do.

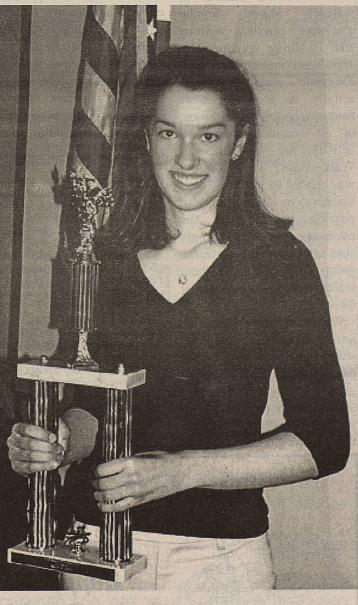
After winning the 53rd annual Lubbock Regional Spelling Bee Saturday, Rachel qualifies for the 77th annual Scripps National Spelling Bee June 1-3 in Washington, D.C.

Rachel finished ahead of 30 other participants, going 18 rounds to defeat her final competitor-Scott Macatee-of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Rachel was the Lubbock regional runner-up two years ago. Another Borden County student, freshman Becky Dobyns, represented the school last year, finishing in the third place spot.

Spelling bee competition involves months-years in Rachel's case-of preparation. Studying the definitions of words is a vital part of that preparation.

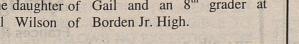
The following is the list of words Rachel spelled Saturday's correctly in contest: misstatement, dissolution, contortion, prognosis, extemporaneous, changa, quietus, mage, Yarborough, nephoscope, bibelot, Canaan, hardanger, quenelle, dysrhythmia, coquetry, dimer, elysium, larithmic, horologium.



Rachel is the daughter of Gail and an 8th grader at Tim and Carol Wilson of Borden Jr. High.

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Know Your EMS

James Bond is the son of Mary Bond of the Plains Community of Borden County and Terry Bond from Abilene. He is the grandson of Herman and Christeen Ledbetter of the Plains Community and Jerry and Modean Bond of Lamesa.

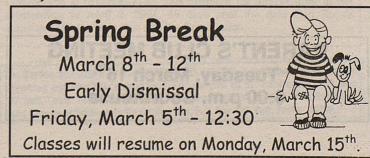
James is a 2001 graduate of Borden County High School. While in high school, he was involved with FFA, 4-H, and the a member of the Youth Group at First Baptist Church, Gail. He played football and was a member of the 1997 State Champion football team and a member of the 1998 State Runner-Up team.

During high school James took an EMT Basic class, through Borden County EMS, taught by Carrie Hart, NREMT-P. He took his EMT-Intermediate class from Western Texas College in Snyder, Texas. He is currently taking an NREMT-P Class from Western Texas College taught by Borden County's Kent Holmes NREMT-P.

We are pleased to have in the Plains James Community to be a first responder for the Borden County EMS.



Borden County EMS will sponsor and teach a Basic EMT Class in Gail, starting March 2, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For anyone serving Borden County EMS, the class will be taught free. The Borden County EMS NEED's YOUR HELP to maintain the level of care that they have been providing. At present time, they are providing hospital to home and hospital to hospital transfers as well as primarily job of Pre-Hospital EMER-GENCY CARE. If they have the personnel they will be able to continue all of these services. If not, they may at sometime only be able to provide EMERGENCY CARE to this community.



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Pups Begin Track Season Heart and home .. at Dawson

The Borden County Track season got underway with the High tracksters Junior competing at Dawson. The Pups got several solid performances throughout the day. Chase Pinkerton had three top six performances as he won the Shot put with a personal best throw of 43'2". Chase was also 4th in the discus and 6th in the 300 hurdles.

Quentin Schafer also had a top six finishing the 1600 meter run as he ran a personal best 6:04.4 to finish 2nd.

Logan Howard finished 4th

in the 800m. run and 6th in the 1600m. run.

Jake Cooley had a very solid day as he finished 3rd in the 800m. run with a time of 2:39.9 and 3rd in the 400 with a personal best 64.7.

final The top six performances of the meet were by the foursome of Tyrell Massingill, Bryce Smith, Clay Harding, and Timothy Crenshaw as they finished 6th in the 800 relay. Other Pup member competing at this first track meet were Pasqual Espinoza

and Corey Tell.

2003-2004 District 7-A **Girl's All-District** Selection

Most Valuable Player - Jami Gass (Sr.) Borden County Defensive Player of the Year – Menda James (Sr.) BC Newcomer of the Year - Kelbi Pitner-Bell (Fr.) Ira

All District Selection Lindsey Wilson (Sr.) Ira Kelcey Tubb (Jr.) Grady Kara Southall (Jr.) Klondike Deanna Morales (Jr.) Dawson Krista Blagrave (Sr). Sands Cassidy Rinehart (Jr.) Borden County Brittany Rivas (FR.) Grady Ashton Hayes (Jr.) Dawson Amanda Calley (Sr.) Ira Katy Morris (Jr.) Klondike

Honorable Mention All-District Shayla Gass (Sr.) Borden County Ashley James (Jr.) Borden County Emily Mayes (Jr.) Borden County

Texas Six-Man All Stars and Alternates Menda James - Borden County - All Star Selection Jami Gass - Borden County - All Star Selection Lindsey Wilson – Ira – 1st Alternate Shayla Gass – Borden Co. – 2^{nd} Alternate Whitney Oppegard – Grady – 3^{rd} Alternate Krista Blagrave – Sands – 4^{th} Alternate Miranda Spradling - Grady - 5th Alternate Amanda Calley – Ira – 6th Alternate Megan Moore - Dawson - 7th Alternate Chelsea Ybarra - Sands - 8th Alternate Lauren Hands - Grady - 9th Alternate

PARENT'S CLUB MEETING Tuesday, March 16th 6:00 p.m. Courthouse

By Julie D. Smith Borden County Extension Agent

Family and Consumer Sciences Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioe

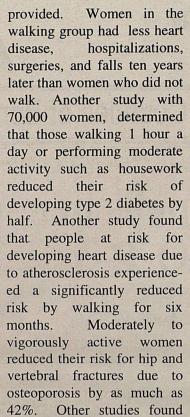
race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. the Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Walk Across Texas

Everyone is looking for the magic bullet to help them live longer or better. Many search for clues on the Internet, magazines, and television news. Some think the key to a longer, better life lies in a particular dietary supplement or eating only organic foods. None of these other strategies is supported by the amount of research showing regular, moderate physical activity like walking is what they really need.

A substantial amount of shows research regular moderate physical activity like walking produces a significant impact on health. Everyone knows physical activity is good for their health, yet, starting, and most of all continuing, physical activity, are very difficult. Walk Across Texas (WAT) was created in 1997 by Texas Cooperative Extension to provide people with the necessary support to not only start walking, but also find a group that can keep them walking even when they feel like quitting.

What are the benefits of joining WAT? A recent study found that the women participating in a walking group similar to WAT were still much more likely to be walking ten years later even though no follow-up was



that moderate physical activity lead to lowered risk for other health problems including gall bladder surgery, breast cancer, depression, and stroke. Additional benefits include lower blood pressure, lower cholesterol (LDL). "bad" higher "good" cholesterol (HDL), lower stress levels, and improved immunity. Finally, people with diabetes find they can control their blood sugar much better when they walk regularly. Besides reporting feeling better, last year many participants reported an added benefit of spending more time with their family and friends when they walked together.

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Whether you want to walk to improve your health or to spend more time with family and friends, here is your opportunity to get started by participating in Walk Across Texas. Call the Extension office at (806)756-4336 and sign up today! We will begin logging miles Monday, March 15 and wrap up on Monday, May 10.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD), as the designated political subdivision approved by the Region F Water Planning Group, will submit an application for financial assistance to the Texas Water Development Board for Supplemental Funding. The application will be submitted on or before April 1, 2004. The Region F. Regional Water Planning Group includes the following counties: Andrews, Borden, Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Kimble, Loving, Martin, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward and Winkler.

Copies of the application may be obtained from CRMWD when it is available. Comments on the application must be filed within 30 days of this publication. Comments and questions must be mailed to both Mr. John Grant, General Manager, Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0869, and Mr. Kevin Ward, Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board, P.O. Box 13231, Austin, TX 78711-3231.

For further questions or additional information, please contact John Grant at the CRMWD office at (432)267-6341 or by fax at (432)267-3121.



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Borden County Senior Citizen Center

After several suggestions and requests to have a Senior Citizens Center, we have organized a "first" meeting on Wednesday, March 17 in the Community Room in Gail. This will be a pot luck luncheon (bring your favorite dish to share) that will begin at 11:30. We will enjoy our meal and fellowship first, then have a meeting at 12:30 to discuss how often, when, where, and what types of activities the majority would

where, and what types of activities the majority would School Menu Week Of: March 15th – 19th, '04 MONDAY: Beef & Bean

Burrito, Potato Wedges, Salad, Fruit & Milk. Breakfast: French Toast, Fruit Juice and Milk.

TUESDAY:ChickenStrips, Potatoes, Corn, HotRolls, Fruit & Milk.Breakfast:Biscuit, Fruit Juice & Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Fajitas, Salad, Pinto Beans, Jello w/Fruit and Milk. Breakfast: Waffles, Sausage Fruit Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Meat & Gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Cobbler, & Milk. <u>Breakfast</u>: Egg Sandwich, Fruit Juice, & Milk.

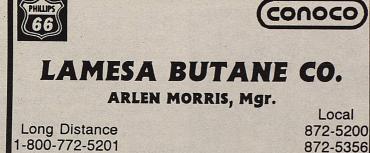
FRIDAY: Hot dog w/Chili, Onion Rings, Salad, Fruit, Cake & Milk. **Breakfast:** Biscuit w/Gravy, Fruit Juice & Milk.

If you suspect a STROKE or HEART ATTACK Call the BORDEN CO. EMS 806/759-5111 Immediately DON'T HESITATE!

After several suggestions like to have for the Senior and requests to have a Senior Citizens Center, we have organized a "first" meeting luncheon and meeting.

> There are many possible opportunities this center can provide, including wonderful fellowship, fun games and activities, great learning experiences, a chance to have your blood pressure and blood glucose checked, and even a possibility of group outings. We invite you to participate in the first Borden

County Senior Citizen Center Day. Julie Smith will serve as the contact person until the group can meet to organize themselves. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact her at (806)756-4336. Also, if you need transportation to and from the Community Building, please contact us to make arrangements. We look forward to a great new opportunity for our friends in Borden County! Hope to see you on Saint Patrick's Day!



BORDEN COUNTY I.S.D. SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION INFORMATION

P.O. Box 382 - 501 South Lynn - Lamesa, Texas 79331

The trustee election for the Borden County Independent School District will take place on Saturday, May 15, 2004. Three positions will be filled in this election. As of the present time, incumbents Mr. John Anderson, Mr. Randy Hensley, and Mr. Dennis Poole have filed applications for a place on the ballot. Interested candidates may obtain an application for a place on the ballot in the central office of the Borden County I.S.D. Other important school board election information is as follows:

- 3/14/04 Last day to file for place on ballot
- 3/16/04 First day to apply for ballot by mail
- 3/22/04 5:00 p.m. deadline for filing a write-in declaration
- 4/15/04 Last day to register to vote for Saturday, May 15, 2004 elections
- 4/28/04 First day of early voting by personal appearance
- 5/7/04 Last day to apply for ballot by mail
- 5/11/04 Last day of early voting by personal appearance
- 5/15/04 Election Day (polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

PLEASE NOTE THAT ELECTION LAWS HAVE CHANGED FOR THIS YEAR'S ELECTION REQUIRING VOTERS TO HAVE A CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE OR A VOTER REGISTRATION CARD TO BE ÉLIGIBLE TO VOTE. CURRENT LAW ALLOWS NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 6109-62-001 for INSTALLATION OF ILLUMINATION in HOWARD County, etc. will be opened on MARCH 30, 2004 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$225,397.73

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 12427

State Office Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540 Dist/Div.Office (s) Abilene Engineer District Engineer 4250 N. Clack Abilene, TX 79604-0150 Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

NOTICE OF RATE REVIEW, RATE CHANGE REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that Cap Rock Energy Corporation ("Cap Rock") intends to change rates for electric utility service effective March 30, 2004, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law. Based upon a test year ending September 30, 2003, the increase requested over adjusted test year revenues is \$10,202,700 or 14.45%. The changes are applicable to all areas, all customer classes, and all customers served by the Cap Rock.

On October 24, 2003, the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) filed a petition to inquire into the reasonableness of the rates being charged by Cap Rock. That proceeding has been designated as Docket No. 28813. Although Staff contends that some of Cap Rock's rates are too high, the inquiry could reveal that rates for some customer classes or some service areas need to be increased. Therefore, the Staff inquiry could result in increased or decreased rates for some customers. Affected persons may intervene in this proceeding, as detailed below, to address the rates being charged by Cap Rock.

In response to the Staff inquiry, on February 24, 2004, Cap Rock filed a rate filing package and a request to increase its rates in Docket No. 28813. Additionally, Cap Rock stated that it intends to change its service rules and regulations including rules relating to obtaining service, line extension and line extension charges, the provision of electric service, service fees, and discontinuance of service. Cap Rock intends to charge uniform system-wide rates to customers in each of Cap Rock's divisions. As a result, the McCulloch Division will no longer have separate tariffs after September 1, 2004.

The specific rates that Cap Rock proposes to charge, the proposed tariff revisions, and a copy of the rate filing package may be reviewed during normal business hours at Cap Rock's offices at (1) 500 West Wall Street, Suite 400, Midland, Texas 79701 (Cap Rock's Headquarters); (2) 1400 W. Business Interstate 20, Stanton, Texas 79782 (the Stanton Division); (3) 1825 South Highway 208, Colorado City, Texas 79512 (the Lone Wolf Division); (4) Highway 69 South, Celeste, Texas 75423 (the Hunt-Collin Division); and (5) 326 E. U.S. Highway 190, Brady, Texas 76825 (the McCulloch Division). Additional, copies may be viewed at the Commission's offices in Austin, Texas.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposes. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326 and should reference the specific Docket No. involved. Docket No 28813 will address whether Cap Rock's current rates are reasonable; whether they should be revised; and whether Cap Rock's proposed tariff changes should be approved or modified. Further information about this proceeding may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Public Information Office at (512)936-7120, or (888)782-8477. Hearing- and speech- impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the **proceeding is April 9, 2004, 45** days after the date Cap Rock's statement of intent was filed with the Commission.

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Ag Week is Here Combs Calls on Texans to Celebrate the Many Faces of Texas Agriculture

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 14th to 20th is National Agriculture Week in Texas – a time to celebrate the state's farmers and ranchers and acknowledge this far-reaching industry that adds some \$73 billion to the Texas economy.

"From healthy food to fresh flowers to warm clothing, agriculture touches our lives every day. Agriculture provides us with generous amounts of nutrients to feed our bodies - iron from lean meat, calcium from milk, vitamin A from carrots, vitamin C from citrus, to name just a few of the ways Texas-raised foods make us healthier, Combs said. "This March, I urge all Texans to recognize the producers who add food, horticulture, fiber and good health to our lives." Combs will kick off National Agriculture Week in Texas by signing proclamation March 14th. She will cap off the week by honoring more than 100 and ranching farming families during the 29th annual Family Land Heritage Ceremony in Austin March 19th.

"Whether your role involves growing food and fiber or just consuming it, you can take pride in Texas agriculture and the important role that it plays in our future. It is an industry that continues to meet the ever-

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"Serving in this area Since 1922" 806/872-8335 Lamesa, TX increasing needs of consumers throughout Texas and around the world," Combs said.

From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is the most agriculturally diverse state. Agriculture generates \$73 billion annually throughout the state's economy, with one out of every five Texans working in an agriculturerelated industry.

"Texas agriculture plays a major role in health and nutrition as well as in water conservation, rural economic development, global trade and the preservation of the environment," Combs said. "National Agriculture Week gives us a chance to recognize the people who consistently enrich our lives in many ways. Texas is the second-largest agricultural state in the United States, accounting for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income. Eighty percent of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production. It is important to honor those in agriculture who have built on centuries of progress by making constant advances in research, technology, production and marketing to meet the changing demands of consumers," Combs said.



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CITIES AND COUNTIES OF: Abernathy, Borden County, Friona, Fritch, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Post, Tahoka, Tulia, and Whiteface, Texas

Sealed proposals address to the Honorable Mayor, Councilman, Judges and Commissioners of the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Borden County, Friona, Fritch, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Post, Tahoka, Tulia and Whiteface, Texas will be received at the office of **Oller Engineering, Inc.** 2517 74th. Street, Lubbock, Texas until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, March 18th, 2004 for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for cleaning and seal coating certain streets for the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Borden County, Friona, Fritch, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Post, Tahoka, Tulia, and Whiteface, Texas including other incidental items of work as called for in the specifications. Total square yards per City and County:

Abernathy	22,000
Borden County	98,000
Friona	44,000
Fritch	25,100
Hearne	144,200
Lockney	17,500
Lorenzo	12,400
Morton	61,000
Post	39,000
Tahoka	33,000
Tulia	33,000
Whiteface	10,400
Total Square Yards	539,600

The Owners shall be those cities and counties herein identified and for which the construction services and work is being performed. **Oller Engineering, Inc.,** shall be the agent for the Owner(s) and shall collect, analyze and recommend a Contractor based on their bid submitted and previous experience.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Bid Bond from a reliable Surety company, payable without recourse to the order of the CITIES AND COUNTIES OF ABERNATHY, BORDEN COUNTY, FRIONA, FRITCH, HEARNE, LOCKNEY, LORENZO, MORTON, POST, TAHOKA, TULIA AND WHITEFACE, TEXAS in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the bidder will enter into contract and execute bonds and guaranty in the forms provided within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required Check or Bid Bond will not be considered.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner.

All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script the figures. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to accept the bid which seems most advantageous to the City's or Counties interest.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done.

Payment for the work performed on this project will be paid for by the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Borden County, Friona, Fritch, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Post, Tahoka, Tulia and Whiteface.

Information for Bidders, proposal forms, plans and specifications are on file at the offices of the various City Managers, County Judges of the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Borden County, Friona, Fritch, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Post, Tahoka, Tulia, and Whiteface, Texas and **Oller Engineering, Inc.,** 2517 74th St., Lubbock, Texas, 79423, (806)331-748-5700.

Copies of the plans and specifications and contract documents may be secured from **Oller Engineering**, **Inc.**, 2517 74th. St., Lubbock, Texas 79423, (806)748-5700 for a non-refundable cost of \$35.00 per set.



Spelling Queen Bee: Borden County eighth grader, Rachel Wilson shown with her parents, Tim and Carol after winning the Regional Spelling Bee held in Lubbock last Saturday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on February 4, 2004, NewCorp Resources Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NCREC) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) under Section 37.154 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act. NCREC has been engaged in the transmission of electricity as the successor of NewCorp Resources, Inc. since December 1996. In its application, NCREC requests that the Commission approve the transfer of CCN No. 3019 concerning certain transmission facilities, which was previously issued to NewCorp Resources, Inc. No new facilities are being sought in this filing. Persons with questions about this project should contact Ronnie Lyon, General Counsel of NCREC, at (903)813-0377. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission of Texas, at (512)936-7120 or (888)782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512)936-7136. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is April 26, 2004, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Commission by the date.

NCREC owns and operates 305.9 miles of 138kV transmission facilities and related substation facilities in Borden, Glasscock, Howard, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Reagan, and Upton Counties. As the sole shareholder of NewCorp Resources, Inc., NCREC became the owner of the transmission facilities and other assets of NewCorp Resources, Inc. when it was dissolved in December 1996.

A copy of the map illustrating the facilities is available in NCREC's offices at 500 West Wall Street, Suite 400 Midland, Texas, 79701. Arrangements to view or obtain a map may be made by contacting Ronnie Lyon at (903)813-0377.