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## Gov. Perry Vetoes HB 3346

June 19, 2009

### TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 3346 of the 81st Texas Legislature, Regular Session, due to the following objections:

*House Bill No. 3346 was a well-intended effort to protect landowners from abuses of eminent domain authority. However, two provisions added late in the session are problematic.*

*One provision nullifies the original intent of the legislation by removing added protections for landowners. Another provision conflicts with House Bill No. 2572 – which was signed on June 19, 2009 – by requiring the state to pay for the relocation of all gas utility pipelines in certain state rights of way, a requirement that could cost taxpayers millions of dollars.*

*Although I support provisions in this bill that offer higher safety requirements for pipelines located in rights of way, these requirements are already covered by provisions in House Bill No. 2572.*

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the 19th day of June, 2009.

**RICK PERRY**

Governor of Texas

**ATTESTED BY:**

**COBY SHORTER, III**

Deputy Secretary of State

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