

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE SITING OF THE BECI 765-KV TRANSMISSION  
PROJECT WITHIN THE ELKHORN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS, the Elkhorn Area School District serves students and families across approximately 90 square miles and eight municipalities in Walworth County; and**

**WHEREAS, Midcontinent Grid Solutions is studying routes for the proposed Bell Center–Columbia–Sugar Creek–Illinois/Wisconsin State Line, or BECI, 765-kV transmission project; and**

**WHEREAS, the proposed project would be approximately 190 miles long, cost approximately \$1.2 billion, and commonly employ structures approximately 175 feet tall within a right-of-way approximately 180 feet wide; and**

**WHEREAS, the project would connect to the Sugar Creek Substation north of Elkhorn, approximately two miles from West Side Elementary School, and preliminary study segments approach northern and western Elkhorn and the community served by the District; and**

**WHEREAS, no final route has been selected, no Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity application has been filed, and the presently available materials do not identify final centerlines or tower locations or provide a school-specific assessment of construction traffic, student transportation, emergency access, noise, electric and magnetic fields, visual impacts, outdoor educational spaces, or District operations; and**

**WHEREAS, preliminary routes may affect productive agricultural land, wetlands, residential properties, and the rural character of the Elkhorn area; and**

**WHEREAS, Wisconsin law gives priority to existing utility, highway, and railroad corridors over the creation of new transmission corridors and requires that the benefits to Wisconsin customers be reasonable in relation to the project's costs;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Elkhorn Area School District Board of Education opposes the siting and construction of the BECI 765-kV transmission project within District boundaries or near District schools, educational facilities, outdoor learning spaces, and student transportation routes as the project is presently proposed; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board requests that Midcontinent Grid Solutions remove study segments affecting the District and the Elkhorn community from further consideration and demonstrate that existing utility, highway, and railroad corridors have been fully evaluated before any new corridor is considered; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, before any route is approved, the Public Service Commission require transparent Wisconsin-specific cost and benefit information and independent, site-specific assessments of environmental, acoustic, electric and magnetic field, public-safety, construction, transportation, property, and school-operational impacts; and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board requests meaningful protective setbacks from all schools, playgrounds, athletic fields, outdoor learning areas, residences, and other places where children regularly gather; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board authorizes its president and District administration to transmit this resolution to Midcontinent Grid Solutions, affected local governments, Walworth County, the District's state legislators, and the Public Service Commission docket when it is opened.

Adopted by the Elkhorn Area School District Board of Education at a properly noticed public meeting.

Board President:



District Clerk:



Date:

9-3-26