

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LOWER WISCONSIN RIVER BOARD AND
SCIENCE COMMITTEE OPPOSING THE PROPOSED ROUTING OF THE BECI 765 kV
TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH THE LOWER WISCONSIN RIVER BASIN
AND REQUESTING IMPACT INFORMATION**

WHEREAS, THE FRIENDS OF THE LOWER WISCONSIN RIVER (FLOW) BOARD AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE serves to preserve and protect the ecological integrity and public trust of the Lower Wisconsin River, which falls within the broader boundaries of the Lower Wisconsin River Basin.

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2026, the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) announced the selection of the developers of the Bell Center–Columbia–Sugar Creek–IL/WI State Line 765 kV Project ("BECI"), now advanced by Midcontinent Grid Solutions-Wisconsin (MGS), a joint venture of Transource Energy and BHE Transmission, which, if approved as described and regardless of the chosen route, would traverse through six Counties (Crawford, Vernon, Richland, Sauk, Columbia and Dane) in the Lower Wisconsin River Basin.

WHEREAS, the Lower Wisconsin River Basin contains a unique array of wetlands, waterways, prairies, forests, farms and rural communities that depend on a clean and healthy environment in which to live and work. Rural communities which depend heavily on an uninterrupted landscape for farming as well as natural scenic beauty for recreational tourism that supports their local economies.

WHEREAS, the transmission line routes are proposed through a karst topography of ridges and rock outcrops that are susceptible to water pollution, and many streams and rivers flowing through the Lower Wisconsin River Basin and into the Lower Wisconsin River, which is a State Riverway and a Ramsar Wetland of International Significance.

WHEREAS, the entire proposed transmission line routes are slated to go through the Midwest, the heartland of Native American Indians and other historic cultures where an abundance of cultural artifacts, effigy and burial mounds are located and deserve the utmost protection. Including burial sites protected from disturbance by Wisconsin Statutes s.157.70 and The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

WHEREAS, our small communities in a rural landscape maintain a peaceful, low level acoustic volume necessary to support quiet outdoor recreation and the proposed siting of a high voltage infrastructure will create a constant auditory aggravation of industrial, persistent noise from the generation of 765 kV electrical corona; and

WHEREAS, utility proposals to site high-voltage infrastructure, specifically 765 kV transmission lines featuring 175-foot towering structures with a 180 ft wide (or greater) transmission corridor, threatens the Lower Wisconsin River Basin natural and pastoral long viewsheds from its bluffs to broad valleys below.

WHEREAS, in prior expansion transmission line proposals in Wisconsin, landowners, communities, and governmental units have routinely been allotted at least 24 months for learning about a proposal and its details, and for providing crucial feedback to the developers and to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin for its project review; and

WHEREAS, the seven-month public information and input period that representatives of MGS proposed is insufficient for landowners, communities and governmental units to provide crucial feedback to the developers and to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin for its project review.

WHEREAS, the FLOW Board and Science Committee recognizes the regional necessity of reliable electrical grid infrastructure, and that such projects must be balanced against local community impacts, public health considerations, local tourism and economies and the preservation of State Natural Areas and other scientific and educational outdoor environments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the FLOW Board and Science Committee formally expresses its strong opposition to the construction of the Bell Center–Columbia–Sugar Creek–IL/WI State Line 765 kV Project anywhere within the Lower Wisconsin River Basin; and

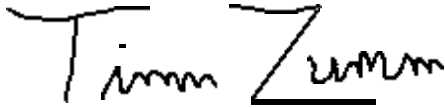
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FLOW Board and Science Committee condemns any transmission line routing proposal that places 765 kV infrastructure or associated high-voltage corridors in the Lower Wisconsin River Basin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board and Science Committee urges the Public Service Commission to mandate comprehensive, site-specific environmental, visual, acoustic, and health impact studies that account for the integrity of public recreation and tourism in low-noise rural soundscapes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FLOW Board hereby requests that Midcontinent Grid Solutions-Wisconsin (MGS) provide the following documentation, in written electronic format, no later than September 14, 2026:

1. A list of meetings, with times and locations, at which MGS will make its transmission siting engineers available to work with impacted landowners, communities and governmental units on resolving hazardous conditions and other avoidable hardships; and
2. A list with descriptions including all expected techniques used to maintain the vegetation structure within the transmission line easement corridor; and
3. Digital-format, high-resolution, to-scale, satellite-imagery-based maps portraying:
 - (a) the proposed locations of all 765 kV transmission towers;
 - (b) the locations of all existing transmission support structures;
 - (c) graphic lines depicting the boundaries of the proposed easement;
 - (d) the proposed height, in feet, of each proposed 765 kV transmission tower;
 - (e) to-scale renderings, with dimensions in feet, of all tower designs being considered;
 - (f) the expected electromagnetic field produced by the 765 kV lines along a gradient from directly underneath the transmission lines to a distance of 1.5 miles either direction from the proposed lines;
 - (g) the expected average and range of noise levels in dB(A) produced by the 765 kV lines along a gradient from directly underneath the transmission lines to a distance of 1.5 miles either direction of the proposed lines.

THE FRIENDS OF LOWER WISCONSIN RIVER BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026, BY THE FOLLOWING SIGNATORIES, FOR IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE TO MIDCONTINENT GRID SOLUTIONS-WISCONSIN (via Connect@MGSWisconsin.com), WITH COPIES TO THE WISCONSIN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, GOVERNOR EVERS, U.S. SENATORS BALDWIN and JOHNSON, U.S. REPRESENTATIVES POCAN and VAN ORDEN, STATE SENATORS KEYESKI, PFAFF, TESTIN STATE REPRESENTATIVES DESANTO, JOHNSON, KURTZ.

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Timm Zumm, Friends of the Lower Wisconsin River President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma Walker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'E'.

Emma Walker, Friends of the Lower Wisconsin River Vice-President

Unanimously adopted by FLOW board, 9/10/26