

RESOLUTION NO. 090126 765 Kv OPPOSITION

A Resolution Stating the Opposition of the Town of Greenfield County, Wisconsin, to the Proposed BECI 765-Kilovolt Electric Transmission Line Project

WHEREAS, Midcontinent Grid Solutions (MGS) — a joint venture of Transource Energy and BHE Transmission, through the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), is proposing the construction of a 765-kilovolt electric transmission line extending from Bell Center—Columbia—Sugar Creek—Illinois/Wisconsin State Line, commonly referred to as the BECI: Midcontinent Grid Solutions (MGS) — a joint venture of Transource Energy and BHE Transmission — is proposing the construction of a 765-kilovolt electric transmission line extending from Bell Center, Wisconsin to the Illinois/Wisconsin state line, commonly referred to as the BECI Project (Bell Center—Columbia—Sugar Creek—IL/WI State Line)], and identified as part of MISO's Long-Range Transmission Plan, Tranche 2.1; and

WHEREAS, until September 2024, MISO Tranche 2.1 planning maps avoided the Driftless Area, favoring a more northerly route through Xcel Energy territory; in the three months between September and December 2024, a route through the central Driftless Area was adopted instead; and

WHEREAS, the proposed BECI Project route is intended to traverse areas in Sauk County, Wisconsin, including lands within and adjacent to the Town of Greenfield; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenfield of Sauk County is located within the Driftless Area, a region characterized by steep and fragile topography, karst geology, cold-water streams, productive agricultural lands, extensive timber resources, and landscapes that are unusually sensitive to disturbance from large-scale linear infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Devil's Lake State Park and the Baraboo Range are unique geological features and are part of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail.

WHEREAS, transmission lines of the 765-kilovolt class require wide permanent easements, tall structures, and ongoing vegetation management that result in substantial ground disturbance and may adversely affect wildlife behavior, nesting success, migratory patterns, and the ecological integrity of protected and sensitive areas; and

WHEREAS, the construction and permanent presence of a 765-kilovolt transmission line may result in measurable reductions in property values for affected and adjacent landowners due to visual intrusion, limitations on land use within easements, loss of privacy and rural character, and perceived safety risks; and

WHEREAS, reductions in assessed property values or changes in land classification associated with the proposed transmission corridor may lead to long-term loss of property tax revenue for the Town of Greenfield shifting the tax burden to other residents and constraining the [Town's ██████████] ability to fund essential local services and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed BECI Project would require permanent clearing and perpetual maintenance of a broad transmission right-of-way, resulting in the irreversible loss of productive timberland, forest habitat, and associated ecological, economic, and carbon-sequestration benefits; and

WHEREAS, the scenic bluffslands, river corridors, forested landscapes, and undeveloped rural character of the Driftless Area are essential to tourism, outdoor recreation, and associated local business activity, and the introduction of large-scale transmission infrastructure may substantially diminish tourism appeal and result in long-term economic losses to the Town of Greenfield and surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, residents, landowners, and the electorate of the Town of Greenfield have expressed significant concern regarding the cumulative environmental, agricultural, economic, scenic, and property-related impacts associated with the proposed BECI Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenfield Board has a responsibility to represent the interests, welfare, and expressed concerns of the electorate and to communicate those concerns to state regulatory authorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenfield Board of Sauk County, Wisconsin, on behalf of its electorate, formally states its opposition to the proposed BECI 765-kilovolt transmission project as ~~currently~~ proposed, due to the exceptional sensitivity of the Driftless Area and the unacceptable potential impacts on wildlife habitat, natural resources, agricultural and timber lands, property values, the Town of Greenfield's tax base, tourism revenues, and overall community character; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Greenfield Board respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin give careful and deliberate consideration to the unique environmental, geologic, economic, and cultural characteristics of the Driftless Area and the formal concerns of affected local governments and residents during its review of the BECI Project; and

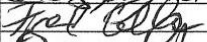
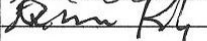
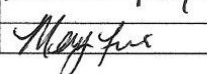
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official records of the Town of Greenfield, Sauk County and transmitted to:

- The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
- BECI: Midcontinent Grid Solutions; Transource Energy, LLC; BHE Transmission
- Sauk County officials
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, if the sensitive-area WHEREAS above cited a DNR-managed resource]
- State Assembly and State Senate representatives

BOARD ACTION: This resolution was adopted by a recorded vote of 3 - 0 at a duly noticed meeting of the Town Board Meeting held on September 1, 2026.

ADOPTED this 1st day of September, 2026.

TOWN OF GREENFIELD OF SAUK COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Title	Name	Signature	Date
Chair/Chairman	Terry Turnquist		9-03-26
Supervisor	Fred Coller		9/01/2026
Supervisor	Dennis Brush		09/01/2026
Supervisor	n/a		
Clerk	Mary Friesen		9/1/2026